Impact Evaluation Repository Search and Screening Protocol

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Abbreviations and acronyms

IER Impact Evaluation Repository
RCTs Randomized Controlled Trials
IDB Inter-American Development Bank
CGD Center for Global Development
Introduction

Through the creation of the Impact Evaluation Repository (IER), the International initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) aims to compile, summarize, and disseminate all available published impact evaluation studies of developing country interventions in order to provide more rigorous evidence of what works in the field of international development. This document serves as the systematic search and screening protocol designed to locate potential published impact evaluations from various sources, and review these documents for inclusion in 3ie’s Impact Evaluation Repository.

The inspiration behind 3ie’s unique IER comes from the work of the Campbell Collaboration’s Sociological, Psychological, Educational, and Criminological Trials Register (C2-SPECTR). C2-SPECTR was conceived to be an online international database of randomized control trials (RCTs) to help policymakers and researchers identify “what works” across various disciplines. This centralized register was designed to help researchers overcome some of the most “formidable challenge[s to] efficiently locating the highest possible number of RCTs” through a single web-based register that would be routinely updated through “retrospective and prospective surveillance systems” (Turner et al. 2003, p.204).

To date, a large number of free and restricted online resources for locating impact evaluations exist, though with varying levels of quality. Online academic databases housed by companies like EBSCO Host and ProQuest consolidate some of these resources, but user licenses can be prohibitively expensive. Meanwhile, there are a growing number of limited- and public-access repositories of development research that may contain a mix of impact evaluation and non impact evaluation publications. Across these different types of databases and search engines, three major difficulties currently hinder locating impact evaluations, making the development of the IER a high priority for researchers and policymakers: First, the sources of each resource’s content can vary widely; second, selection criteria for each resource is inconsistent (and not always explicit); and third, quality standards (of what constitutes an impact evaluation) are not uniform across resources.

3ie answers these concerns by populating the IER through a semi-annual search strategy of (currently) 45 databases, search engines, journal collections, and websites (everywhere an impact evaluation might be indexed). The IER includes all content addressing a development question, taking place in a developing nation, and using agreed upon rigorous techniques to identify a counterfactual. Additionally, all IER content meets 3ie’s quality standards, and has been reviewed and summarized by expert staff and consultants. 3ie’s IER aims to assemble records of all available published international development impact evaluations in a
single web-based resource, publicly accessible to international development researchers and policymakers.

The first step in developing the protocol was the identification of applicable web-based bibliographic online academic research databases, search engines, journal collections, and websites. Research literature was then identified from these sources through the development of individual systematic search strategies for each resource, taking into account the unique features and limitations of each search platform (similar to many systematic reviews). Finally, records were exported into EndNote reference management software for consolidation, duplicate removal, and an advanced screening process.

Separate strategies were tailored to individual databases (see Appendix 2), keeping in mind that retrieved results from the same keywords in other databases often produce very different results. Varying search results are owed to unique keyword synonyms or different types of Boolean operators used for searching each database (Turner et al. 2003). This document helps to justify the individual strategies developed by 3ie, explaining the unique strengths and limitations of each of the different platforms, as well as the process of screening selected bibliographic records. This document also serves as a reference for those wishing to better understand or to replicate 3ie’s search and screening strategies.

This protocol is presented in two parts. Part 1 outlines the rationale for the IER, and the general guiding principles of the search, screening, and summary processes. Within Part 1, Section I of this document outlines the rationale behind the selection of IER resources; Section II explains the approach to searching each resource; Section III describes the IER screening protocol; and Section IV outlines the process of coding articles for the IER as well as the procedure for summary writing.

Part 2 of the document presents the protocol details. Section V provides a brief description of each selected IER database/search engine resource, including individual strengths and limitations; and Section VI provides the same information for IER website resources. Appendixes 1-5 contain specific information on geographic selection criteria, detailed Boolean and keyword strategies for each IER resource (intended for users to replicate 3ie’s strategies), specifics of the methodological screening tool used to select or reject records, a template for the information contained in each IER citation, and a prospective strategy for one of the largest web-based resources in Google Scholar. Appendix 6 offers an annual timeline of activities outlined in this protocol. The following is only the first iteration of a protocol for the comprehensive and ongoing process of searching, screening, and composing summaries of published impact evaluations of international development programs.
Part 1: The Protocol Strategy

I. IER Resources

Online repositories of potential impact evaluations are chosen from among three broad thematic areas. These disciplines include 1) the health and biomedical sciences, 2) business, economics, and the social sciences, and 3) public policy related disciplines. When possible, databases that deliberately index journals from a range of publishers within these disciplines should be chosen from privately owned platforms that are well established for complex systematic searching such as EBSCO Host and the Wolters Kluwer platform, Ovid. However, many of the resources chosen are either too costly to be purchased through such meta-platforms, or are otherwise unavailable to 3ie. Other databases are only available to the research community at large through independently maintained public websites operated by universities and research institutions. In addition to these, relevant publisher specific journal collections like Science Direct and Wiley Online Library are chosen. Finally, websites hosting internally published scholarship from major international development organizations like the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the Center for Global Development (CGD) are selected to identify evaluation reports, working papers, and grey literature from agencies known to conduct impact evaluation research.

II. IER Search Strategy

Before unique strategies can be created for each database, a three stage framework was established by 3ie to guide the development of each search. The overall aim of the IER search is to cast a wide net within each database, while excluding as many obvious non-impact evaluations as possible. The three principal thematic areas identified to locate records are:

- **geography**: Specific low- and middle-income countries and regions.

- **subject terms**: Evaluation of a specific development program, project, or policy.

- **keywords**: Words and phrases in title or abstract typical of impact evaluations.
A) Developing country geography: Developing nations included in the search strategy are drawn from the World Bank’s list of low- and middle-income countries. The index of low- and middle-income countries was created in 1989 by the Bank, encompassing data from 1987 to present and categorize countries as high-, medium-, or low-income based on an analysis of their per capita GNI in US dollars. For a complete list of these countries and their historical statuses, refer to the World Bank.¹

In Fiscal Year (FY) 1989 (using data for 1987), there were 41 nations listed as high-income countries. However, since 1989, 28 countries have either been added to, or removed from the official list of high-income countries. These transitional nations are included in the IER search strategy, and later screened to remove studies having taking place during historical periods of

¹ Source: The World Bank
http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DATASTATISTICS/Resources/OGHIST.xls
high-income status in respective countries. For a list of excluded developed countries, as well as included and transitional countries, refer to Appendix 1.

Geographic search terms include developing country and/or region names and often specifically exclude developed country and/or region names. For some databases only the inclusionary developing country and/or region names are used, while for others the inclusionary terms are combined with exclusionary keywords or thesaurus terms using the Boolean operator “NOT”. In the case of larger databases, the NOT term is typically used to refine searches with large outputs in order to reduce the total number of titles for screening. Additionally, for some databases these geographic terms are identified using the thesaurus/index, while for others free text terms are searched in title and abstract (when possible), or within the available search fields. For databases where it is possible to search both thesaurus and free text terms (such as Ovid Medline and Embase), these search results are combined with the Boolean operator “OR”.

B) Program evaluation subject terms: In order to locate program evaluation studies across different disciplines, a second set of search terms is outlined. As before, the search terms used depend upon the capabilities of each database. Free text terms such as “evaluation”, “program evaluation”, “impact evaluation”, and “randomized control trial” (for example) are searched, as well as derivations of these and other terms. In cases where a database contains subject terms and/or phrases identified from the database thesaurus or index, these are also used. For databases where it is possible to search both thesaurus and free text terms, both are used and combined with an “OR” Boolean operator. Additionally, terms such as "systematic review" and “meta-analysis” are often excluded either as free text and/or thesaurus terms to limit results.

C) Impact evaluation keywords: Unlike the program evaluation subject terms, impact evaluation keywords are searched exclusively as free text terms in both the title and abstract (when possible), and are intended to improve the likelihood of identifying impact evaluations. These keywords are carefully chosen and then adapted slightly for each search (depending on each platform’s available Boolean operators). As much as possible, this portion of the search strategy remains unchanged from database to database. This search component is also conducted exclusively in the title and abstract search fields when at all possible. Most of these inclusionary terms are combined with an AND/OR, while in a small number of cases database limitations and large search results require that this component of
the search contain exclusionary terms combined with a “NOT” Boolean operator.

Within this search category, three major keyword areas are included, combining the words “impact” with other complementary terms, or the word “effect” (with the same complimentary terms), or the word “random” with another set of terms typical of randomized impact evaluation methods. Finally, this category attempts to further specify evaluation keywords by searching only those titles that also contained words like “program”, “project”, or “intervention”. In general for most databases the following combination is used (where the “*”-type operator allows for derivations of each word base (such as singular, plural, and alternate spellings of words) to be searched simultaneously:

\[
((\text{impact AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)}) \ OR \ (\text{effect* AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)}) \ OR \ (\text{random* AND (trial OR allocat* OR intervention*)})) \ AND \ (\text{program* OR intervention* OR project OR projects})
\]

On occasion this search component contains additional exclusionary Boolean terms used to refine the search, such as:

\[
\text{NOT ("systematic review" OR "meta-analysis")}
\]

As a final step of almost every individual strategy, these three stages are combined using the Boolean term “AND”. Other limits include titles only in English, or publication types like “Journal Articles” and “Reports” where available. When possible, theses and dissertation, as well as annual reports, conference proceedings, and books are also excluded. For inclusion in the IER a study must be published either in a journal (peer reviewed or not), as a public report, a book chapter, or as part of a publicly disseminated working paper series. With the exception of a few larger databases searched twice (by two independent searchers), all other resources are searched once based upon the strategies outlined in Part II of this document.

III. IER Screening Strategy

The screening of records identified in Section II (above) leverages EndNote reference management software. All eliminated records are added to a separate EndNote library for rejected studies. Screenings are conducted by 3ie’s technical research staff, and/or outsourced to other qualified external screeners. Screening
takes place in three separate stages: cleaning and duplicate removal; title/abstract review; and a full text review of records.

**Figure 2. IER screening strategy**

![IER screening strategy diagram]

**Stage one: cleaning and duplicate removal**

Screening within EndNote is relatively simple. First, each batch of .RIS files (a bibliographic record format) is imported from the full search results for each of the various database resources. In the event that .RIS formatted files are not available, records can either be copied by hand, through the EndNote capture tool, or exported to Microsoft Excel (.xls) and then imported to EndNote using a special EndNote filter. As each batch of search results is imported into EndNote from a database, a new “group” is created for each database resource, and results are filed into appropriate groups. Results sets within each group are then assigned a label under the heading “Name of Database”, signifying the source of each bibliographic record (e.g.BLDS, SSRN, Medline). This is a useful step for locating the full text of
each reference in subsequent screening and summary writing stages, as well as to identify record overlap between various resources.

Within each group, duplicates are then removed by highlighting the group set, and selecting the “Find Duplicates” tool from the “References” menu within EndNote. Using the “Find Duplicates” tool, duplicate records within groups (from each database resource) are reduced to single records, checking to ensure that the selected bibliographic record contains the most citation information possible from among the various duplicates. This procedure produced the final tally for each search strategy found in appendix 2. In some cases (explicitly mentioned in appendix 2), records within each group set can be lightly screened for keywords such as “meta-analysis” and “systematic review”, and titles that are obviously not impact evaluations can be removed.

