

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

Evaluation of DFID's support for Health and Education in India, May 2012

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<p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>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>	<p>Accept</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DFID 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. 2. DFID and the World Bank will commission a 10 year review of their engagement in basic education in India, assessing the particular results, strengths and weaknesses of development partners' funding, policy advocacy and technical support activities. 3. DFID will commission a value for money assessment of health sector support in India which will further examine the impact of our financial and technical assistance. 	<p>March 2013</p> <p>March 2013</p> <p>March 2013</p>	<p>On track Three annual reviews will be available for ICAI's review by the target date.</p> <p>Complete: studies contracted 15 papers to be published by target date.</p> <p>On track Terms of reference are being developed; we are contracting during September 2012 to meet target date.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 2:</p> <p>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>On track</p> <p>Director Country Programmes informed IDC on 26 June 2012 that a successor strategy would be developed during early 2013. Talks took place with the Government of India in early September 2012.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3:</p> <p>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 programmes under design in India will 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, offering a potential lessons for national action. 	<p>Progress reviewed at stock take of Operational Plan (OP) March 2013</p> <p>Progress reviewed at OP stocktake of March 2013</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Project design complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Project design complete</p>

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		<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>Progress reviewed at OP stock take of March 2013</p> <p>Progress reviewed at OP stock take of March 2013</p> <p>Progress reviewed at OP stock take of March 2013</p>	<p>On track Project design underway</p> <p>Complete Project design complete</p> <p>On track Project design underway</p>
<p>Recommendation 4: DFID's planned anti-corruption strategy should include strengthening ties with local law enforcement bodies and establishing a whistle-blower hotline.</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 measures across the India portfolio.</p>	<p>Nov 2012</p>	<p>On track Risk assessment of programmes complete and strategy to be finalised during October.</p>

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		<p>7. DFID in 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>	<p>March 2013</p>	<p>On track DFID's global Fraud hotline will be made more widely accessible.</p>