



Quarterly report January–March 2020

Evidence uptake and use from 3ie-funded studies



The International Labour Organisation has included a 3ie-funded [systematic review by Kluge and colleagues \(2017\)](#) as part of its online resource on [global evidence on youth employment](#). The review studied the impact of youth employment interventions on labour market outcomes for young people across 31 countries. The authors found that entrepreneurship promotion and skills training improved youth employment outcomes and Active Labour Market

Programmes were more impactful when they targeted young women and the most disadvantaged youth.

Findings of the review have also informed the World Bank's recent report [Moving Forward with Active Labour Market Programmes](#). The 2018 issue of the World Bank's Jobs Guide for its project teams, [Integration: A new approach to youth employment programmes](#), and its source document, [Integrated Youth Employment Programs](#), both reference the findings of the 3ie-supported review.

New 3ie publications

Impact evaluation brief: [Impacts of vouchers for households affected by displacement in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

Impact evaluation reports: [The 5 Star Toilet Campaign: improving toilet use in rural Gujarat](#); [Measuring impacts of conservation interventions on human well-being and the environment in Northern Cambodia](#); [The effects of vouchers for essential household items on child health, mental health, resilience and social cohesion among internally displaced persons in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#); [Impact of alternate wetting and drying on farm incomes and water savings in Bangladesh](#); [Access to safe drinking water: experimental evidence from new water sources in Bangladesh](#); [Evaluating the impacts of the Dar es Salaam Bus Rapid Transit System](#); [Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems \(CEMS\) in India](#); [Impacts, maintenance and sustainability of irrigation in Rwanda](#); [Community toilet use in Indian slums: willingness-to-pay and the role of informational and supply side constraints](#) and [Evaluating the impact of infrastructure development: case study of the Konkan Railway in India](#)

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

Please click [here](#) to access the list of all 3ie-funded studies and 3ie-produced publications published in peer-reviewed publications.

#2020Hindsight campaign: What works in international development



In response to the ongoing situation wherein emphasis has been on the relevance of washing hands to reduce the spread of COVID-19, our latest [blog](#) shares insights from one of our [systematic review's](#) on how promotional and community-based approaches can be effective in changing handwashing and sanitation behaviour. In this quarter, we focused on evidence from systemic reviews on education, employment and women's empowerment and published a number of blogs. To check out all the blog posts, you can visit the [campaign page](#) on our website.

3ie Development Evidence Portal is now live

The 3ie Development Evidence Portal is a continually updated and curated portal with high-quality evidence on the effectiveness of development interventions. We believe this is an important step towards building an evidence infrastructure that supports more and better use of evidence to inform decisions about policies and programmes designed to improve lives. Explore the portal [here](#).



[Watch the introductory video](#)

Upcoming event: 3ie's Virtual Evidence Weeks



3ie will be hosting a series of highly interactive online events from 7–28 May, as part of our new Virtual Evidence Weeks. These events are being organised in lieu of 3ie's in-person London Evidence Week Conference, which was cancelled due to the global pandemic.

We will be hosting one or two events a week on Zoom. In addition to a much needed discussion on the role and importance of evidence in the midst of this ongoing global health crisis, we also want to engage you in conversations about cost evidence, cost-benefit analysis and scaling up programmes. We have set up a [special conference site](#) where we will be sharing details of the agenda, list of speakers and information on how to register. We hope you can join us.

3ie @ recent events

3ie–IFAD workshop: Learning from IFAD Impact Assessments and 3ie's Agricultural Innovation Evidence Programme

In partnership with IFAD, we organised a [learning workshop](#) to share top-line findings from our the [3ie Agricultural Innovation Evidence Programme from 13–14 February in Rome](#). The event brought together researchers, practitioners and policymakers engaged in promoting agricultural innovation, with a particular focus on Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Participants shared lessons on designing and implementing rigorous impact evaluations of agricultural interventions in low-resource settings with a focus on stocktaking of the IFAD-supported studies of the 3ie's programme.