Duplicates are then removed across the various groups (from among the entire library of records. In addition to removing duplicates, the “Name of Database” information for each duplicate record is updated to include all resources where the record was located. Unfortunately, the “Find Duplicates” tool is imperfect, and does not account for records with alternate capitalisation, and truncated author names (among other fields). Therefore, following this step references must be ordered alphabetically by title, and a visual scan of the remaining bibliographic records is performed – removing duplicate records manually, and combining “Name of Database” information to account for multiple sources.

Finally, compiled IER records are then screened against existing studies in the 3ie IE Database using the “Find Duplicates” tool, and against those records that have already been screened and rejected from inclusion in 3ie’s current IE database in the past. Leftover records are then hand screened against current IE Database studies, and previously rejected studies. Future waves of this process will undergo a similar screening against already screened records (both included in, and excluded from the IER) in EndNote.

**Stage two: title and abstract review**

Once duplicates have been removed, articles are screened for content within both title and abstract fields. Following this screening, records are compiled into one of two new EndNote libraries to avoid double screening (possible impact evaluations or rejected studies, see Figure 2 above). The remaining records are scanned for the two of the three criteria highlighted in the “three pronged approach” from Section II of this document. Simple keyword searches using the EndNote “quick search” tool are conducted to remove records that may have errantly been selected during the search phase.
First, with “All References” selected, a “quick search” is performed for developed country names from the list in appendix 1. Each revealed study must then be reviewed to determine within which countries, and during what time frames, each questionable study took place. Those records of studies not taking place in a developing country are eliminated from the library, and exported to the “rejected studies” library. The same procedure is repeated for place names within developed countries (such as US) where the smaller geographic place name may have been mentioned in lieu of the country name. This is common in studies taking place in the US. Transitioning countries are addressed in stage three.

Next, an exclusionary search is conducted to locate non-evaluation studies. Terms such as “comparative analysis,” “systematic review,” “efficacy,” and “meta-analysis” are searched across all records. The intent of these keyword searches is to identify and remove records that are definitively not program or policy evaluations. References must be reviewed in both the title and abstract fields available in EndNote to reveal relevant information. If bibliographic records are incomplete at this stage, screeners can attempt to relocate missing bibliographic information online. Results are then grouped into either the “possible impact evaluations” or “rejected studies” library. It is important to note that references placed in the “possible impact evaluations” library must still undergo another screening process before being included in the summary writing stage.

**Stage three: full text review and selection**

By stage three, three batches of studies should exist. The first, “rejected studies” can be combined with rejected studies from the previous impact evaluation database to aid in future screening processes (see Figure 2). The remaining batch of studies should include “possible impact evaluations” screened in stage two, and the rest of the studies that were not identified during keyword searching in stage two.

The remaining studies are then screened for methodological inclusion criteria as well as developing country status (this time for transitional countries). Most records will require full text review at this stage, and thus the full text of most records will be retrieved.

Full text review and selection is conducted both by the IER program team and by new technical staff with appropriate training in impact evaluation methods. For internal screening, members of the stage two review team screen records against defined methodological exclusionary criteria (see 3ie’s tool for assessing study relevance in appendix 3). Additional members of 3ie’s technical team are also recruited to aid in the review process using the same step-by-step tool for assessing study relevance. Additional screeners provide a second opinion on
decisions rendered by internal screeners, and in cases of doubt over the inclusion status of a study.

For studies taking place in transitional countries (see appendix 1) during a period of underdevelopment, selection is based on whether the research began or the project was implemented before that country achieved developed country status, or after a country was removed from the list of developed countries. In cases of doubt where the time frame cannot be established, screeners err on the side of inclusion.

IV. IER summaries

For copyright reasons, 3ie does not attach full text PDFs or author provided abstracts of selected impact evaluations in the IER. Fresh summaries of IER Impact Evaluations are instead required in order to display bibliographic content and disseminate information about each study. Summaries include the following information highlighted in appendix 4: Title, author, country, region, sector, gender focus, vulnerable groups, evaluation methods, status, one to two paragraphs each on the methodology and main findings of each study, and bibliographic publication details.

At this stage a final batch of studies is compiled and skeleton records of all articles are uploaded onto the repository (skeleton records refer to basic information about studies highlighted above). All articles (excluding working papers) are allocated and assigned to summary writers for creating their summaries/abstracts. Search and screening takes place every six months. Working papers and reports are regularly updated to check for publication status, and are thus prioritized for summary writing behind already published works. Additionally, any articles identified and/or suggested by external sources (not through the IER search strategy) will be considered and subject to the above 4 screening stages. Summaries are written by an external staff of 3ie consultants.

Part 1 of this strategy document outlined the systematic process by which 3ie identifies and records relevant impact evaluation publications for the IER. A myriad of databases, journal listings, websites, and search engines are used (and more are planned). In Part 2, we explain the reasons for the selection of each resource, and attempt to highlight some of the strengths and weaknesses of the various platforms. Appendixes 1-5 offer a set of best practices for locating impact evaluation records in each resource (by way of the exact Boolean terms used for each resource), outline a potential strategy for Google Scholar, give specific details of the methodological screening criteria used to select or reject records, and provide a template for the format of IER references. This IER protocol is only the
Part 2: Detailed Protocol

V. Selected IER Databases and Journal Collections: features and limitations

The following web-based databases and search engines were searched by 3ie staff between January and May 2013. During this time, strategies for each database were developed and an initial round of results was returned to researchers. Because many databases change their searching capabilities, or adjust thesaurus terms over time, many of the same search strategies will change or be amended in future rounds of searching. For a step-by-step description of the strategy used for each database and search platform see appendix 2 (with verbatim search terms used for easy replication of the strategy). The current list of resources yielded 35,140 individual results (before removing duplicates between databases using EndNote reference management software in screening stage 1).

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1. **EBSCO Host**

EBSCO Host (http://search.ebscohost.com/) is a for profit search platform maintained by the publishing company EBSCO that provides access to content from a wide range of subject areas through its numerous academic databases and journals. While EBSCO Host’s Boolean terms are consistent across the EBSCO platform, the controlled vocabulary or index terms differ from database to database within EBSCO Host. Because of these inconsistencies, slightly different strategies and thesaurus terms must be used for each database within EBSCO. Five of the selected databases were searched using the EBSCO platform across all three of the academic disciplines identified in section I. The search framework outlined in section 1 was employed for each EBSCO strategy:

### a. Africa Wide Information

Brings together journals from around the world to provide multidisciplinary coverage of health related research pertaining to Africa. It includes journal articles, research reports, conference proceedings, grey literature, books, monographs, theses and dissertations. Our selection criterion for Africa Wide was based on their extensive coverage of health literature spanning the African continent.

*Developing country terms* were identified using the controlled geography index (represented by the syntax “ZG”) available via the database. Free text geographic terms were also searched within the abstract and title search fields. Developed country names and regions were excluded from within each geography search combination with the Boolean “NOT”. The resulting totals from index and free text terms were then combined using the Boolean “OR”.

*Program evaluation subject terms* such as “evaluation”, “evaluation analyses,” "randomized control trial,” etc. were selected from the Africa Wide controlled subject index (ZU) and these were searched along with free text terms such as “program evaluation”, “development intervention”, "randomi* control* trial*" using the Boolean “OR”. Terms such as "systematic review" were excluded with the Boolean NOT.

*Impact evaluation keywords* were searched in free text search fields in the following combination using both the title and abstract search fields, where the Boolean operator “N3” modifies the search such that derivations of the word “random*” must appear within three words (or their derivations) of the word “trial”, “allocat*” or “intervention*”:
[((impact and (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*)) or (effect* and (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*)) or (random* N3 (trial or allocat* or intervention*)))) and (program* or intervention* or project or projects)]

The three stages were finally combined with the Boolean AND. Filters for Language (English) as well as Publication Type (Article, Journal Article, and Report) were employed to narrow the search results.

b. **CAB Abstracts** database covers literature in the applied life sciences including agriculture, environment, veterinary sciences, applied economics, and food science and nutrition. Our selection criterion for CAB was based on their comprehensive international coverage of not only published articles but also grey literature in the life sciences.

*Developing country terms* were identified using the controlled geography index terms (ZG) and free text geographic terms in the abstract and title search fields. Developed country names and regions were excluded with the Boolean “NOT”, and index and free text terms were finally combined using the Boolean “OR”.

*Program evaluation subject terms* such as “evaluation”, “project evaluation”, and "randomized controlled trial" were selected from CAB controlled subject index (ZU) and searched along with free text terms such as “program evaluation”, “development intervention”, and "random* control* trial*" using the Boolean “OR”, and excluding terms like "systematic review" using the Boolean “NOT”.

*Impact evaluation keywords* were searched using the following combination in both the title and abstract search fields, where the Boolean operator “N3” modifies the search such that derivations of the word “random*” must appear within three words (or their derivations) of the word “trial”, “allocat*” or “intervention”:

[((impact and (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*)) or (effect* and (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*)) or (random* N3 (trial or allocat* or intervention*)))) and (program* or intervention* or project or projects)]

The three stages were finally combined with the Boolean AND. Filters for Language (English) as well as Publication Type (Journal Article, Journal Issue) were also employed to narrow the search results further.

c. **EconLit** is the American Economic Association's electronic database, and is a source of citations and abstracts of economic research. It includes six types of records: journal articles, books, collective volume articles, dissertations, working papers, and full text book reviews. EconLit was selected for its broad coverage of economic research as well as impact evaluations more specifically.
Developing country terms were identified using the controlled geography index terms (ZG) available via EBSCO. Free text geographic terms were also searched within the abstract and title search fields, and combined using the Boolean "OR". Developed country names and regions were excluded from within each geography search combination with the Boolean "NOT".

Program evaluation subject terms such as "project evaluation; social discount rate", "evaluation", and "random assignment" were selected from the EconLit controlled vocabulary of subject and keyword terms (represented by ZU and ZW respectively) and searched along with free text terms such as "program evaluation", "development intervention", and "randomi* control* trial*" using the Boolean "OR". Terms such as "systematic review" were excluded with the Boolean "NOT".

Impact evaluation keywords used the following combination of terms in both the title and abstract search fields:

$$(((impact \text{ and } (evaluat* \text{ or } assess* \text{ or } analy* \text{ or } estimat*)) \text{ or } (effect* \text{ and } (evaluat* \text{ or } assess* \text{ or } analy* \text{ or } estimat*))) \text{ or } (random* \text{ AND } (trial \text{ or } allocat* \text{ or } intervention*))) \text{ and } (program* \text{ or } intervention* \text{ or } project \text{ or } projects)$$

The three stages were finally combined with the Boolean “AND” and filters for Publication Type (Journal Article) were employed to narrow the search results further.

d. SocIndex is a Sociology research database, and covers several sub disciplines and closely related areas of sociological study. Journals, books/monographs, conference papers, and other non periodical content sources are included. SocIndex was selected for its coverage of literature in the field of social science research.

