

Progress Update DFID Management Response to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact recommendations on:

Evaluation of DFID's Support for Health and Education in India, March 2013

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		Action	Target Date	
<p>Recommendation 1: Beginning with its work in Bihar in education and health, DFID should clearly identify and monitor what are the particular benefits provided by UK aid in order to focus its activities where it adds most value.</p>	Accept	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> DFID India will use the Annual Review reporting format to capture more systematically the results of the knowledge it shares, policy it helps generate and relationships it develops in India. DFID India and the World Bank will commission a 10 year review of their engagement in basic education, assessing the particular results, strengths and weaknesses of development partners' funding, policy advocacy and technical support activities. DFID India will commission a value for money assessment of health sector support which will further examine the impact of our financial and technical assistance. 	<p>March 2013</p> <p>To report by September 2013</p> <p>March 2013</p>	<p>Complete Three annual reviews have been completed since the report. Contributions to policy and global evidence; research and evaluation; and engagement with partners are described in detail.</p> <p>Already Complete September 2012</p> <p>Complete A Value For Money assessment has been commissioned. The report's scope has expanded, with a robust evaluation methodology used.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 2: DFID should clarify its forward strategy in Bihar to enable delivery partners to plan sustainable programmes for the future.</p>	Accept	<p>4. A strategy to succeed the current Operational Plan (2011-15) will be announced in due course.</p>	March 2013	<p>Complete Ministers announced the transition of DFID's aid programme in India in November 2012. http://www.dfid.gov.uk/News/Latest-news/2012/India</p> <p>Revised Operational Plan produced http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Where-we-work/Asia-South/India/</p>
<p>Recommendation 3: DFID should increase even further the contribution it makes through technical assistance in India, which transfers skills and knowledge, because this is where it adds most value.</p>	Accept	<p>5. DFID India programmes in design under the Operational Plan emphasise the transfer of knowledge and know-how through technical assistance, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a collaboration with the UK Open University and Indian partners reaching 1 million teacher with improved learning materials • A pilot conditional cash transfer supporting 240,000 disadvantaged girls to go to secondary school in Odisha, 	<p>Progress review at stock take of Operational Plan in March 2013</p> <p>as above</p> <p>as above</p> <p>as above</p>	<p>Complete Operational Plan stock take complete.</p> <p>Already completed (September update) Project underway http://projects.dfid.gov.uk/project.aspx?Project=203480</p> <p>Already completed (September update) Project underway http://projects.dfid.gov.uk/project.aspx?Project=203480</p>

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		<p>offering a potential lessons for national action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Strategic Health Partnership with the national Ministry of Health, developing knowledge in such areas as public private partnerships and primary health care. • A new technical assistance project boosting NGO and government performance in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene emphasising community led approaches in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. • Expansion of support for investment climate reforms in Bihar. 	<p>as above</p> <p>as above</p>	<p>spx?Project=203217</p> <p>Complete Project design complete http://projects.dfid.gov.uk/project.aspx?Project=203224</p> <p>Already completed (September update) Design completed. http://projects.dfid.gov.uk/project.aspx?Project=202871</p> <p>On track Project design underway, emphasising agriculture reform and investment.</p>
<p>Recommendation 4: DFID's planned anti-corruption strategy should include strengthening ties with local law enforcement</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>6. The DFID anti- corruption and counter fraud strategy for India is in development and will be complete by November 2012. As part of this, we will renew risk assessments and mitigation</p>	<p>November 2012</p>	<p>Complete India anti-corruption strategy completed December 2012 (one month slippage on September update). Summary published January 2013</p>

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bodies and establishing a whistle-blower hotline.		<p>measures across the India portfolio.</p> <p>7. DFID India will advertise the current fraud hotline more widely through country office communication sites. DFID will enhance the profile of whistleblowing further and with more country context appropriate advertising.</p>	March 2013	<p>http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Documents/publications1/acs/anti-corruption-strategy-in.pdf</p> <p>On track A new dedicated 24 hour, confidential global Fraud hotline has been introduced. DFID India advertised the helpline to its top suppliers in India at a meeting in February 2013. As part of the UK National Fraud Initiative our country based Fraud Liaison Officers delivered fraud awareness sessions, focused around three key areas, Conflict of Interest, Bribery and Whistleblowing.</p>