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# Independent Evaluations for Donors

## About independent evaluations

Independent evaluation is mainly concerned with results of ongoing or concluded projects, programs, strategies and teams and the achieved impacts. The work of the project or program team and their cooperation with local, governmental or other partners, is submitted to competent and critical external assessment.

Evaluations provide an unbiased, independent accounting to policy makers, managers and to the public. They promote institutional learning and serve as highly cost-effective management tools.

Mainly the following questions will be assessed:

- achievement of an action, direct and indirect effects and impacts on the target group
- achieved development progress, risk factors, obstacles, success factors



## Quality of evaluations

Evaluations improve the performance and impact of development programs, projects and strategies when:

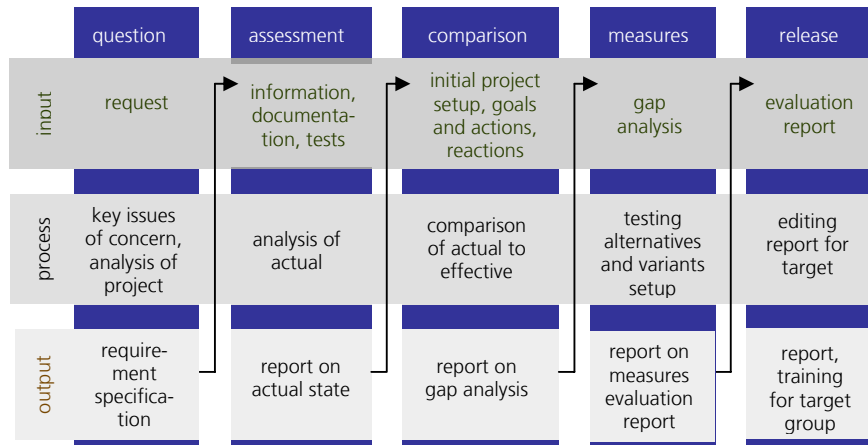
- conducted at the right time
- carried out with focus on the key issues of concern to donors
- the evaluation team is independent and external to the commissioning institution
- approaches are set up individually
- transparency of evaluation processes, methods and procedures is given
- expertise are praxis oriented and adapted to the situation rather than theoretically confirmed
- results are presented in a easy understandable manner



## Purpose of evaluations

Independent evaluation is an instrument that will be applied for several purposes such as to prove accountability and evidence of a development program to a third party, to improve the outcome of an ongoing project or program with new measures and solutions for problems and to continually improve the knowledge and skills of the institute's staff.

## Evaluation process



This table illustrated the various modules that can be applied within an evaluation process. It is not compulsory to undertake all processes and deliver all outputs. More often, depending on the initial setting of aims, purpose and goals, the evaluation project will concentrate on one or several modules.

### BSB + Partner Team Options

The evaluation team can provide the following options:

- conflict management
- infrastructure engineering
- financial audits
- sociological analysis
- workshops and training
- strategy development
- project manuals



### BSB + Partner references

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