Developing country terms were identified using the controlled geography index terms (ZG) available via the database, combined with free text geographic terms searched within the abstract and title search fields. The index and free text search results were combined using the Boolean “OR”. Developed country names and regions were excluded from within each geography search combination with the Boolean “NOT”.

Program evaluation subject terms were searched using subject terms such "EVALUATION research (Social action programs)", "evaluation", and "RANDOMIZED controlled trials" from the SocIndex controlled subject terms (ZU and DE2) and these were searched along with free text terms such as "program

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2 Note: The SocINDEX Subject Terms "DE" was present during our initial search on February 4, 2013, but upon further investigation on 3 March 2013, the index code "DE" seems to no longer exist.
evaluation”, “development intervention”, and "randomi* control* trial*" using the Boolean “OR”. Terms such as "systematic review" were excluded with the Boolean “NOT”.

*Impact evaluation keywords* were searched using the following syntax in both the title and abstract search fields:

\[((impact AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)) OR (effect* AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*))) OR (random* AND (trial OR allocat* OR intervention*))) AND (program* OR intervention* OR project OR projects)\]

The three stages were combined with the Boolean “AND”. Filters for Language (English) and Source Type (Academic Journals) were employed to narrow the search results further.

**e. Academic Search Complete** is a multidisciplinary database designed for academic institutions. The index contains a myriad of publications across applicable subjects in the social sciences and humanities such as anthropology, geography, pharmaceutical sciences, and psychology. Academic Search Complete was chosen as a thematically broad database to supplement the more discipline-specific databases already included in EBSCO Host.

Developing country terms were identified using the controlled geography index terms (ZG) available via the database, combined with free text geographic terms searched within the abstract and title search fields. The index and free text search results were combined using the Boolean “OR”. Developed country names and regions were excluded from within each geography search combination with the Boolean “NOT”.

Program evaluation subject terms were searched using subject terms such "EVALUATION research (Social action programs)", “evaluation”, and "program evaluation" from the SocIndex controlled subject terms (ZU and ZE) and these were searched along with free text terms such as "program evaluation", “intervention study”, and "natural experiment" using the Boolean “OR”. Index terms such as "systematic reviews" and “meta-analysis”, as well as similar free text keyword terms were excluded with the Boolean “NOT”.

*Impact evaluation keywords* were searched using the following syntax in both the title and abstract search fields, where the Boolean operator “N3” modifies the search such that the word “random*” must appear within three words (or their derivations) of the word “trial”, "allocat*", or "intervention*":

\[((impact AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)) OR (effect* AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*))) OR (random* N3 (trial OR
The three stages were combined with the Boolean “AND”. Filters for Language (English) were employed to narrow the search results further.

2. Ovid SP

Ovid SP (http://www.ovid.com/) is the database search interface owned by Wolters Kluwer and was introduced by Ovid Technologies in 2007. Ovid provides access to online bibliographic databases, journals and other products, primarily in the area of health and biomedical sciences. As with EBSCO Host, Ovid’s controlled vocabulary and Boolean terms are consistent across all databases. Controlled vocabulary in Ovid platforms includes MeSH (Medical Subject Heading) terms indexed for each database. However, index and subject terms differ between database, and geographic terms are not present for all databases. These limitations of the platform require slightly different search strategies for each database. The three stage search framework outlined in sections II and III was employed for each Ovid database strategy, and three databases were chosen within the Ovid platform:

a. Medline\(^3\) is also a biomedical database and offers bibliographic citations and author abstracts from more than 5,500 biomedicine and life sciences journals. Medline was selected for its coverage of medical literature and experimental trials, and indexed content included from PubMed, which is maintained by the US National Library of Medicine, and the National Institutes of Health.

Developing country terms were identified using the controlled geography index terms available via the database, and “exploded” (exp/) to include narrower subject headings within each broader developing country or region term (for example: “exp/Africa” contains every narrow subject heading, or country, listed under the broader subject heading “Africa”). Narrow subject headings included developed countries within each region, and were excluded from sub searches by region using the Boolean term “NOT”. Exploded developing country geography terms were combined with a free text title and abstract search for developing country and region names (also excluding free text developed country terms) using the Boolean operator “OR”.

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\(^3\) After completing the first round search strategy, it came to the author’s attention that Ovid Medline (and possibly also Ovid Embase) has a field for publication type (pt), as well as a thesaurus that includes RCT and meta-analysis. The next round of searching will incorporate these features to produce a more-refined final tally.
Program evaluation subject terms were searched using exploded controlled vocabulary terms such as “exp Evaluation Studies as Topic/”, “exp Randomized Controlled Trial/”. These controlled vocabulary terms were searched while excluding free text title and abstract searches for phrases like “Systematic Review” and “study protocol” using the Boolean term “NOT”.

Impact evaluation keywords were searched using a slightly more restrictive syntax, in order to limit the high number of search results obtained (relative to other databases). The following syntax was used in both the title and abstract search fields, where the Boolean operators “ADJ3” and “ADJ5” modify the search such that the terms “random*” must appear within three words of the word “trial”, “allocat*” or “intervention*” (for example):

\[(\text{impact ADJ5 (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)}) OR (\text{effect* ADJ5 (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)}) OR (\text{random* ADJ3 (trial OR allocat* OR intervention*)})\).ti,ab. AND (program* OR intervention* OR project OR projects).ab,ti.

The three stages were combined with the Boolean “AND”. Filters for English language, and articles written about human subjects. Results were further limited by excluding titles categorized as autobiographies, clinical conferences, and phase 1, 2, and 3 clinical trials, among many other unrelated subjects.

b. Embase is a biomedical and pharmacological database and contains bibliographic records from biomedical articles in peer reviewed journals. Embase was also selected for its coverage of health and medical literature and experimental trials, and contains robust literature on pharmaceutical studies. Content in Ovid’s Embase also includes an increasing amount (if not all) of the content derived from Ovid Medline.

Developing country terms were identified using the controlled geography index terms available via the database, and “exploded” (exp/) to include minor subject headings within each larger developing country or region term (for example: “exp/Africa” contains every minor subject heading, or country, listed under the major subject heading “Africa”). Minor subject headings included developed countries within each region, and were excluded from sub-searches by region using the Boolean term “NOT”. Exploded developing country geography terms were combined with a free text title and abstract search for developing country and region names (also excluding free text developed country terms) using the Boolean operator “OR”.

Program evaluation subject terms were searched using exploded controlled vocabulary MeSH terms such as “exp Evaluation/ or exp Evaluation Research/”, “exp health care quality/”. These MeSH terms were searched while excluding the
MeSH term “exp Systematic Review/” and free text title and abstract searches for the phrases “Systematic Review” and “study protocol” using the Boolean term “NOT”.

**Impact evaluation keywords** were searched again using slightly more restrictive syntax in order to limit the high number of search results obtained (relative to other databases). The following syntax was used in both the title and abstract search fields, where the Boolean operators “ADJ3” and “ADJ5” modify the search such that the term “random*”, must appear within three words of the word “trial”, “allocat*” or “intervention*” (for example):

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((impact ADJ5 (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)) OR (effect* ADJ5 (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)) OR (random* ADJ3 (trial OR allocat* OR intervention*))).ti,ab. AND (program* OR intervention* OR OR project OR projects).ab,ti.
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The three stages were combined with the Boolean “AND”. Filters for English language, articles written about human subjects, and articles, journals, and reports were used. Results were further limited by excluding titles categorized as phase 1, 2, and 3 clinical trials.

c. **PsycINFO**: Is an abstracting and indexing database devoted to peer-reviewed literature in the behavioral sciences and mental health. We selected PsycINFO for the purpose of identifying impact evaluation research in behavioral sciences. The PsycINFO database is much more limited than other Ovid databases in terms of indexed and thesaurus terms.

**Developing country terms** were restricted to free text searches of title and abstract fields in the PsycINFO database, as geographic subject terms are unavailable in the database. These title and abstract searches included searches for exclusionary “developed country” terms in the same search fields, and one exploded, indexed search term (“exp Developing Countries/”).

**Program evaluation subject terms** included thesaurus terms “exp Evaluation/”, “exp Intervention/”, and free text title and abstract searches for terms like “program* evaluation” and “impact assessment”. One exclusionary free text term was included, and removed (“systematic review”).

**Impact evaluation keywords** search terms were much broader than in other Ovid databases, and only included the “ADJ3” operator to limit total hits for articles containing the words “random*” and “trial”, “allocat*”, or “intervention*”. The following syntax was used in both the title and abstract search fields:
((impact AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)) OR (effect* AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)) OR (random* ADJ3 (trial OR allocat* OR intervention*))).ti,ab. AND (program* OR intervention* OR project OR projects).ab,ti.

The three stages were combined with the Boolean “AND”. Limits were also added for articles in English, and on human subjects, as well as Journal and Peer Reviewed Journal articles.


BLDS (http://bldscat.ids.ac.uk/) is a repository of more than 40 years of economic and social development materials, maintained by the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. The database was chosen because its content is highly applicable to international development studies, more than half of which originates from developing countries. The database is also closely related to the work of UKAID (or DFID, the Department for International Development), and is designed to raise the profile of developing country research.

The BLDS platform is much more restrictive than other meta database platforms like Ovid and EBSCO Host, and does not allow for complex Boolean searching. Instead, advanced searches in the platform had to be designed around single keywords. Because of the limitations of the database, the three stage strategy was not feasible. Instead, the following strategy was developed around the unique limitations of the BLDS database:

*Developing country terms* are not indexed in BLDS, and the limited nature of the search fields makes searching for keywords an extremely time intensive proposition. However, since more than half of the BLDS collection originates from developing countries, and most of the content is development literature, the need for developing country search criteria is very minimal. Therefore, no developing country strategy was used for BLDS.

*Program evaluation subject terms* were tested first by searching for words and phrases in the “Subject” search field, including “Evaluation”, “Programme Evaluation”, and “Evaluation Techniques”. The combination of “Evaluation” OR “Programme Evaluation”, excluding “Evaluation techniques” was used to limit the study type to approximately 5,200 titles in the BLDS database. It was then determined that studies under the title “Programme Evaluation” were also contained within the Subject “Evaluation”, allowing the final search strategy to be limited only to Subject: Evaluation, NOT Subject: Evaluation Techniques.
**Impact evaluation keywords** could not be used in a traditional Boolean search. Instead, many of the words used in the original Boolean strategy were combined with the Boolean operator OR, yielding a large number of results.\(^4\) Search terms such as “impact”, “assess*”, effect*, and “analy*” were included by use of the Boolean operator “OR” in one of two final searches.

a) The first search limited the results of nine keywords combined with the operator “OR” by those studies listed under the subject heading “Evaluation” with the operator “AND”, and excluding studies listed under the subject heading “Evaluation Techniques” with the operator “NOT”.

b) The second search used the same combination of nine keywords combined with the operator “OR”, but limited by those studies with the keyword (rather than Subject Term) “evaluat*”, and not including the previous batch of results as indicated by excluding the subject heading “Evaluation” with the Boolean operator “NOT” (note that because “Subject: Evaluation Techniques” was contained within “Subject: Evaluation” only the former was excluded with the Boolean “NOT”).

