CGIAR SYSTEM BOARD AND THE SYSTEM COUNCIL APPROVED THE NEW CGIAR EVALUATION FRAMEWORK AND REVISED CGIAR EVALUATION POLICY.

They apply to all parts of CGIAR: each legal entity and business unit that, taken together, constitute CGIAR as an operating entity: CGIAR System Organization, all CGIAR Centers, and all of the organizational business units under One CGIAR.

**EVALUATION** is a systematic and objective assessment of the design, implementation, and results of an ongoing or completed project, program, initiative, policy, or operational modality in CGIAR.

**EVALUATIONS PROVIDE:**

1. **Accountability and Communication**: account of the use of funds and related achievements. The account is conveyed via reporting and communication of findings.

2. **Learning**: support institutional learning and contribute to the ongoing improvement of the quality and effectiveness of CGIAR’s delivery of its mandate.

3. **Steering**: supply reliable findings that contribute to the evidence-based planning of AR4D objectives and underpin strategic and operational decision-making.

**LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT**

Successful implementation of the Framework and Policy relies on alignment of quality assurance across CGIAR (management, performance monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL)). This implies appropriate and adequately resourced MEL structures, systems, and culture, adaptively managed in response to the evolving needs of internal and external stakeholders.

**MANAGEMENT RESPONSE** (MR) to evaluations underpins evaluation quality, rigor, and credibility. MR is a formal mechanism to ensure use of evaluations to contribute to organizational effectiveness, learning, and accountability.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Quality Assurance facilitates compliance and enhances the quality, rigor, and credibility of an evaluation.

2. Mandated by the CGIAR System Council & its standing committee(s). Any concerns will be brought to the attention of the System Board.
POLICY STATEMENT
Evaluations assure effective and efficient research planning, decision-making, and management across CGIAR along the five policy pillars. Evaluations must consider all 15 standards and principles and 3 items of special consideration in AR4D.

ITEMS
- Use of ToC and theory-based approach
- Consideration of development impact
- Consideration of attribution and/or contribution

STANDARDS, PRINCIPLES AND QoR4D
- Relevance, use, and utility
- Independence and lack of bias
- Transparency
- Legitimacy and Participation
- Responsiveness to Gender, Diversity, Inclusion (GDI)
- Ethics and equity
- Evaluability
- Credibility and robustness
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- Measurability
- Mutual accountability
- Efficiency
- Comparative advantage
- Fairness, confidentiality, and no harm
- System-framing and complexity awareness
- Capacity building

EVALUATION CRITERIA REFLECT THE EVALUATION OBJECTIVE AND THE OVERALL CONTEXT.

For more information:
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