Impact Evaluation: progress and challenges

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Roadmap

1. Overall Trends: IDB projects
2. Lessons
3. Challenges
Overall Trends

- Progress in “Evaluability” of IDB Projects

Source: Development Effectiveness Reports 2008-2012 IDB, Public Sector Loans
Overall Trends

- Steady increase in percentage of IDB projects with rigorous evaluation planned at approval: 2008-2012

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Lessons

- **Insourcing Evaluation Expertise for Strategic Evaluations**
  - participation of IDB expert critical throughout the project
  - not just for initial phase of negotiation and terms of reference

- **Sharing Implementation Failures**
  - much to be learned from “good evaluations gone bad”
Remaining Challenges

- Financing Evaluations at the Design Phase of Projects
  - timing and availability of funds

- Universalization of Human Subjects Review/IRB in LAC
  - uneven application
  - institutional strengthening to build capacity for IRBs
As part of the overall project cycle, impact evaluation provides a key opportunity to incorporate evidence-based policymaking into programming activities.