At the request of our research team, BLDS very graciously updated their platform at the time of the search to allow for bulk RIS exporting of bibliographic records. Unfortunately, these exports did not include any abstract information for records. Title and publication information was provided, allowing for limited screening of BLDS provided RIS files. For now, further screening must be accomplished by finding abstract information from other sources.

### 4. Evaluation Database of Education Research (EPPI-Centre)

This database was developed by the UK-based EPPI-Centre and Review Groups (http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/cms/Default.aspx?tabid=185), and covers keyword references in systematic reviews in the field of education. Studies can be searched within this database by their keyworded characteristics. The database was selected due to its potential coverage of impact evaluation studies identified within systematic reviews in the field of education. The database allows for searching and combining free text terms. No traditional controlled index or thesaurus terms are available; however predefined categorical keywords were chosen to refine the search. The original three predefined stage search strategy thus had to be modified slightly.

**Program evaluation subject terms** were first searched by combining pre-defined categorical keywords, with free text searches for program evaluation terms. The categorical keywords chosen included “Exploration of Relationships”, “Evaluation:

\(^4\) The current strategy for BLDS did not include keywords like “random*”, “control*”, “trial*”, or “allocation*”. These terms should be used in subsequent BLDS search strategies.
Naturally Occurring”, and “Evaluation: Researcher-manipulated”. These terms were first combined with the Boolean operator “OR” and combined again with a free text search for terms like “program* evaluation” and “randomi* control* trial*”, all using the Boolean operator “OR”.

Impact evaluation keywords were then combined with the first two sets of program evaluation terms using the Boolean operator “OR” (rather than the operator “AND” typically used to combine the three major stages in other databases). The following syntax was used for impact evaluation keywords:

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(("impact" AND ("evaluat*" OR "assess*" OR "analy*" OR "estimat*"))) OR
("effect*" and ("evaluat*" OR "assess*" OR "analy*" OR "estimat*"))) OR
("random*" AND ("trial" OR "allocat*" OR "intervention*"))) AND
("program*" OR "intervention*" OR "project" OR "projects")
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Developing country terms were then searched in the “Freetext” search field. Unfortunately, EPPI Centre cannot accommodate large Boolean searches, so geography searches had to be broken into eight groups of country and region names. Each of the eight geographic searches was then combined with the (already combined results for) program evaluation terms and impact evaluation keywords using the Boolean term “AND”.  

5. Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)

ERIC (http://www.eric.ed.gov/) contains more than 1.4 million bibliographic records of journal articles related to education, and is sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), part of the US Department of Education. ERIC resources include literature on educational research, and information dedicated to improving learning, teaching, and educational decision making. ERIC was chosen as a potential repository of impact evaluations of education programs.

ERIC does not allow for large Boolean searches in geographic search terms, and does not have an option for searching abstracts. Therefore, seven distinct geographic searches were conducted, combining impact evaluation keywords and program evaluation terms in each search. The impact evaluation keywords and Study Design keywords remained in each search, combined with geographic search terms, and included substantial limits.

Developing country terms were searched in the keyword field, but had to be broken into seven separate searches. Each batch of geographic search terms was combined
with the same program evaluation terms, and impact evaluation keywords, as well as exclusionary criteria and limits. *Impact evaluation keywords* were used in the traditional Boolean syntax, but were searched in the Keyword field and combined with the Boolean operator “AND”. The following impact evaluation Boolean search was utilized:

\[
((\text{impact} \text{ AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)}) \text{ OR (effect* AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)}) OR (random* AND (trial OR allocat* OR intervention*))}) \text{ AND (program* OR intervention* OR project OR projects)}
\]

*Program evaluation subject terms* were also combined with the Boolean operator “AND”, both as keywords and thesaurus terms. Additionally, the terms “systematic review*”, “meta-analysis”, and “meta-evaluation*” were excluded with the Boolean operator “NOT”. Search results were limited by journal article, and three types of Reports. Results of each of the seven searches were compiled in EndNote.

### 6. IDEAS Economics and Finance Research

IDEAS ([http://ideas.repec.org/](http://ideas.repec.org/)) is a bibliographic database dedicated to literature in economics. It was selected for the IER due to its extensive coverage of research in economics; specifically large number of impact evaluations in developing countries. The IDEAS strategy is based upon the availability of a single search box with the possibility of combining within that box, free text terms with Boolean OR (represented by |), AND (represented by +), NOT (represented by ~). Terms can be grouped into parentheses and phrases searched using double quotes (“”). Truncation cannot be used.

*Developing country terms* were searched in free text and divided into 9 search groups. Each group was combined using the Boolean operator “+” (AND) with free text *program evaluation subject terms* such as “program”, “intervention”, and “experiment” and the *impact evaluation keyword* Boolean combination:

\[
(((\text{impact} + (\text{evaluation} | \text{assessment} | \text{estimate})) | (\text{effect} + (\text{evaluation} | \text{assessment} | \text{estimate})) | (\text{randomized} + (\text{trial} | \text{allocation} | \text{intervention} | \text{experiment})))
\]

Results for each of the nine search groups also excluded the term “systematic review” using the Boolean operator “~” (NOT). Each of these nine sub strategies was searched within both abstract and title search fields, and restricted to journal articles and papers. Since IDEAS does not allow for combining the sub strategies,
the total search results were downloaded to EndNote for later removal of duplicates.°

7. JOLIS: The Library Network

JOLIS (http://jolis.worldbankimflib.org/e-nljolis.htm) is a web catalog that includes books, journal articles, and working papers amongst several other publication types. JOLIS was selected because it includes references to publications by the IMF and World Bank, including impact evaluations conducted by these organizations.

The search functionality for JOLIS does not allow for the complex combinations outlined in the three stage framework. JOLIS does allow searching that combines free text terms with Boolean operators OR, AND, and NOT, and the use of truncation (represented by $). Because content within JOLIS is often specific to developing country contexts, the use of developing country terms was deemed unnecessary. Key terms were searched within the JOLIS search field Keywords Anywhere.

Impact evaluation keywords were used similar to other strategies:

\[(\text{impact$ and (evaluat$ or assess$ or analy$ or estimat$)}) \text{ or (effect$ and (evaluat$ or assess$ or analy$ or estimat$)}) \text{ or (random$ AND (trial$ or allocat$ or intervention$))}) \text{ and (program$ or intervention$ or project or projects)}\]

Program evaluation subject terms were then combined using the Boolean operator AND. These terms included “program$ evaluation” and “impact analysis”, and were separated from one another using the Boolean “OR”. The exclusionary term “systematic review” was also included with Boolean “NOT”. Finally, results were limited by English language and the BIBLIO – Articles & Research working papers Format.°

8. Popline

The Popline database (http://www.popline.org/) was selected because it is one of the few databases that provide literature (from journal articles, reports and several other publication types) on topics related to family planning, reproductive health and population.

° IDEAS does-not allow RIS file downloads in bulk. Over 2000 aggregate records were manually entered in EndNote using the EndNote Web Capture installer.

°° JOLIS does-not allow RIS file downloads in bulk, particularly for non-IMF and World Bank employees. A manual download of records onto EndNote was necessary, using the EndNote Web Capture installer.
Developing country terms were identified using the controlled geography thesaurus terms available via the database. No free text terms were used. These terms (that included region and country names) were divided into 12 groups (due to the limitations on number of exports possible for a set of search results). Impact evaluation keywords were searched using the usual Boolean strategy, with exclusionary criteria as well:

\[
((\text{impact AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)}) \text{ OR } (\text{effect* AND (evaluat* OR assess* OR analy* OR estimat*)}) \text{ OR } (\text{random* AND (trial OR allocat* OR intervention*)}) ) \text{ AND } (\text{program* OR intervention* OR project OR projects}) \text{ NOT (systematic review*)})
\]

Program evaluation subject terms were selected from the controlled keyword thesaurus, and included such terms as “evaluation research”, “family planning program evaluation”, and “clinical trials”. Program evaluation terms, impact evaluation keywords, and developing country terms were all combined with the Boolean operator “AND” for each of the twelve searches, and further limited by Language: English. Results were exported for each search to EndNote, and then duplicates were removed within the reference management software.

9. Sage Journals

SAGE Journals (http://online.sagepub.com/) is a product of Sage Publications, which publishes academic books, journals, and reference products in the social sciences, medicine, humanities, and technology. Sage Journals was chosen for its more than 650 journal publications across disciplines included in the realm of impact evaluation.

Sage Journals online search platform allows users to search Sage publications using a limited search interface. Each search field allows for only one term per line to be entered, leaving no room for traditional Boolean searching. Furthermore, search histories can be combined only one time, which necessitated distinct and succinct searches for Impact Evaluation Keywords, Study Type, and Geography. Title and abstract free text searching also requires that search criteria be entered individually for either title or abstract searches. The platform does allow for truncated searching through use of the “*” character at the end of words (for example, evaluat*).

Impact evaluation keywords were searched by deconstructing the traditional Boolean keyword strategy. Combinations for each possible search term were entered in the search field with the appropriate Boolean operators (for example, “impact AND evaluat*” OR “impact AND assess*”, etc.) for both title and abstract. Additional required words at the end of the original Boolean strategy (program* OR intervention* OR project OR projects) were included in a separate search. Each
word was searched in both title and abstract, separated by the Boolean operator “OR”.

Program evaluation subject terms were searched in six combinations, separated with the Boolean operator “AND” in both the title and abstract. These word combinations were then separated with the Boolean operator “OR”, and the terms “systematic review” and “meta-analysis” were excluded from title and abstract results using the Boolean operator “NOT”.

Developing country terms were entered individually in each search field both title and abstract, and grouped by geographic region. Once all developing countries in a region were entered in both title and abstract, an initial search was conducted. In the search history, each of the seven geographic searches was then combined only once with the previous three searches for impact evaluation keywords (two searches) and program evaluation terms (one search). Results were then exported to EndNote to remove duplicate records and begin screening.

10. Science Direct

Science Direct (http://www.sciencedirect.com/) is a journal collection that offers journal articles and book chapters on a wide range of topics within the physical sciences, life sciences, health and the social sciences. We selected Science Direct for its coverage of literature on a wide range of topics such as economics, econometrics, business and management, social sciences, psychology, agriculture, and health.

Developing country terms were searched as free text within the title, abstract, and keyword search field, using the expert search option (often referred to as “command search” in other databases). All developing country terms were entered in a single search.

Program evaluation subject terms such as “program evaluation”, “intervention studies”, "randomi* control* trial*" were searched within title, abstract, keyword search fields with the term “systematic review” excluded using Boolean terms “AND” and “NOT”.

Impact evaluation keywords were searched using the traditional Boolean combination:

(((impact and (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*))) or (effect* and (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*))) or (random* AND (trial or allocat* or intervention*))) and (program* or intervention* or project or projects))
For the final strategy, these three parts were combined with the Boolean AND. Records were limited to “source type: journals”, “document type: articles”, “sources: Agricultural and Biological Sciences; Business, Management and Accounting; Decision Sciences; Economics, Econometrics and Finance; Environmental Science; Immunology and Microbiology; Medicine and Dentistry; Nursing and Health Professions; Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmaceutical Science; Psychology; Social Sciences.”

