

CY 2023 ODA Portfolio Review

Evaluation Studies of Completed ODA-funded Projects in 2023

Title of the Study/Funding Source of Evaluated Program and Project	Evaluation Objectives	Results/Findings
Endline Study Report and Policy Study for the ConVERGE Project/ IFAD	The study aims to provide the analysis of the baseline and endline datasets and discuss the following key points: (a) results of the impact evaluation study; (b) result of the final process evaluation; and (c) recommendations for the Agrarian Reform Communities Cluster Development (ARCCD) Strategy	<p>The study revealed a significant 41 percent average treatment effect, affirming the project's Theory of Change in enhancing income for ARC cluster households through value chain interventions. While the process evaluation generally aligned with assumptions and impact pathways, some deviations and shortcomings were noted. Beneficiaries expressed satisfaction with ConVERGE but lacked a comprehensive understanding of its rationale.</p> <p>The clustering approach, which organizes small farmers into lead and participating ARB Organizations (ARBOs), was found to improve government support efficiency for organized groups. However, the study emphasized the need for additional capacity building for both lead and participating ARBOs (LARBOs and PARBOs) and recommended greater involvement of other government agencies to address issues such as value-adding technologies, food processing standards, credit accessibility, and market facilitation.</p>
Rapid Appraisal of Emerging Benefits (RAEB) for the PRDP/ World Bank	Consolidated results (as of October 15, 2023) from RAEB activities conducted between 2019 to 2023	<p>As reported in the RAEB, the project's results monitoring initiative, an average rise of 27 percent in real household income of beneficiaries was observed among the beneficiaries of the subprojects which may be attributed to PRDP's interventions complemented by other streams of income of the beneficiaries. However, some beneficiaries did not experience positive changes due to factors such as the onslaught of typhoons and other natural calamities, production-related issues such as unwanted pests and mortality related to infestation of diseases, and COVID-19 pandemic reasons.</p> <p>Beneficiaries provided with enterprise development subprojects, on the other</p>

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		<p>hand, exhibited a 51 percent increase in their average real income. Some beneficiaries shared that the interventions received from the project such as post-harvest machinery have helped them in reducing their costs in production and postharvest activities. Moreover, the marketing assistance and technical services provided enabled the beneficiaries to capitalize on market linkages and improve their operations thereby expanding their role in the value chain.</p> <p>A 119 percent increase in the value of the beneficiaries' annual marketed output has also achieved the end-of-project target. The interventions provided by the project provided big help to producers and traders who were able to sell their products faster and easier.</p> <p>The completed subprojects for both I-BUILD and I-REAP were able to reach 1,143,681 farmers with agricultural assets or services, of which 438,456 are female.</p>
Terminal Evaluation for the Forestland Management Project/ GOJ-JICA	<p>The terminal evaluation aims to: (a) assess and evaluate the overall performance of the FMP concerning physical targets, project outcomes, and impacts compared to the logical framework and Objectives and End-Effects, financial disbursement, results, and economic contributions of the Project; and (b) evaluate the overall project interventions using indicators of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability.</p>	<p>The overall rating of the project was 4.6, indicating an excellence overall performance of the project. The project received an excellent rating in all the evaluation parameters except for efficiency where the project received a <i>very satisfactory</i> rating which was primarily attributed to the delayed release of funds for the project which contributed in the timely completion of the project.</p>