Impact Evaluation by the Numbers

Breakthrough to Policy Use: Reinvigorating Impact Evaluation for Global Development

CHALLENGES TO USING IMPACT EVALS

- Limited relevance and responsiveness to policy decisions, questions, and timelines
- Funding models create misaligned incentives between policymaker needs and academic researchers
- Lack of institutional incentives and funding

COUNTRIES WHERE THE MOST IMPACT EVALS AND SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED

- China: 1,569
- India: 1,387
- Kenya: 880
- Uganda: 733
- Brazil: 717
- Bangladesh: 716
- South Africa: 691
- Mexico: 595

NUMBER OF IMPACT EVALS AND SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS BY SECTOR

- Health
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing
- Education
- Social protection, Public admin
- Finance
- Industry, Trade
- Water, Sanitation, Waste
- Energy, Extractives, ICT
- Transport

REPORTED MAIN FUNDERS OF IMPACT EVALS IN 3IE PORTAL BY NUMBER OF STUDIES

- World Bank
- Gates Found.
- USAID
- 3ie
- UK
- FCDO
- NIH
- WHO
- UNICEF
- IDB
- NSF
- National Nat. Sci. Found. of China

Impact evaluations
Systematic reviews

$15% of impact evaluations assess value for money

6% of impact evaluations have publicly available datasets

25% of authors of social science impact evals related to LMICs have LMIC primary affiliations

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