11. Wiley Online Library

Wiley Online Library (http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/) is the online platform for Wiley Blackwell publishing, and is a product of John Wiley and Sons Inc. Wiley was chosen because the search platform hosts a multidisciplinary collection of Wiley Blackwell published materials in the fields of health, social science, and the humanities for over 1500 journals, and 11,500 online books.

The Wiley platform is somewhat limited in terms of complex searching capabilities. Title and abstract are distinct search fields, which required searches to be done separately for either title or abstract. Furthermore, the platform does not adequately distinguish between built in “AND” and “OR” Boolean operators. Owing to this flaw, and in the absence of search history combination, an innovative strategy was devised. For each group of search terms (1. developing country terms, 2. impact evaluation keywords, 3. program evaluation subject terms), searches could be conducted in either a) title, or b) abstract search fields, but not combined in the same search. For this reason, eight distinct search strategies were devised:

For example, search one ("1a AND 2a AND 3a") searched only in the title fields, while search two ("1a AND 2a AND 3b") searched geographic terms and impact evaluation keywords in the title field, while searching program evaluation terms in the abstract field.

However, search number eight (all three search categories searched only in abstract – "1b AND 2b AND 3b") was dropped because initial screening of results found that a large number of titles were very unlikely to be impact evaluations. It would seem that if none of the program evaluation, impact evaluation, or developing country terms appears in the title of an article or report at all, the likelihood of a positive match is greatly diminished. In this case, a cost-effectiveness determination was made, and 1221 out of a possible 2696 search results (tabulated before removing duplicates) were not included.

A further limitation of the system was discovered in the export of citation files. Bulk exporting was not possible when search syntax exceeded a certain threshold. As a result, several of the seven remaining search combinations were further stratified
by geographic groupings. The final search strategy shows 21 distinct searches within the Wiley platform, 20 of which were chosen for final citation export.

*Developing country terms* were searched as free text in either the “Abstract” or “Article Titles” search fields. Each geographic term was separated with the Boolean term “OR”, and results were combined with other two search windows using the Boolean operator “AND”. *Program evaluation subject terms* were searched as free text and included such phrases as “program* evaluation”, “project evaluation”, and “randomi* control* trial*”. Search terms were combined with the Boolean operator “OR”. *Impact evaluation keywords* were searched using the traditional Boolean search combination explained in section III above, in either “Abstract” or “Article Titles” search fields.

12. **Trip Database**

Trip (http://www.tripdatabase.com/) is a search engine for “high quality” clinical research, and evidence designed to support health practice and care. The online trip platform, active since 1997, includes research evidence as well as other content such as images, videos, patient information leaflets, educational courses, and news. Although much of Trip’s content is not peer reviewed, evidence published by notable journals such as BMJ does appear in the platform. Despite the need for more thorough screening of search results than usual, Trip was chosen because of its volume of clinical research publications.

*Impact evaluation keywords* were searched using the standard Boolean combination outlined in part II of this document. Additional syntax used to exclude the term “systematic review” using the Boolean operator “NOT”. *Program evaluation subject terms* were then added including such words and phrases as “evaluation”, “program evaluation”, “randomi* control* trial*”, and “natural experiment*”. Each program evaluation term was combined using the Boolean operator “OR”. The two searches for impact evaluation keywords and program evaluation terms were combined using the Boolean operator “AND”.

*Developing country terms* were searched free text in the basic search field. Six searches were broken apart by geographic region (Africa, the Americas, Asia, etc.). Each geographic batch search was then combined with the program evaluation terms and impact evaluation keywords search combination (described above) using the Boolean operator “AND” in the search field “recent search”. Results were then exported and combined in EndNote.

Because of the long string of Boolean operators used in each search, the reliability of using limits to cut down on search results was questionable. Instead, all the results from a geographic batch (combined with the previous keyword searches using the Boolean operator AND) were exported to EndNote for basic screening.
References were found from non peer reviewed sources such as Wikipedia, Wiki Journal Club, and eMedicine. These titles were removed from within EndNote along with any records including the words “meta-analysis” or “systematic review” in the title field, and duplicate records. Bibliographic records exported to EndNote also do not contain any abstract information, increasing the difficulty for accurate screening of records.

13. ProQuest

Like EBSCO Host and Ovid SP, ProQuest (http://www.proquest.com.br/es-XL/) is a private company whose search platforms house databases and search engines across a variety of disciplines. While Boolean operators are consistent across different databases housed within the ProQuest platform, thesaurus terms are not consistent across databases. The ProQuest Social Sciences Premium Collection was identified for broad 3ie use. Within that collection, just one database was selected for the first round of RIDIE searching.

Proquest allows for searching search histories, but adding too many Boolean terms causes the system to return error messages. Despite conversations with technical support, the only way to remedy this problem seems to be to conduct smaller searches. A strategy was devised, therefore, to combine all Program Evaluation Terms, and impact evaluation keywords into a single search, and then to search smaller batches of geographic search terms in title and abstract. Further problems emerged with complex thesaurus term searching. Limited thesaurus searching was available to search for Program Evaluation terms, but searching geographic search terms from among indexed terms caused the system to return an error message. Geographic search terms therefore were limited to searching in title and abstract at the time of the initial search strategy. Boolean terms like "NOT" were avoided for fear (confirmed by technical support) that too many complex operators would overwhelm the ProQuest system. Future searches could better expand results by using geographic index terms, and better refine results by using Boolean operators like "NOT" if system functionality improves.

a. International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS)

IBSS is an online resource of social science and interdisciplinary research. Some of the major areas of coverage include Anthropology, Politics, Sociology, and Economics. IBSS was selected from the ProQuest for the interdisciplinary nature of its research coverage. The following limited strategy was employed:

*Program evaluation subject terms* were first searched from the IBSS thesaurus, as well as free text. Thesaurus terms such as “aid evaluation” and “programme evaluation” were combined with free text searches in the title
and abstract search fields for word derivations such as “program* evaluation*”, “project evaluation*”, and “random* control* trial*” using the Boolean operator “OR”.

Impact evaluation keywords were then searched using the standard IER keyword strategy in both the title and abstract fields (combined with the Boolean operator OR), and then combined with the program evaluation terms in the search history using the Boolean operator AND. These combined searches yielded just fewer than 4,000 records, which were then searched by geographic batch.

Developing country terms were searched only in free text (title and abstract) due to problems with thesaurus terms in the ProQuest system. Title and abstract results for each geographic region were then combined with the previous search terms in ProQuest’s search history using the Boolean operator “AND”. Each geographic set of results was then exported to EndNote to remove duplicates. However, an inconsistency emerged when exporting. While the ProQuest website reported one number of hits, but the number of records actually available for export was between 10-22% lower than the original number reported. In total, 86.4% of the original number of records reported by ProQuest could be exported to EndNote. An additional 15.3% of those exported records were duplicates, and later removed in EndNote.

14. Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

Founded in 1994, the SSRN (http://www.ssrn.com/) is an open access global collaborative network of authors and users of social science research. SSRN is produced by Social Science Electronic Publishing Inc. and works with over 1800 scientific journals and research institutions that provide permissions to archive bibliographic data on published materials. SSRN was chosen for its subject areas, which include economics, entrepreneurship research and policy, financial economics, health economics, management research, organizational behavior, and political science.

Developing country terms were not feasible within SSRN. Instead, after citations are exported to EndNote, a preliminary screening took place in which developed country terms were searched and removed once located.

Program evaluation subject terms were extremely limited as well because of the functionality of the platform. In order to mimic the program evaluation terms used in some previous searches, the word “evaluation” was searched first in every sub search, limiting all results to those among a pool of 10,129 results for the word “evaluation”. While other terms may have been suitable to test for this segment of
the search, the term evaluation alone seems a reasonable criterion for impact evaluation studies within the platform.

Impact evaluation keywords were searched somewhat more methodically within SSRN. Although Boolean searching was not possible, a finite number of keywords are necessarily searched, albeit with additional word combinations. These keywords (bolded in the paragraph below) are “impact”, “effect*”, and “random*”, with the addition of the terms “program*”, “intervention*”, and “project(s)”.

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((impact and (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*)) or (effect* and (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*)) or (random* AND (trial or allocat* or intervention*))) and (program* or intervention* or project or projects)
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The advanced search functionality of the SSRN platform allows for searching within search results. In order to leverage this function, all combinations of the keywords (above) were searched within the results set of the word “evaluation”. Derivations and British English spellings of the words were searched for a total of 39 individual searches (4 to 8 searches within 5 search schemes). The five search schemes included one of either “impact”, “effect”, “effectiveness”, “random*”, or “experiment” (including random, randomized, randomize, randomization, randomised, randomisation, and randomised) searched within the results set of the word “evaluation”.

15. **New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM)**

The New York Academy of Medicine Library (http://www.nyam.org/library/) promotes scholarly public understanding of the history of medicine and public health. The library collects historical and grey literature on medically related subject matter. Although the primary emphasis of their bound collection focuses on historical content, the online portal features grey literature material, and reference and information services on current medical and public health topics. Electronic resources include databases like MD Consult, providing access to full text medical journal articles online. New York Academy of Medicine was selected for its access to historical and contemporary content.

The three pronged search strategy was easily employed for New York Academy, and conducted using the keyword search field. Impact evaluation keywords were searched using the basic IER strategy with no exclusionary terms, split into two separate search windows and combined with the Boolean operator “AND”. Program evaluation subject terms were not searched because search results for impact evaluation keywords seemed sufficiently narrow. Keywords were then combined with a single search for developing country terms using the Boolean term “AND”. A small number of search results (141 records) were then exported into EndNote by
hand and screened for relevance in the process. In total only 13 of the 141 records seemed to be relevant to the IER search for impact evaluations. As a result, New York Academy will likely not be included in the next round of searching.

16. **Web of Knowledge Web of Science**

The Web of Science database within Thompson Reuters’s Web of Knowledge platform (http://thomsonreuters.com/products_services/science/science_products/a-z/web_of_science/) contains carefully evaluated and selected materials across the sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities disciplines. More than 12,000 academic journals and 120,000 conference proceedings are contained within the platform, which was chosen for its broad range of coverage across disciplines relevant to impact evaluation.

The Web of Knowledge platform proved very simple to use in employing the three pronged strategy. First, *developing country geography* terms were searched in the advanced search mode, including the name of every developing country in 3ie’s list. These country names were searched in the “TS” or topic search field across all citation databases. *Program evaluation subject terms* were then searched in the same topic search field, and included such keywords as “program evaluation”, “project evaluation” and random* control* trial*. The program evaluation terms search also excluded topic searches for “systematic review*” and “meta analysis” using the Boolean term “NOT”. Finally the typical IER *Impact evaluation keywords* search was conducted in the TS (topic) search field. The three searches were combined in the search history using the Boolean operator “AND”, and filtered for English language articles, and document types (articles, and abstracts of published items). Two duplicates were removed after export to EndNote.

17. **Google Scholar**

Google Scholar (http://scholar.google.com/) indexes citation information and links to some full text content of scholarly information, peer reviewed papers, theses, reprints, abstracts, and technical reports from all disciplines of academic research. Content includes English language publication information in such fields as business, economics, and management, health and medical sciences, humanities, literature and arts, and the social sciences. Google Scholar was chosen as a robust aggregator of content across a wide range of disciplines and publications.

