



Welcome...

...to the Itad Summer 2015 Newsletter

It's been another extremely busy six months for us at Itad! We have continued to grow in terms of both the breadth and depth of work that we are involved in and the size of the team here in Brighton (we now occupy a complete north facing 'terrace' of English Business Park!), and we have welcomed 8 new recruits. We are also delighted with the appointment of two Associate Directors, Rob Lloyd and Robbie Gregorowski. More information on these appointments are featured below.

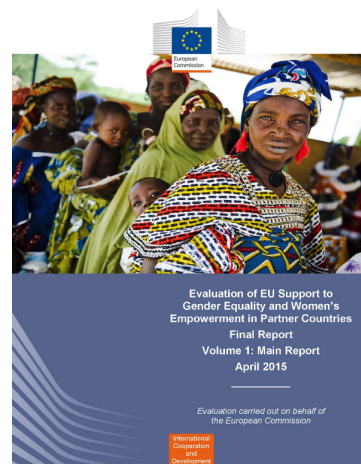
We have completed some fascinating projects over the last 6 months, including the evaluation of the EU's Support to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Partner Countries – the findings of which were presented in Brussels in May. We published the synthesis report of our Evaluation of the Strategy for Danish Humanitarian Action and the formative phase report of our evaluation of the Humanitarian Innovation And Evidence Programme. You can find these, and our other recent reports, in the sidebar of this newsletter.

We have started some great new work including supporting an evaluation of the [Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund](#), the [Real Time Evaluation of Danida Country Programme for Kenya](#), undertaking the [Global Fund's 2015 Strategic Review](#), and the monitoring and evaluation of the DFID funded [Addressing Violence against Women and Girls through Sport Programme](#) implemented by the British Council and the Premier League. For updates on all of our projects, please do visit our website.



Evaluation of the Strategy for Danish Humanitarian Action 2010-2015: Synthesis Report

- Read the [Report](#)



Final Evaluation Report on EU Support to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Partner Countries

- Read the [Report](#)
- Read the [Blog](#)

It's also been quite an active time for us in terms of engaging with the sector and profiling our expertise and insights to help improve results in development. We had a strong presence at the UK evaluation Society conference and it has been a really exciting period for the Centre for Development Impact (CDI) which we manage with IDS and UEA. There are updates on both of these below. We have had a big push in engaging with social media over the last 6 months with a burgeoning series of blogs and other engagement products on our website – these are featured throughout the newsletter.

As we write, it looks like summer is now finally here in Brighton... The sun is out over the car park outside the office, the work - as always - continues to ramp up and there are [beach volley ball tournaments](#) to take part in...

On behalf of all of us at Itad we wish you a great and relaxing summer and we look forward to continue working with you for results in development over the next 6 months!



New Associate Directors

We are pleased to announce that [Robbie Gregorowski](#) and [Rob Lloyd](#) have become Itad Associate Directors.

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CDI Update



Results in development

Evaluation of the Humanitarian Innovation And Evidence Programme (HIEP): Formative Phase Report

- Read the [Report](#)
- Read the [Blog](#)



Mid-Term Review – Ethiopian Civil Society Support Programme

- Read the [Review](#)

The Centre for Development Impact has been very active over the last 6 months.

Events we've held include '[Right or Wrong? What values inform modern impact evaluation?](#)' and '[3D Impact Analysis: A New Tool to Approach Impact Evaluations](#)' - for more information on all CDI events see [here](#).

We have also published the latest series of CDI Practice Papers, including:

- [Improving Quality: Current Evidence on What Affects the Quality of Commissioned Evaluations](#)
- [Straws-in-the-wind. Hoops and Smoking Guns: What can Process Tracing Offer to Impact Evaluation?](#)
- [Tax Experiments in Developing Countries: A Critical Review and Reflections on Feasibility](#)
- [Improving the Practice of Value for Money Assessment](#)

We also have a growing back catalogue including on: "[Evaluating outside the box](#)", "[Assessing impact in complex environments](#)", "[When N=1](#)" and on "[Natural experiments](#)".

And lastly, CDI is hosting an event as part of the International Year of Evaluation - '[New Frontiers for Evaluation in an Era of Market-Oriented Development](#)' - to explore the role of evaluators in assessing the impact of resource flows that go beyond traditional aid relationships.

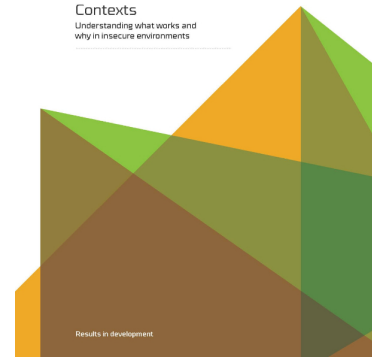


Nepal Earthquake

We were very saddened by news of the major earthquakes that struck Nepal in April. Itad is managing the monitoring, evaluation and learning component of DFID's Rural Access Programme in Nepal and has a team of consultants stationed



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Fragile & Conflict-Affected Contexts – Understanding what works and why in insecure environments

- Read the [Brochure](#)



Making Results Systems Work

Rob Lloyd has written a series of blogs on 'Making Results Systems Work', drawing on key lessons coming out of the work of the Organisational Effectiveness theme.

Part 1 - [Comparing the Results Measurement Systems of Development Agencies](#)

Part 2 - [A Framework for thinking about Leadership on Results](#)

Part 3 - [What Drives Evaluation Quality?](#)

in Kathmandu and districts in the mid and far west of the country. Fortunately, all of our colleagues are safe, although the earthquake has had a significant impact on their lives, with schools in Kathmandu closed, and the office in which our team leader is based, at the Department of Local Infrastructure Development and Agricultural Roads (DoLIDAR), suffering significant structural damage.

Our team has managed the situation brilliantly and our work on the project has continued with minimal interruption following the earthquake. Itad has supported the international community's response to the earthquake through a donation to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal of the Disasters and Emergency Committee.



Itad at UKES

This year, Itad was well represented at the 2015 UK Evaluation Society conference, centred around the theme of 'innovation, inclusion and impact'. Julian Barr co-presented with DFID on their joint work on approaches to valuing evaluations, while Mel Punton presented on the potentials and pitfalls of Process Tracing (a spin-off from the CDI Practice Paper above). Kathi Welle took part in a panel session on QCA, and a chat show on challenges and opportunities for verifiers and evaluators in results based finance programmes, particularly our [WASH MVE Project](#).

We used the hashtag [#ItadAtUKES](#) throughout our 2 days at the conference - have a look to find out more of what we got up to.



We have had a number of interesting blogs published over the last 6 months, including:

- [Improving Evidence Use in Government Decision-Making](#)
 - [Seminar on the challenges of measurement in conflict-affected contexts at PRDU](#)
 - [Careers in Evaluation and Consulting](#)
 - [International Women's Day and Measuring Social Norms](#)
 - [Monitoring and Evaluating Flexible and Adaptive Programming](#)
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New Recruits

Since November, we have welcomed 8 new recruits to Itad:

[Vishal Gadhavi](#), [Julia Hamaus](#), [Giada Tu Thanh](#), [Fabiola Lopez-Gomez](#) and [Dave Wilson](#) have all joined us as Consultants.

[Roxanna Foster](#), [Rosalind Welton](#) and [Grace Elliott](#) have joined Business Support Services as Accounts Assistant, Project Administrator and Administration Assistant respectively.



We have recently opened up a new space on the top floor of Unit 10, English Business Park - as well as four new desks, it includes breakout and recreational spaces.



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