



Quarterly Report July - September 2018

Evidence uptake and use from 3ie-funded studies

3ie-supported impact evaluation of a cash transfer programme in Ghana informs the design of the programme and contributes to scale-up



Ghana's Livelihoods Empowerment against Poverty (LEAP) programme provides cash and health insurance to extremely poor households that have at least one of these household members: an orphan or vulnerable child, someone who is elderly and poor, or members unable to work due to disability. The study showed positive effects on savings, debt repayments and reduced loan holdings, particularly among female-headed households. The findings

also indicate that the programme increased school enrolment and attendance and strengthened social networks.

In 2014, World Bank increased its funding support for all safety net programmes in Ghana, including LEAP. They cited the positive impacts of the LEAP programme from [the 3ie-supported impact evaluation](#) as contributing to this decision. Other contributing factors included UNICEF's advocacy and engagement with key stakeholders about the positive findings from the evaluation. These efforts complemented effective and ongoing engagement by the team, which 3ie requires and supports through the Stakeholder Engagement and Evidence Use Plan that the team implemented throughout the study.

New 3ie publications

Impact evaluation reports: *Improving midday meal delivery and encouraging micronutrient fortification among children in India, Impact evaluation of WFP's programmes targeting moderate acute malnutrition in humanitarian situations in Chad, Impact evaluation of the World Food Programme's moderate acute malnutrition treatment and prevention programmes in Sudan and Impact evaluation of the World Food Programme's interventions to treat malnutrition in Niger.*

Evidence gap map brief: *Mapping the evidence on WASH promotion in communities, schools and health facilities.*

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 publications appearing in peer-reviewed publications as of 30 September.

3ie @ recent events

Asian Evaluation Week 2018: 3ie's Manny Jimenez participated in a series of discussions at this



event, co-sponsored by the Chinese Finance Ministry and 3ie member, the Asian Development Bank's Independent Evaluation Department in Chengdu, China. The event, making evaluation work at the country level, had participants from 49 countries. Jimenez participated in a panel on impact evaluation how it purports to inform policymakers, along with representatives from the Asian Development Bank and the Green Climate Fund. The 3ie-

sponsored sessions highlighted the work of our grantees in China and the Philippines. He also moderated a session on integrating evidence from impact evaluations into country programmes, which featured two case studies on education-related interventions. The event helped participants recognise that evaluation is crucial for effective public policy, both from accountability and learning perspectives.

EvalColombo 2018: Manny Jimenez also participated in an event co-sponsored by the Sri Lanka Evaluation Association, EvalPartners, the Sri Lankan government and the Global Parliamentarians' Forum for Evaluation, 17-18 September. He moderated a well-received panel on national evaluation policies for evidence-informed policymaking. The panellists included Ziad Moussa, chair of EvalPartners; Andrea Cook, WFP evaluation director; and Ian Goldman, 3ie board commissioner. Participants included parliamentarians, evaluators and policymakers from the region and around the world and the event received considerable [local media coverage](#).



Evidence 2018: 3ie co-sponsored the [Evidence 2018 conference](#) (the premier biennial regional conference focused on improving evidence-informed decision-making) held in South Africa. We led sessions describing efforts to strengthen evidence use in Uganda, challenges of and barriers to improving the gender and equity responsiveness of research and evaluation, and measuring evidence use. With the Africa Evidence Network, the main conference organiser, we co-

hosted a workshop on overcoming post-colonial barriers to networking between Franco- and Anglophone Africa, and another one continuing our regional dialogue on improving evidence production and use capacity development in Africa. Click [here](#) for more details.

4th annual M&E conference, Philippines: 3ie's Radhika Menon presented findings from our [review of community driven development](#). The virtual presentation received positive feedback, with participants saying that it fostered a new perspective on expected outcomes of these programmes. The conference was organised by the Philippine's Department of Social Welfare and Development.



Promoting filtered water delivery in rural Bihar: Drew Cameron, former 3ie staff member and now PhD candidate at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, presented at the Delhi Seminar held on 14 August. He spoke about an ongoing evaluation that tests the impact of a combination of subsidies and health messaging to promote a novel potable water delivery service on the uptake and continued use of safe water among poor households. AK Madhavan, chief executive of WaterAid India, was the main discussant. Watch a video of the presentation [here](#).