Google Scholar was not designed for complex systematic searching, and is limited in the scope of its Boolean operators, as well as the overall length of Boolean search entries. As such, the three pronged search strategy was not possible in Google Scholar, and a simpler strategy was devised. First a list of likely key terms
was searched, including “impact evaluation” and “impact assessment”, chosen because of their perceived likelihood of appearing in the title, abstract, or full text of likely impact evaluations. These key terms were combined with the Boolean operator “OR”, such that at least one of them would have to appear in the article entry (not simply the title). These terms were combined with the words “intervention”, “program”, “evaluation”, and “effect” using the Google Boolean operator “+”, meaning that all four have to appear somewhere in the citation. Finally, the term “developing country” was added with the Boolean operator “-”, as a term that must also appear in the entry. This term is the most likely to exclude relevant impact evaluations because many studies taking place in developing countries will not contain this term (instead using the name of a country or region). One last exclusionary term was used, “systematic”, as in systematic review, and was added to the end of the Boolean search with the operator “-“.

The strategy appears as follows:

"impact evaluation" OR "impact assessment" OR "program evaluation" OR "estimate the impact" OR "effectiveness analysis" OR "estimate the effectiveness" OR "randomized control trial" +intervention +program +evaluation +effect +"developing country" -systematic

While this Google Scholar search is extremely limited in scope, it did yield a reasonable number of hits (around 3500). This basic search seems the most likely combination of terms to yield the largest number of relevant hits, and the search was expanded around this format.

From this basic strategy, fifteen separate searches were then devised using one of each of the optional key terms (plus others). For example, “impact evaluation” was searched with the terms (+intervention +program +evaluation +effect +developing country). Exclusionary criteria were expanded slightly for some searches and included such terms as “-"systematic review"" and "-"meta-analysis"". The resulting strategy yielded smaller sets of results that were easier to download using Google Scholar’s export citations function. Unfortunately, five of the search results sets produced more than 1,000 hits. Google Scholar will only allow end users to view and download the first 1000 search results. As such, the total results exported from Google Scholar to EndNote were reduced by nearly 2400 (likely non unique) titles.

In order to expand the strategy to be more systematic, future searches should replace the phrase “developing country” with each developing country name (one per search). Because the Boolean string cannot exceed a certain number of characters (approximately 25), this is a painstaking strategy that requires running one (or several) search(es) for each developing country, or region, name, or small group of names. The results are likely to yield a tremendous number of duplicate results. A basic outline for this proposed strategy can be found in appendix 5, and
contains an initial set of results based on the use of a single, preliminary Boolean search.

18. Other databases and search engines

A number of additional databases and search engines exist that could benefit the IER search strategy. In particular, three databases have already been identified for inclusion in the next round of searching: Cochrane’s Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE), Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL), and the NHS Economic Evaluation Database (EED). Other databases and web-based search engine resources may also come to the attention of 3ie during this interim period. Such suggestions are welcome.

VI. Selected IER Websites: Individual features and limitations

The following section includes a brief overview of the 22 websites searched, the particular strategies employed, and the number of records returned for later screening. The websites were searched and strategies finalized between April and May of 2013. The current total number of records obtained from website resources (before removing duplicates) is 20,971. Again, because websites are frequently updated with new search functionalities and thesaurus terms, many of the strategies outlined below are likely to be amended in future rounds of searching.

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1. **Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)**

   Founded in 2002, BREAD (http://ipl.econ.duke.edu/bread/index.htm) is a non-profit organization promoting research and scholarship in the field of Development Economics. They organize workshops, promote working papers and policy papers and also conduct a summer school. We selected BREAD due to its extensive coverage of impact evaluations via its working and policy paper series. The BREAD strategy is based upon the free availability of a list of BREAD working and policy papers, all of whom can be reviewed, since there are only a select few of them. From the website, all working papers and all policy papers were selected.
2. Center for Global Development (CGD)

The Centre for Global Development (http://www.cgdev.org/) is a nonprofit think tank that conducts research and policy analysis on a wide range of topics such as aid effectiveness, education, globalization, health, migration and trade. CGD was selected for the IER due to its coverage of impact evaluation research, especially in the form of working papers, policy papers and reports.

The website for CGD displays a list of their publications which can be searched with/without applying limits by topic, publication type, initiative, year etc. The strategy for CGD thus involves searching their publication list by limiting hits as follows: publication type; working papers, policy papers and reports. For future referencing the IER strategy will make use of the ‘year’ limit to identify recently added papers.

3. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

IFPRI (http://www.ifpri.org/advsearch) is one of the 15 research institutes supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Its mission is to ‘To Provide Research Based Policy Solutions that Sustainably Reduce Poverty and End Hunger and Malnutrition’. IFPRI was chosen for its focus on impact evaluation research in the field of agriculture, as well as in other development sectors.

There are two ways to go about searching IFPRI publications. First, the “Resource” web link can be selected, and then free text terms may be searched in advanced mode using search fields such as keywords, title and author. Language limits can also be applied. Or, IFPRI can be searched by selecting search and then using free text terms in advanced search within the IFPRI Knowledge/Publications Repository.

Based on the above two options, we developed two separate strategies for IFPRI. The first strategy was to search free text terms: “impact”, “evaluation”, “effect”, “program”, “analysis”, “assessment”, and “estimation” in Advanced Search using search field “Keywords” within resources. Results were also refined by Language: English. The second strategy searched free text terms: all of these words: “impact”, “effect”, “program” AND any of these words: “evaluation”, “analysis”, “assessment”, “estimation”, and “randomized” in Advanced Search within IFPRI publications repository (accessible via the search link on IFPRI homepage).

4. Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

Established in 2003, J-PAL is a research center and a global network of researchers (http://www.povertyactionlab.org/search/apachesolr_search?filters =type:evaluation) that advocate and use randomized evaluations (RCTs) to assess
the effectiveness of development programs aimed at poverty reduction. The selection of JPAL was based on its extensive coverage of RCTs; a rigorous impact evaluation technique.

J-PAL has a database of publications and another one specifically for evaluations. Within the evaluation search section a search can be conducted using keywords and/or a search can be refined by theme, region, country, researchers, etc. Within the publications database a search can also use keywords and/or refine search by type of publication, theme/sector, region, country, etc. For the IER strategy, both databases were searched as follows:

Within the evaluations database, all papers were selected from each of the different themes, and search results were limited to “publications type: academic”. Free text terms were not searched using the keywords tab, since all publications from the evaluation database and all academic publications from the publications database needed to be considered for inclusion in the IER.

A useful feature available within the J-PAL publications section is the highlighting of new publications with a flashing sign ‘New’. This helps to identify recently added papers for future referencing.

5. Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

Established in 2002, IPA (http://www.poverty-action.org/) is a non profit organization that designs and evaluates development programs using the technique of RCTs. Our selection of IPA was based on its specific focus on RCTs, which are considered to be rigorous impact evaluation techniques.

The IPA website has a publications section, where impact evaluations can be searched using keywords. Results can also be refined by research focus, policy goals, sector, country and author. Since all IPA publications should be considered for inclusion in the IER the IPA search strategy refined results by focus (Research; Policy and Practice; and Methodology). Free text terms were not used, since they served no useful purpose.

6. The World Bank

The World Bank (http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/docadvancesearch) is an International Financial Institution that provides financial and technical services to developing countries, along with conducting and supporting research, policy and analysis. The World Bank was primarily selected because it conducts and publishes impact evaluation studies amongst a variety of social sector research. Within the World Bank website, ‘documents and reports’ can be searched via the publications window. There is an option for advanced search, with possibility to enter keywords
and use Boolean operators, and/or search by author, document title, date, topic, language, document type, etc.

The IER strategy was based on the above features. Using advanced search the following keyword combinations were used by selecting Boolean Query:

\[ ((\text{impact AND (evaluation OR assessment OR analysis OR estimation)}) \text{ OR } (\text{effectiveness AND (evaluation OR assessment OR analysis OR estimation)}) \text{ OR (random AND (trial OR allocation OR intervention))) AND (program OR intervention OR project OR projects)})\]

Within the advanced search landing page, search results were refined by a) Regions: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa, South Asia; b) Language: English; and c) Document Type: under publications and research selecting “all”.

Additionally, in the results window results were further refined to include “policy research working paper”, “working paper”, “working paper (numbered series)”, and “journal articles” keeping the Start and End Date as 01/01/1987- present, and Language: English.


Created in 2005, DIME is a World Bank program that generates and provides information about the effectiveness of development programs through the use and dissemination of impact evaluation research. DIME was selected for its production of impact evaluations of policy interventions and the publication of working papers and a database of ongoing impact evaluations. (http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDEVIMPEVAINI/0,,menuPK:3998281~pagePK:64168427~piPK:64168435~theSitePK:3998212,00.html)

The strategy for searching impact evaluations within DIME was an inclusionary one wherein all DIME working papers were searched, along with the database of ongoing impact evaluations limited by “status: completed”.

8. IE² Impact Evaluations in Education (World Bank)

The beta version of the World Bank’s IE² Impact Evaluations in Education database (http://datatopics.worldbank.org/EdStatsApps/Edu%20Evaluation/evaluationHome.aspx) has recently been released and contains approximately 300 impact evaluations of primary and secondary education initiatives across the world (including developed countries) from the World Bank as well as other institutions.
Studies included in this resource utilize experimental and quasi-experimental methods.

The database was chosen for its resources on education projects, and was searched only for studies taking place in the current dropdown list of developing countries (and multi-country studies). Developing countries currently featured in the beta version of this resource include Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gambia, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Zambia.

9. Rural Education Action Project (REAP)

REAP (http://reap.stanford.edu/) is an organization that conducts impact evaluations to inform policy in the areas of education, health, and nutrition. REAP was chosen for its research and publication work in the specific area of experimental impact evaluation.

The strategy for searching REAPS was based on the availability of a list of publications (journal articles, academic publications, and reports) and working papers through a drop down menu on the REAPS website. From the published work tab, all Journal Articles, Academic Publications and Reports/REAP briefs were selected. Then, all working papers from within the publications tab were selected. Publications (not Working Papers) can also be sorted by year, which can be used for future referencing.

10. The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Established in 1959, The IDB (http://www.iadb.org/publications) is a financial institution that provides development funding for Latin America and the Caribbean. Besides providing loans, they also provide grants, technical assistance, and conduct research. IDB was chosen for its research and publications in the area of impact evaluation amongst other kinds of social sector research.

The IDB website was searched using the publications tab on its homepage. The search can be refined by language and by selecting all or one/more types of publications (such as working papers, discussion papers, annual reports, books, etc.). The search was refined by “Language: English” and “Publication Type: working papers and discussion papers”. The search also selected "keyword: evaluation" to narrow results and identify potential impact evaluations. Additional keywords were not used, since the number of hits decreased considerably with each
additional keyword. Moreover, the term “evaluation” gave the most comprehensive results.

11. Department for International Development (DFID)

DFID (http://www.dfid.gov.uk/R4D/Search/SearchResearchDatabase.aspx) is a UK government department that works in the area of education, health, social services, governance, economic development, environment protection, and humanitarian assistance across the world. Amongst its other activities, DFID funds development-specific research and hosts a research portal called Research4Development (R4D) that provides information on DFID’s current and completed research.

