

Impact Assessment for Development Agencies Learning to Value Change

Chris Roche

This book represents a significant contribution to the on-going debate on how to assess the impact of development work. It will be of great value to practitioners all over the world who are grappling with the hard question of whether development work really makes a difference.

Ros David, Head of Impact Assessment, ActionAid

... a substantial contribution to our understanding of this elusive concept. This study will be of critical value to NGOs and bilateral agencies searching for this particular holy grail and should cause them to seriously re-appraise their institutional approach.

Peter Oakley, Research Director, INTRAC

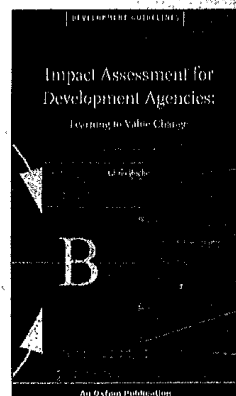
A thorough and eminently readable what, why, and how of impact assessment, which delves into often unexplored corners of the subject in a language both refreshing and practical.

Ben Rogaly, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia

This book considers the *process* of impact assessment and shows how and why it needs to be integrated into all stages of development programmes – from planning to evaluation. It discusses the design of impact-assessment processes and a range of tools and methods, before illustrating their use in development, in emergencies, and in advocacy work. It ends by exploring ways in which different organisations have attempted to institutionalise impact-assessment processes and the challenges they have faced in doing so.

In-depth case studies show a variety of approaches to impact assessment – qualitative, quantitative, and participatory – in a range of situations from large-scale integrated development programmes to projects involving only one community. These include impact studies undertaken by BRAC and PROSHIKA in Bangladesh, the evaluation of a post-conflict rehabilitation programme in El Salvador, a long-term study of the effectiveness of environmental projects in Zimbabwe, and a retrospective review of a neighbourhood project in the UK.

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Choosing Research Methods Data Collection for Development Workers

Brian Pratt and Peter Loizos

This book discusses the advantages and disadvantages of a variety of research methods, and explains how to decide on the best approaches to suit individual circumstances. Clear and accessible, the book covers such important issues as participation, constraints on research, the unit of analysis, the need to avoid bias, and choosing appropriate researchers. Illustrated with examples from the experience of Oxfam and other development organisations, the book demystifies research and explains how it can be incorporated into the development programme cycle.

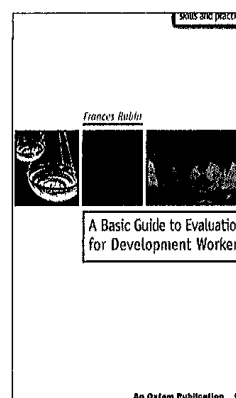
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A Basic Guide to Evaluation for Development Workers

Frances Rubin

This accessible handbook will help groups to plan for and carry out evaluations as an integral part of development activities. Easy to follow, it focuses on the principles underlying evaluation and deals clearly and simply with the issues to be considered at the planning stage. It then examines the steps involved in carrying out different types of evaluation, for specific purposes. The importance of involving local people in evaluations is emphasised throughout.

Oxfam Skills and Practice
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Social Survey Methods A Guide for Development Workers

Paul Nichols

A readable guide to selecting an appropriate and affordable research method, implementing the research, and communicating the results. Formal and non-formal survey methods are dealt with in detail, and there is helpful advice on statistical analysis of results, design of survey forms, and interview methods. Designed for those without a formal training in statistics, this will be a valuable aid for anyone with an interest in applied statistics for developing countries.

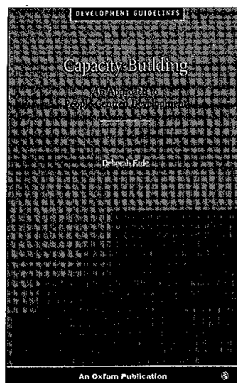
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Developing and Managing Community Water Supplies

Jan Davis and Gerry Garvey with Michael Wood

Based on direct field experience and using short case studies, this book discusses the issues and stages in the development of water supplies, from the initiation of a programme through to the community management of a supply system. The importance of involving all the members of a community in decisions about water provision is emphasised, as is the need to incorporate hygiene education from the outset.

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Capacity Building An Approach to People-Centred Development

Deborah Eade

'Should anyone ask me for an accessible, practical, and yet comprehensive introduction to the topic of capacity-building, I will immediately and unreservedly recommend this book. I believe this text should be drawn upon by all who earnestly seek to focus and enhance their efforts and abilities – at whatever level of development within which they are engaged.'

Paddy Reilly, Director, Development Studies Centre,
Dublin, Ireland.

'... makes highly interesting reading for all those involved in development co-operation. It challenges the reader and forces one to answer some pertinent questions. I recommend it.'

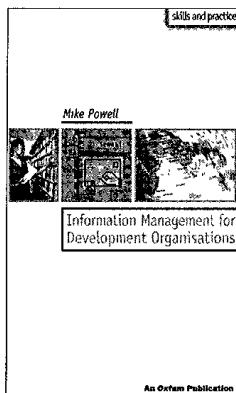
Wouter van der Schaaf, Development Co-operation

The prime purpose of Oxfam and similar development agencies is to assist poor men and women in changing their situation and exercising their right to participate in the development of their societies. However, aid agencies that ignore people's existing strengths may create dependency, and so make people more vulnerable than before. This book examines the concept of capacity-building and why it is such an integral part of development. It reviews the types of social organisation with which NGOs might consider working, and the provision of training in a variety of skills and activities, for the people involved and for their organisation. The particular importance of using a capacity-building approach in emergency situations is emphasised.

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Video for Development A Casebook from Vietnam

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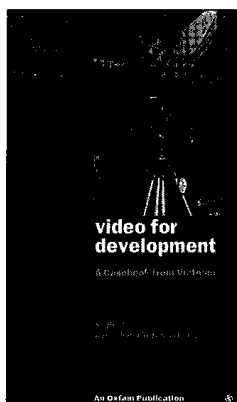
'This will be a most valuable text for practitioners and students in First and Third World contexts, in North and South alike – highly recommended.'

Community Development Journal

How can marginalised communities represent themselves directly to the authorities who control their lives? This casebook examines an experiment in Vietnam, where Su Braden trained a team of NGO workers from four countries in the participatory use of video for community development. This casebook gives an objective account of the workshop, showing how community-made video can be used locally for the purposes of conflict-resolution and advocacy, and internationally for fund-raising and staff training.

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Empowering Communities A Casebook from West Sudan

Peter Strachan with Chris Peters

'An exciting and informative account.'

Social Development Review

This book is an account of Oxfam's Kebkabiya project in the west of Sudan. The project began as an attempt to improve food security in the wake of a major famine, but over the years many other initiatives were introduced. Oxfam initially managed all the project activities, but responsibility for the project has been largely handed over to a community-based organisation. The account of the increasing involvement of the community, and the creation of democratic structures for managing the project, provides valuable insights into the way in which a participative approach to development can result in empowerment for communities.

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