



**International Initiative for Impact evaluation**  
*Improving lives through impact evaluation*

**3ie Quality Assurance Services**

3ie supports the production of quality impact evaluation by providing quality assurance services to other agencies contracting their own studies. Agencies may choose to either

- Contract 3ie to manage the design and implementation of a study or program of studies
- Request specific services from 3ie for related to the management and peer review of studies being managed by the agency or a third party

Quality assurance is provided both by 3ie's own in-house team of technical experts ([http://www.3ieimpact.org/3ie\\_staff.htm](http://www.3ieimpact.org/3ie_staff.htm)) and by external experts contracted by 3ie. Where external experts are used, their written comments are mediated by 3ie to guarantee the quality of the quality assurance.

**Management of impact evaluation(s)**

3ie can be contracted to manage either an individual impact study or a program of studies under a 3ie thematic window. The study will be managed using 3ie's well established and widely respected grant management system. Studies will be subject to the same peer-review based quality procedures which 3ie adopts for the studies it finances.

The contracting agency will be consulted on the request for proposals (RFP), and comments on the various outputs. The fee is a percentage of the study cost (Table 1). Management of a program of studies includes additional services, such as assistance in focusing the initial RFP and a program website (as part of 3ie's website).

**Table 1 3ie charges for management of impact studies**

	Members	Non-members
For individual study	10%	15%
For program of studies (thematic window)	15%	20%

**Specific services**

An agency can request specific services from 3ie to assist in the agency's own management of the study. Fees are shown in Table 2. The fee for other services not shown is available on request (email [3ie@3ieimpact.org](mailto:3ie@3ieimpact.org)).

**Table 2 Fees for 3ie quality assurance services (US\$)**

		Members	Non- members
Identifying study teams	Suggested IE experts for planned study	Free*	Advised to consult expert roster, but can come back to us if unable to identify suitable expert
	Approach experts on behalf of commissioning agency	Free*	Not available
Review TOR	3ie internal review only	Free*	Not available
	3ie internal review + 2 externals	1500	2,500
Review of evaluation design concept note / protocol	3ie internal review only	Free*	Not available
	Consolidated written comments plus individual comments from 2 internal + 2 external reviewers	2,500	3,500
	Consolidated written comments plus individual comments from 2 internal + 2 external reviewers plus participation in virtual conference	3,500	4,500
	Consolidated written comments plus individual comments from 2 internal + 2 external reviewers plus participation in meeting / workshop	7,000 + expenses	8,000 + expenses
Review of draft report	Consolidated written comments plus individual comments from 2 internal + 2 external reviewers	4,500	6,500
	Consolidated written comments plus individual comments from 2 internal + 2 external reviewers plus participation in virtual conference	5,500	7,500
	Consolidated written comments plus individual comments from 2 internal + 2 external reviewers plus participation in meeting / workshop	9,000	11,000
Data services	Replication of analysis from cleaned data set	5,000	7,500
	Archiving study data on 3ie website (includes support to study team in preparing documentation)	Free*	2,000

Note: \* Members are entitled to free quality assurance not exceeding five days of 3ie staff time per annum