The R4D platform allows searching free text terms within advanced search using Boolean; containing all of the words (AND), any of the words (OR) or the exact phrase. Several search fields are available which can be selected using a drop down menu. Options are also available to refine a search by region, country, start and end date, and publication year.

The IER strategy for R4D, based on the above features is as follows: within advanced search, find both (Projects and Documents), with 'any of these words' in 'all these fields': impact effect program evaluation analysis estimation assessment. No limits were imposed, however results were restricted by document type: journal articles and document type: research paper.

12. Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

ODI (http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/default.asp) is an independent think tank based in the UK that works on international development and humanitarian issues. Their main focus is applied research, policy advice, and policy oriented research dissemination.

To search ODI publications, free text terms can be searched with the keyword section of the ODI search center. The search can be further refined by program, text language, theme, country, type of publication and date. The IER strategy used the following free text terms: “impact”, “evaluation”, “effect”, “program”, “analysis”, “assessment”, “estimation”, and “intervention”. The search was further refined by a) Text Language: English; b) Type: Research Reports and Studies; and c) Type: Discussion papers.
13. Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC)

CPRC (http://www.chronicpoverty.org/page/publications) is an international partnership of universities, research institutes and NGOs that provides research and policy support to tackle issues of poverty, hunger, malnutrition, illiteracy, etc.

The CPRC publications database covers a wide variety of publications across poverty related themes. The selection of CPRC was based on its coverage of impact evaluation research, amongst other types of social sector research. The CPRC “search publications” page has several options by which searches may be conducted: by author lists, keyword lists, filter and search, and advanced search (displaying results from all the lists).

The IER strategy was conducted within advanced search: CPRC working papers, CPRC India working papers, CPRC West Africa working papers, CPRC Bangladesh working papers and journal articles. There was no option of searching free text terms, hence searching had to be conducted directly in the above CPRC publication types.

14. Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC)

GSDRC (http://www.gsdrc.org/go/document-library) is a collaboration of research institutes, think tanks and consultancy organizations that work in the area of governance, humanitarian assistance, and conflict resolution. GSDRC provides research and consultation services along with information resources available on their website. GSDRC was selected for its coverage of impact evaluations, particularly in the area of governance.

The GSDRC website hosts a document library, where searches can be conducted using free text search terms. The number of search results decreases as the quantity of search terms increase. These need not be separated with commas or Boolean operators. The following terms were used to arrive at a search strategy: “impact”, “effect”, “evaluation”, “analysis”, “assessment”, and “intervention”. The first three terms (impact, effect, and evaluation) were searched together initially. Subsequent searches added analysis, followed by analysis and assessment, and finally analysis, assessment, and intervention.

15. The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

Established in 1920, NBER (http://www.nber.org/papers.html) is a nonprofit research organization that seeks to disseminate economic research to academia, business professionals, and policymakers. NBER was selected for its coverage of economic research involving impact evaluations of public sector programs.
The NBER Working Paper section (the “more search options” tab) allows for entering multiple search terms in either a bibliographic search or full text search box (the terms need not be separated by commas or Boolean operators). The IER strategy involved searching the following keywords: “impact”, “effect”, “evaluation”, “program”, “analysis”, “assessment”, “estimation”, and “intervention” in the “full text publications” section. The results were refined by full text search of publications, working papers, and tabular results.

16. University of California: Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)

The Center for Effective Global Action (http://cega.berkeley.edu/research/) at the University of California consolidates research from staff and affiliates who have conducted over 100 evaluations of international development programs using rigorous evaluation methods. Meanwhile, the CEGA Working Paper Series houses ongoing and finalized research by affiliated faculty of the center, and includes an additional 27 publications submitted over the last two years. CEGA was selected for its topical evaluations of development programs, and the inclusion of rigorous evaluation methods. No filters were used to limit the number of records listed on either site, and each study’s bibliographic information was directly exported to EndNote.

17. Asian Development Bank (ADB): Evaluation Resources

Founded in 1966, the Asian Development Bank funds and manages development projects for 59 countries in the Asian region, with an operating budget of over $21 billion in 2011. The ADB is active in implementing projects in education, transportation, infrastructure, the environment, and the financial sector. The ADB’s database of Evaluation Resources features publications including evaluation reports, papers and briefs, books, reports, and financing documents.

The Evaluation Resources page features a filter for impact evaluations (http://www.adb.org/site/evaluation/resources?keyword=), producing a total count of 28 alleged Impact Evaluations. These resources were selected first, and then the rest of the site was searched for keywords “impact”, “effectiveness”, and “random” in order to locate other potential impact evaluations that may not have been labeled with the appropriate keywords.


PEP is an international network of development researchers, practitioners, and policy stakeholders supported by a network of research institutes, experts and other organizations. Founded in 2002, PEP is dedicated to building research capacities for local analysts in 49 developing countries. They aim to provide
expertise and resources to produce reliable scientific evidence on emerging development issues in order to influence policy.

The PEP search page for projects (http://www.pep-net.org/search/pep-projects/) features more than 172 unique records of research on international development themes. Keywords and thesaurus terms were limited to thematic areas, and countries. After searching only developing countries, the total number of available titles was the same as without selecting only developing countries. In order to narrow down titles, searches for “words in abstract” included “impact”, “effect”, and “random”. The results yielded slightly fewer total results.

19. Development Experience Clearinghouse (USAID)

The Development Experience Clearinghouse through USAID is a repository of resources on USAID projects (https://dec.usaid.gov/dec/content/search.aspx). The clearinghouse contains over 168,000 technical program documents, compiled in order to strengthen USAID’s development projects, activities and programs by disseminating information to mission staff, PVOs, NGOs, universities, research institutions, and developing countries. The clearinghouse was searched by document type, including “Other USAID Evaluation” and “Final Evaluation Report”, as well as by thesaurus terms including “evaluation”, “medical evaluations”, “development program evaluation”, “development project evaluation”, and “impact assessment”. Documents were searched in English language. The initial search yielded 260 titles using the following Boolean string was used to search:

(Documents.Language_of_Text:("English")) AND (Documents.Descriptions_from_Thesaurus:("Evaluation") OR ("Medical evaluations") OR ("Development program evaluation") OR ("Development project evaluation") OR ("Impact assessment")) AND (Documents.Bibtype_Name:("Other USAID Evaluation") OR ("Final Evaluation Report"))

20. OECD Development Assistance Committee Evaluation Resource Center (DEReC)

The OECD DAC Evaluation Resource Center (DEReC) consolidates evaluation reports by OECD member development agencies in a central database in order to facilitate learning and provide evaluators with evidence of what works and what doesn’t. The database (http://www.oecd.org/derec/publicationsdocuments/all/) is updated every week, and contains over 2000 freely available reports. Sadly, DEReC does not have complex searching capability, and thus all development evaluation records located through this source will need to be individually screened.

The African Development Bank is a multilateral financial institution that provides funding for African nations to improve economic and social development issues. The AfDB’s list of evaluation reports (http://www.afdb.org/en/documents/evaluation-reports/) is a collection of over 7,700 Bank-published resources including project evaluation reports. These reports can be searched in several major categories in order to locate likely impact evaluations. Among these categories, the most significant searched include “evaluation working papers”, “Evaluation Report Summaries”, “Working Paper Series”, and “Project Evaluations”. Results from these three categories will be individually screened to find impact evaluations.

22. Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a United States foreign aid agency created by congress in 2004 to promote good governance, economic freedom, and investment in the citizens of developing countries. The MCC has recently begun releasing its first round of published independent impact evaluations (http://www.mcc.gov/pages/results/evaluations) on its website, and currently includes a list of 26 planned and completed evaluation studies. A cursory look at the list of impact evaluations (and planned evaluations) shows that only nine of those listed have completed final reports. These nine were included for further screening.
Bibliography

Appendix 1: Developed, transitional, and developing country listings

The following list of developed countries is taken from the World Bank, and has been systematically excluded from 3ie’s search protocol for Impact Evaluations in Developing Countries when feasible. This list represents all nations (according to the World Bank) that have continuously exceeded the threshold for “High Income Country” status since either fiscal year 1987 (when the delineation was first established in 1989), or since the establishment of each nation as a country.

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The following nations have (at some point since 1987) crossed the threshold of High Income Country status. These nations, therefore, are included in the search protocol in the event that relevant impact evaluations were conducted during a period of time in which the nation was not in the High Income Country category. Studies taking place in these countries are examined during the screening process for inclusion in or exclusion from the IER.
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The following nations were included as developing countries in the final search strategies for most databases.

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Note: Former nations listed above were included inconsistently in the current strategy. Future strategies will include all former nations listed above in both title and abstract and thesaurus searching (as available).
## Appendix 2: Individual strategies tabular display – databases and journal collections

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**Advanced Geography Search (Using Indexed "ZG" Terms)**

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**Asia**

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**Pacific Islands**

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Pacific Islands

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Advanced Geography Search (Using Indexed "ZG" Terms)

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Search 6a (1B and 2A and 3B): Limits [Journals]

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Search #8 yielded generally very poor results (which makes sense, since when none of the desired search terms comes up in the title at all there is probably little chance that the article would be an IE). We therefore chose not to include the last search (#8) in the final search strategy for Wiley.

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#### After Screening in EndNote*

*Screening in EndNote: Because advanced screening in TRIPS was often problematic, large search results were exported to EndNote for more simple screening protocols to take place, explained below...

*Removed all titles containing the words: (Overview), (Follow-up), (Treatment), and (Diagnosis) at the end of the article title

*Removed all titles drawn from Wikipedia, Wiki Journal Club, and eMedicine related publications

*Removed all titles with the words "Meta-Analysis" and "Systematic Review"

*Removed all Duplicate Records

### Search 6: Developing Country Keywords

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### Final results set clearly did not match the search criteria very well, so another round of screening was done within EndNote to locate records that could be identified as developing country studies. This final selection of studies will be screened later to determine eligibility as impact evaluations.
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Program Evaluation Terms

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|  | ti(Program* evaluation*) OR ab(Program* evaluation*) |
|  | ti(Project evaluation*) OR ab(Project evaluation*) |
|  | ti("random* control* trial*”) OR ab("random* control* trial**") |
|  | ti("intervention study”) OR ab("intervention study") |
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Impact Evaluation Keywords

|  | ((impact AND (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*)) or (effect* AND (evaluat* or assess* or analy* or estimat*)) or (random* AND (trial or allocat* or intervention*)) and (program* or intervention* or project or projects)) |

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OR

S6

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**t. Social Science Research Network (SSRN)**

Boolean operators are not available in SSRN. Placing search terms in quotation marks allows for phrases to be searched, however a strategy was devised that does not rely on phrase searching to recreate the Program Evaluation Terms and Impact Evaluation Keyword search. Using the word "evaluation" as a required term in all searches attempted to recreate the Type of Study terms search, and combined all the possible derivations of the IE Keywords "impact, effect*, and random*, along with derivations of the words program, intervention, and project(s).

