Taking Stock of Organizations with Impact Evaluation Capacity Headquartered in sub-Saharan Africa

A New Database and Landscaping Analysis

**JUST**

16% of articles published in top development journals 1990–2019 were authored by researchers based in developing countries.

**CHALLENGES**

- Chronic funding challenges like limited resources and projectized funding
- Misaligned incentives between researchers and policymakers
- Institutional and professional barriers

**DID YOU KNOW...**

181 organizations headquartered in **sub-Saharan Africa** currently have impact evaluation capacity.

They include...

- Universities: 37%
- NGOs: 39%
- Government organizations: 24%

They are headquartered in...

- West Africa: 29%
- Central Africa: 9%
- East Africa: 44%
- Southern Africa: 18%

They have received support from...

- No USG funding: 49%
- USAID funding: 42%
- Other USG funding: 9%

**IN FACT...**

37 organizations headquartered in sub-Saharan Africa have developed new impact evaluation capacity since 2019

**OPPORTUNITIES**

- Localization momentum
- Recognition of benefits of locally-immersed research and evidence-policy partnerships
- New and emerging funders
- Networks and peer learning

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All other findings are original to this report.

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