



Quarterly Report January – March 2018

Evidence uptake and use from 3ie-funded studies

3ie-supported systematic review informs DFID's research agenda for the new Disabilities Inclusive Development Programme



A 3ie-supported [systematic review](#) on community-based rehabilitation has informed the research component for its new [Disabilities Inclusive Development Programme](#). DFID cited it in determining the scope of its research programme and priority research areas. DFID has also recommended researchers to review the sampling and methods used in this review to inform their research designs.

3ie turns 10!



2018 is a very special year, as it marks 3ie's tenth anniversary. We thank all of you for your support and partnership over the past decade. Evidence matters now more than ever. We remain firmly committed to the generation and use of robust, high-quality evidence for decision-making in international development. To help ensure that no one is left behind as we head toward 2030, we are intensifying our efforts to produce and advocate for more and better evidence that helps address the needs of vulnerable and marginalised people and promote equality.

We are hosting a series of events in New Delhi, London and Washington, DC between April and November. Updates about all these events will be posted on our website and promoted through our newsletters.

New 3ie publications

Impact evaluation briefs: [Does information on agricultural technology encourage adoption?](#) and [A low-cost patient appointment and tracking system for ART at reproductive and child health clinics in Tanzania](#)

Impact evaluation reports: [Age at marriage, women's education, and mother and child outcomes in Bangladesh](#), [Impact evaluation of the conditional cash transfer program for secondary school attendance in Macedonia](#), [How should Tanzania use its natural gas? Citizens' views from a nationwide Deliberative Poll](#), [Poverty and empowerment impacts of the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project in India](#) and [The impact of adopting risk-reducing, drought-tolerant rice in India](#)

Learning brief: [Managing and implementing impact evaluations: lessons from 3ie agricultural innovation grants](#)

Replication brief: *Replicating influential HIV impact studies: lessons learned and next steps*

Replication paper series: *Cash transfers and HIV/HSV-2 prevalence: a replication of a cluster randomized trial in Malawi*, *Stretching HIV treatment: A replication study of task shifting in South Africa*, *When to start ART? A replication study of timing of antiretroviral therapy for HIV-1-associated Tuberculosis*, *PEPFAR and adult mortality: a replication study of HIV development assistance effects in Sub-Saharan African countries* and *Preventing HIV and HSV-2 through improving knowledge and attitudes: a replication study of a multicomponent intervention in Zimbabwe*

Systematic review brief: *Using a life-cycle approach to target WASH policies and programmes in South Asia and Sub Saharan Africa*

Working paper brief: *Does community-driven development build social cohesion or infrastructure?*

Working paper series: *Evaluating advocacy: an exploration of evidence and tools to understand what works and why*, *Community-driven development: does it build social cohesion or infrastructure? A mixed-method evidence synthesis* and *Synthesis of impact evaluations of the World Food Programme's nutrition interventions in humanitarian settings in the Sahel*

3ie-funded studies and 3ie publications in peer-reviewed publications

Please click [here](#) to access the list of all the 3ie-funded studies and 3ie-produced publications appearing in peer-reviewed publications that we have updated through the end of March.

Launch of the 3ie synthesis report on community-driven development



[Click on the summary video to know more](#)

We launched our [new working paper on community-driven development\(CDD\)](#) with presentations by the authors, Radhika Menon (3ie) and Howard White (Campbell Collaboration) at USAID, the World Bank and the Millennium Challenge Corporation in Washington, DC. The evidence synthesis study focusses on how CDD programmes have evolved over the years and what their impact has been (read the report [here](#) and the brief [here](#)). The study finds that CDD programmes have little or no impact on

social cohesion and governance. The assumption that the entire community participates in a programme is not valid. It also finds that although CDD programmes have included measures to improve the participation of marginalised populations, there is no evidence regarding the impact of such measures. The events in Washington, DC gave us an opportunity to engage with people who had worked on some of the community-driven development or reconstruction programmes included in the evidence synthesis, which added valuable perspectives. To access the summary of this working paper, please click [here](#).