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Appendix 3: Tool for assessing study relevance

In the final screening stage, studies are evaluated based on two criteria: study relevance and the study’s methodology (step 1 and step 2 below). The study relevance review in step 1 is fairly straightforward. Studies must be in English, must be published, take place in at least one developing country, evaluate an intervention, use one of the list of approved methods, and focus on effectiveness rather than efficacy. This third review stage is a two-step blinded review by two screeners. Each screener completes the checklist in step 1, followed by the checklist in step 2 if applicable. Scores by the two screeners are then compared by a third party. Those studies receiving unanimous scores of “Yes” or “No” between the two screeners are either accepted or rejected respectively. Studies receiving conflicting scores or those with any “Unclear” scores are reviewed by the third party for rejection or inclusion in the repository.

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**Step 1: Screening checklist**

*Note: This screening checklist corresponds to a separate spreadsheet where scores are entered and comments should be recorded as necessary.*

- For studies receiving a score of “No,” provide detailed comments in the space provided for **AT LEAST ONE** category for which you have selected “No”. Multiple explanations are unnecessary.
- For studies scoring “Unclear,” please provide a detailed explanation for **EVERY** category for which you have selected “Unclear”.
- Explanations are unnecessary for studies scoring “Yes” (for which all categories are “Yes”).

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To be included in the IER, studies must be "published" either in a journal, in a book (possibly as a book chapter), as a report from an organization, or in a working paper series. Studies available as non-attributed reports or working papers released only by the original author, or on a university website (not as part of a paper series), or with no publication information should be rejected.

- If the study is published, select “Yes”.
- If it is unclear whether the study was published, select “Unclear”.
- If the study is not published, select “No”.

### 4. Did the program or intervention take place in a developing country?

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Please refer to the attached lists of countries in Tables I, II, and III in the Appendix. Note: Studies collecting data (even in part) in a developing country should be included (this includes countries categorized as low- or middle-income according to the World Bank). Please refer to Table III in the Appendix for a list of developing countries. For studies taking place in “transitional countries” refer to Table II in the Appendix to determine if the study data were collected during a historical period in which the country was classified as “under-developed”. Studies taking place before 1987 should only be excluded if they are listed on the “Developed Countries” list (Table I in Appendix A).

- If the study took place in a developing country, select “Yes”.
- If it is not clear whether the study took place in a developing country, select “Unclear”.
- If the study only took place in a developed country, select “No”.

### 5. Is the study of at least one specific policy, program, or intervention?

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Studies in the IER examine the effects of specific programs, policies, or interventions. Studies which only investigate natural or market-based occurrences, or that report on the findings of controlled laboratory experiments with no discernable development intervention should be excluded.

- If the study examines a specific policy, program, or intervention, select “Yes”.
- If it is unclear whether the study examines a specific policy, program, or intervention, select “Unclear”.
- If the study does not examine a specific policy, program, or intervention, select “No”.

6. Does the study use at least one of the following methods?  

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Studies in the IER must compare a treatment condition to a counterfactual (what would happen in the absence of the treatment). Note that studies using a pipeline or phased-in approach are only valid if they also utilize one of the following methods. The following are considered rigorous approaches to counterfactual analysis in impact evaluation:

i. Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT).
ii. Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD).
iii. Propensity Score Matching (PSM) for non-randomized studies based on participant self-selection, or other Matching Methods.
iv. Instrumental Variable (IV) estimation (or other methods using an instrumental variable such as the Heckman Two Step approach).
v. Difference-in-Differences (DD), or a fixed or random effects model with an interaction term between time and intervention for baseline and follow-up observations.

- If the study uses at least one of the methods (i-v) above, select “Yes”.
- If it is unclear whether the study uses one of the methods above, select “Unclear”.
- If it is totally clear that the study does not use any of the methods above, select “No”.

6a. If the study is an RCT, does it answer an effectiveness question?  

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Studies may exist anywhere on the continuum of effectiveness vs. efficacy. Typically, efficacy studies examine treatment outcomes under highly controlled conditions. Effectiveness studies go beyond laboratory trials and examine interventions in real world settings. Note that RCTs that only address the biomedical efficacy of a drug or treatment should be excluded. The following are screening guidelines to help make this judgment:

If any of these conditions are met in addition to methodological criteria in #6 above, select “Yes”:

a. The intervention under study promotes a social, economic, or behavioral change either as one of the final measured outcomes or as a mechanism within the theory of change (beyond the self-administration of a drug). For example, the study may include health / behavioral messaging, training, provision of information, or screening / surveillance for specific disease conditions.
b. The study measures any other outcomes in addition to or beyond purely biomedical indicators (such as returns to education, economic productivity, quality of life, disability adjusted life years, or spillover effects)
c. The study measures the cost-effectiveness or cost-benefit of the treatment(s).
d. The study records any additional formative information that could guide the design or execution of future studies. For example, an RCT that also measures acceptability of a particular treatment (measuring respondent satisfaction with treatment not merely a rate of compliance or uptake) would be included.
e. The treatment is both prepared and delivered by a community health worker, or trained layperson (such as a parent, teacher, or community member and not merely one of the program or study enumeration team).

f. The program or outcomes measured answer, or attempt to answer, a question relevant to the roll-out of international development policies or interventions.

If it is unclear whether the study meets any of these conditions (a-f), select “Unclear”.  
*Note that in erring on the side of inclusion, studies which are “Unclear” should likely be included.*

If the study meets none of these conditions (a-f), select “No”.

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Study methodology is somewhat more difficult to interpret. In general terms, studies must use at least one of the pre-established impact evaluation methods in an attempt to construct (or estimate against) some kind of counterfactual. The following table is used to determine whether the method was used correctly.

**Step 2: Full text study methodology review**

1. **Are impact evaluation results reported?**

   Study results (outcomes or impacts of the intervention) must be reported for the study to be included in the IER. Some examples of studies that do not report results include a study protocol (randomized controlled trials often publish study protocols, though usually contain the word “protocol” in the study title), a process evaluation (reporting on the success or failure of an intervention to deliver certain program components, but not on the actual effect of these components on beneficiary populations), or studies reporting only on baseline findings (baseline measurements taken before the intervention has taken place).

   - If the study results are reported either in the abstract or full text of the article, select “Yes”.
   - If it is unclear from the abstract and full text whether the study reports evaluation results, select “Unclear”.
   - If study results are not reported, select “No”.

2. If scoring “Yes” or “Unclear” in #1 above, identify the primary identification strategy utilized in the study from the options (i-v) below and assess that method on the scoring criteria. For studies that have multiple identification strategies, only one identification strategy needs to be scored “Yes” for the study to be accepted. Please review each strategy until either scoring “Yes” for any one, or scoring “No” or “Unclear” for all methods utilized in the study (i-v).

   **i. Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT)**

   Randomized Controlled Trials use random assignment to allocate the intervention amongst members of the eligible population. Participants must have an equal chance of allocation to
either the treatment or control group.

- If some form of centralized allocation mechanism or a random component in the sequence generation process is described (whether the allocation is by group/cluster or individual) so as to develop a randomly assigned treatment and control group, select “Yes”.
- If the paper does not provide details on the randomization process, or if the paper may use a quasi-randomization process which is not equivalent to true randomization, select “Unclear”.
- If there is any failure in the allocation mechanism that could affect the randomization process, select “No”.

### Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD)

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Regression Discontinuity Designs identify treatment and comparison groups as being those just either side of some observable threshold value of a variable. This variable may be a score or an observed characteristic (e.g. age or land holding) used by program staff to determine the eligible population, or it may be a variable found to distinguish participants from non-participants through data analysis.

- If allocation is made based on a pre-determined discontinuity on a continuous variable(s) with a clearly defined cutoff point and individuals cannot affect the assignment variable(s) in response to knowledge of the participation decision rule, AND a clearly defined treatment and control group is established at both sides of the cut-off point, select “Yes”.
- If the assignment variable is non-blinded, or it is unclear whether participants can affect it in response to knowledge of the allocation mechanism, or the assignment variable(s) or cutoff point are unclear, select “Unclear”.
- If there is evidence that participants altered the assignment variable prior to assignment, or there are/is no assignment variable(s) or no cutoff point, select “No”.

### Propensity Score Matching (PSM) or Other Matching Method

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Propensity Score Matching compares outcomes in a treatment group to those in a comparison group that is constructed through matching based on propensity scores. Propensity scores are the probability of participating in the intervention based on a metric of observed characteristics (by combining these characteristics in a single “score”). Selected characteristics must not be affected by the intervention. Other matching methods, such as “covariate matching,” must a) match treatment to control observations using explicit criteria, b) use variables for matching that explain the measured outcomes, and c) check for balance.

- If the study matches participant and non-participant observations using explicit criteria (relevant baseline or time-invariant characteristics) in a way that addresses potential issues of self-selection bias and the variables in the selection equation are unaffected by the intervention, select “Yes”.
- If it is not clear whether relevant time-invariant characteristics (or relevant time varying characteristics in the case of panel data) are accounted for in the matching, select “Unclear”.
- If the study did not use appropriate propensity score matching or other matching techniques, select “No”.

### Instrumental Variable Estimation (IV)

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An instrumental variable helps to identify causal impacts of an intervention when
participation is partially determined by beneficiaries. Instrumental variables must be correlated with participation or enrollment in the intervention, and exogenous to the outcome variable(s) (except through participation). IV estimation may also include methods such as the Heckman two-step procedure, 2SLS, LIML, etc. where an appropriate exogenous instrumental variable is used to control for possible self-selection bias.

- If an appropriate instrumental variable is used which is exogenously generated (for example, due to a "natural" experiment or random allocation), select “Yes”.
- If the exogeneity of the instrument is unclear or unconvincing, select “Unclear”.
- If the study did not use an appropriate instrumental variable estimation strategy, select “No”.

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- If the study uses a difference-in-differences multivariate estimation method, select “Yes”.
- If the study uses a fixed or random effects model with an interaction term between time and intervention to establish a trend between baseline and follow-up panel data, but do not explicitly mention “difference-in-differences”, select “Unclear”.
- If the study does not use a difference-in-differences estimation method, select “No”.

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## Methodology

**Structure of the summary:**

1. **In 1 or 2 paragraphs address the following questions**
   - a) What does the study propose to evaluate (include context/background to the study and a brief description of the intervention)?
   - b) What is the theory of change used in the study (if one is used)?
   - c) What is the basic evaluation design; what quantitative methods are used and how are bias, contamination, spillover and other issues addressed?
   - d) What are the relevant features of the sampling and data collection methods used?
   - e) Are there any innovative or unique aspects to the methodological design?

   **Word limit**: Max 260 words

2. **In 1 or 2 paragraphs address the following questions**
   - a) What are the main findings?
   - b) What are the actual estimates presented in the study and are they statistically significant? (I.e., always report the main finding using the actual numbers presented in the study)
   - c) Are there any important questions raised in the paper resulting
from the findings?

**d) What are the policy implications, if any, highlighted in the study?**

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Appendix 6: Approximate timeline for the IER Protocol

Ideally in a systematic review, the searching and screening of identified records follows the finalization of a search and screening protocol. However for wave 1 of the IER protocol, searching for records (phase 1) and screening and selection of records (phase 2) has taken place concurrently with the development of this protocol document.

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Project Completion Status:

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