Developing capacity to generate and use evaluation evidence in West Africa: 3ie staff participated in a three-day event, Benin Evaluation Days, and delivered capacity development workshops for stakeholders of our [West Africa Capacity-building and Impact Evaluation Program](#). 3ie's Sara Pacqué-Margolis gave the keynote speech on Benin's leading role in institutionalising a culture of evaluation in the region and participated in a panel on promoting evidence use through international cooperation. 3ie staff also hosted a session on the goals of the programme, clarified roles of country focal points and emphasised the importance of collaboration among regional actors. They also conducted capacity development workshops on understanding and using impact evaluations, and how to engage ministers on the programme.

3ie blogs

How qual improves quant in impact evaluations: Manny Jimenez shares findings of a recent paper that uses a rigour assessment tool to come up with the characteristics of well-integrated, mixed-method impact evaluations. These studies highlight how 'methodological tribes' can resolve their differences in mutually productive ways.

3ie's Agricultural Risk Insurance Evidence Programme: a structured approach to impact evaluations: Zeba Siddiqui explains how our structured approach to supporting impact evaluations can help make evaluations more useful and cost-efficient. Using examples from this programme, she explains how funding formative research has helped make decisions on the need for and feasibility of conducting full impact evaluations.

Too difficult, too disruptive and too slow? Innovative approaches to common challenges in conducting humanitarian impact evaluations: Tara Kaul and Samidha Malhotra discuss the challenges of implementing impact evaluations in humanitarian settings. They look at whether these evaluations contribute to increasing programme staff's workloads and whether they can be time-efficient in rapidly changing contexts. They make a case for producing and synthesising evidence, sharing best practices and programme designs in humanitarian contexts. This blog was also posted on the [IDR](#) website.

Not lost in translation: ethical research communication to inform decision-making: Kirthi Rao talks about how research findings can be communicated ethically and effectively. She draws on a recent study that employed FAQs to explain the results. Even though FAQs are not used that much as a research communication tool, it helped the researchers prevent misunderstanding about their complex findings while promoting interest at the same time.

Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations and the Impact Evaluation and Systematic Reviews Repositories

Registrations in the [Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations](#) increased from 137 to 155. Fifteen records were added to the [Impact Evaluation Repository](#), bringing the total to 4,718 records. The [Systematic Review Repository](#) holds 689 records.

Professional Services

Collaborating with local implementers to expand implementation research in nutrition

To improve implementation and scale up anaemia control programmes for women and children, 3ie and the Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition are collaborating with implementing

organisations in Uganda and Kenya. We are working with FHI Partners in Kenya on a [programme](#) that distributes fortified blended foods and ready-to-use therapeutic foods to address severe acute malnutrition. In Uganda, we are working with University Research Co, LLC on a [USAID programme](#) supporting efforts to improve regional health outcomes by increasing the use of high-quality healthcare services. The joint 3ie and Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition technical assistance programme is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Bursaries

3ie awarded twenty-seven bursaries in this quarter. Eight bursaries were for the Executive Education Programme organised by CLEAR South Asia in New Delhi; three bursaries for the Evidence to Action Conference organised by the International Center for Evaluation and Development in Nairobi; one bursary for the Education Evidence Summit organised by IPA and Ghana's Ministry of Education; four bursaries for the Development Evaluation Training Programme in Africa organised by CLEAR Anglophone Africa; two bursaries for the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation organised by EvalColombo; and nine bursaries for Evidence 2018 organised by the Africa Evidence Network, Pretoria.

Sixty-seven per cent of the bursary award recipients were from Sub-Saharan Africa, 30 per cent from South Asia, and 3 per cent from Latin America and the Caribbean. 3ie is committed to achieving gender balance in our selection process. We encourage qualified women to apply. During this quarter, 45 per cent of the bursary recipients were women.

Membership

Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mali joined this quarter.

New funding

- TechnoServe has increased funding by USD 120,800 under the professional services agreement for managing the impact evaluation of the [STRYDE 2.0 programme](#) in East Africa. The total funding received is USD 570,800.
- DFID increased funding for the Uganda Evidence Programme by GBP 52,736. The total amount now stands at GBP 2,238,809. These funds will enable us to assist the Office of Prime Minister to develop evaluation capacity and improve evidence uptake and use at the Ministry of Education and Sports and the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in 2018-19.

3ie finance update

As of 30 September 2018, 3ie's assets stood at USD 53.77 million, including USD 33.71 million held in bank accounts, USD 19.78 million as grants receivable, i.e. undisbursed balances in signed grant agreements, USD 0.28 million in other receivables, fixed assets and deposits and the accrued liabilities for expense and grants payables at USD 0.67 million. Total expenses in the quarter were USD 3.72 million, of which USD 1.96 million were grant expenses.