3ie co-sponsored EvalFest 2018: a national conference on evaluation, 7-9 February, New Delhi

Joining forces with a number of key evaluation supporters in India, 3ie co-sponsored the first national conference aimed at bolstering the culture of evaluation in India. More than 200 participants attended the three-day event, including significant participation from state government officials for the first time, implementing partners, donors and other evaluation stakeholders. Manny Jimenez gave a keynote speech on the 'value' of evaluation, emphasising how the aim should be to seek truth and contribute to a just society. He also stressed the importance of ethics in evaluation and spoke about the need to place the interests of communities at the forefront, as opposed to principal investigators or evaluation commissioners. 3ie-led sessions on promoting effective stakeholder engagement, innovations in evaluations and our participation in a workshop on strengthening research and evaluation ethics were very well attended. To read more about highlights from 3ie's sessions and see the full list of co-organisers, click [here](#).

3ie events

3ie Delhi seminars

- [Transforming women's lives: lessons from the impact assessment of the *Shaurya Dal* programme](#), 8 March 2018
- [Evaluations and evidence synthesis for social programmes](#), 30 January 2018

3ie-LIDC London seminars

- [Where next for evaluations of water and sanitation interventions in L&MIC cities?](#), 14 March 2018
- [The impact of finance on the welfare of smallholder farmers in Ghana](#), 7 February 2018
- [Child marriage and Infant mortality: causal evidence from the Ethiopian Child Marriage Ban](#), 24 January 2018

3ie evidence programme grant award updates

Agricultural risk insurance: 3ie awarded six impact evaluation grants in this quarter:

- Montana State University, 'Insuring farmers through credit: linking smallholders to financial markets with bundled products';
- International Food Policy Research Institute, 'Uptake and evaluation of innovative insurance embedded credit for promoting resilience and livelihoods for smallholder maize and wheat farmers in Kenya';
- International Food Policy Research Institute, 'Picture-based crop insurance: a randomised controlled trial evaluating the impacts of using smartphone camera data for claims verification in India';
- Université Gaston Berger, 'Bundling weather-index based insurance with loans in Senegal: an evaluation of impacts on insurance take-up and farmers' well-being';
- Innovations for Poverty Action, 'Enhancing access to index-based weather agricultural insurance in Burkina Faso – a new marketing approach'; and
- International Livestock Research Institute, 'Creating informed demand and impacts through innovative and cost-effective extension'.

Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations, Impact Evaluation Repository, Systematic Reviews Repository and Expert Roster

The [Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations](#) had 135 registrations at the end of the first quarter. The [Impact Evaluation Repository](#) currently hosts 4,699 records. The [Systematic Review Repository](#) has 677 records. There are 547 experts in the Expert [Roster](#).

Bursaries

3ie awarded two bursaries in this quarter. One bursary was awarded to a Colombian national to attend the EGAP 22 meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. He participated in the poverty and inequality working group and a session on integrating qualitative analysis into impact evaluations and adaptive design methods. The second bursary was awarded to a Nigerian national to participate in an impact evaluation short course at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK. He learned about current quantitative, as well as qualitative, evaluation techniques for impact evaluation. Both the recipients gained a critical understanding of design and assessment of public policy and development interventions.

Membership

[Global Affairs Canada](#) and the [Queen Rania Foundation for Education and Development](#) are the latest members to join 3ie.

New funding

- We signed a consultancy agreement for US\$15,000 with the Norwegian Institute of Public Health to provide educational services in connection with the activities of the International Development Coordinating Group, in particular related to the group's systematic review projects. The project period is from 1 January to 31 October 2018.
- We have been awarded a contract to provide methodological guidance and support to a George Washington University team working on an evidence gap map on health systems. The map is part of a larger priority setting exercise funded by the Gates Foundation. The total value of the contract is US\$20,000.
- Metrics Work Consultants Inc. issued a service agreement for US\$4,876 to fund scoping work for the impact evaluation of the [Reading Caravan Project](#).
- DFID increased funding for the Uganda Policy Window by £600,435 and extended the end date to 31 March 2019. The total amount of funding for the window now stands at £1,585,638.

3ie finance update

As of 31 March 2018, 3ie's assets stood at US\$61.08 million, including US\$35.93 million held in bank accounts, US\$24.87 million as grants receivable, i.e. undisbursed balances in signed grant agreements, US\$0.28 million in other receivables, fixed assets and deposits and the accrued liabilities for expense and grants payables at US\$1.13 million. Total expenses in the quarter were US\$4.67 million, of which US\$2.99 million were grant expenses.