Your chance to have an evaluation discussed in the next Australian Aid Evaluation Forum

By Terence Wood

Does your organisation have an evaluation it would like discussed in a constructive, public forum involving aid and evaluation experts?

Devpolicy and DFAT’s Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) co-organise a twice-yearly forum on aid evaluations. In the past, these events have focused on ODE Aid Program evaluations. But in April we included this evaluation of an
Australian Doctors International PNG remote health delivery project. That worked well, and we are now opening up the event on a regular basis not only to all parts of DFAT but to NGOs and contractors as well.

Our Australian Aid Evaluation Fora run for three hours and are held twice a year at the ANU in Canberra. Two or three evaluations are covered in each. The discussion of each evaluation involves a presentation from the evaluator, followed by a presentation from a person involved in running the aid activity that was evaluated. Then, a third presentation is given by a discussant with aid evaluation expertise.

The Fora are constructive, and the intent is to share lessons from evaluations and knowledge about the conduct of evaluations.

So, do you have an evaluation you are proud of? Do you want to show the rest of the aid community that your organisation believes in good evaluation? Would you like an evaluation from your organisation to be part of the next Australian Aid Evaluation Forum?

The next Forum will be held on Wednesday 9 August 2017.

If you are interested please email a provisional expression of interest to Terence Wood (terence.wood@anu.edu.au) and Camilla Burkot (camilla.burkot@anu.edu.au) before 31 May. Please do the same if you have any questions. (Please email both of us as Terence will be on leave some of this time.)

We have some funding to assist in bringing participants from other parts of Australia to Canberra.

If you would like to listen to some examples of presentations from a previous forum please click here.
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