Learning from innovations in increasing immunisation

We hosted a grantee learning [workshop and a public conference](#) to share findings, insights and lessons from six formative and seven impact evaluations funded under [the Immunisation Evidence Programme](#) in New Delhi. Programme teams provided valuable insights on what worked and what did not in engaging community members, including caregivers, community leaders and health workers to improve child immunisation.

Evidence-informed policymaking for rural transformation: An exploration of the role of women's collectives and community participation

3ie, the World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and DFID, in partnership with India's rural development ministry [organised a strategically important conference](#) to learn from research evidence about the role of women's collectives and community institutions in fostering social change and bringing about local transformation. More than 300 people attended the two-day conference, including participants from national- and state-level rural livelihood missions, donors and implementing partners. We showcased top-level findings from our ongoing evaluation of the India's National Rural Livelihoods Mission in nine states and our work on farmer producer organisations.

A focused ethnographic study: investigating the barriers to antenatal care attendance to improve iron and folic acid supplementation in Kenya

3ie, the Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition, FHI360-Kenya and the Kenya Medical Research Institute organised a webinar on 26 February to discuss novel applications of focused ethnographic qualitative methods for understanding and addressing barriers within anaemia control delivery systems. Watch the full webinar [here](#).

Other events

3ie–CEDIL seminar | [Measuring the 'hard to measure' in development: Abstract, multi-dimensional concepts and processes](#), London, 4 March

3ie seminar | [Launch of 3ie's Development Evidence Portal: What is the state of evidence?](#) London, 24 February

3ie@global conference | [EvalFest 2020](#), New Delhi, 12–14 February

3ie–LIDC seminar | [Public good provision and deliberative democracy: evidence from Malawi](#), London, 29 January

Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations and the Development Evidence Portal

Registrations in the [Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations](#) increased from 190 to 194 in the last quarter. [3ie Development Evidence portal](#) has 3,774 impact evaluations, 730 systematic reviews and 18 evidence gap maps.

Bursaries

3ie awarded seven bursaries of which 43 per cent were given to women applicants. The bursary awards were provided for EvalFest held in New Delhi and EvalMENA 2020 conference in Jordan. The bursary recipients were from South Asia, Middle East and North Africa.

Membership

We renewed our memberships with the National Social Protection Agency of the Republic of

Maldives, the government agency that formulates social protection plans and policies.

We have renewed MoUs with the WACIE countries of Guinea-Bissau, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire and Niger. We have also updated the MoUs with Senegal and Burkina Faso with new Ministries that are more relevant to our current WACIE mission.

Partnership

3ie has entered a partnership with CLEAR Anglophone Africa and CLEAR Francophone Africa to initiate joint regional and sub-regional cooperation projects in the area of capacity building in impact evaluation. Both the organisations will work together to promote and develop M&E capacity; strengthen evaluation culture and improve the effectiveness of public policy in Africa. Together, we will be planning activities that include consulting support services, technical assistance and training for executives of public administrations and much more.

New funding

- The European Investment Bank has signed a contract for a systematic evidence review on climate change with 3ie for EUR 130,000 for the first phase.
- 3ie signed a consultancy agreement for USD 97,098 for completing an evidence gap map on digital health and artificial intelligence driven interventions in the health sector.
- German development agency (GIZ) has signed a contract with 3ie for EUR 201,790 for producing an evidence gap map on food systems and nutrition.
- 3ie signed the first phase of the contract for GBP 78,615 under the Strengthening the Use of Evidence for Development Impact (SEDI), a multiyear research work contract with Oxford Policy Management.

3ie finances

As of 31 March 2020, 3ie's assets stood at USD 50.98 million, including USD 35.71 million held in bank and investment accounts, USD 14.84 million as grants receivable, i.e. undisbursed balances in signed grant agreements, USD 0.43 million in other receivables, fixed assets and deposits, and the accrued liabilities for expense and grants payables at USD 2.00 million. Total expenses in the quarter were USD 3.11 million, of which USD 1.48 million were grant expenses.