Evidence informed policy making:

Evidence from DFID

Ed Barney
Evidence into Action
DFID
Three core responsibilities

- Generation
- Transmission
- Use
Generation

“I want to make sure that we invest in what works. Where we don’t know, I want to find out...I want to champion research and evidence to make sure that we are learning all we can, and we know that our approach is actually going to work.”

Justine Greening Oct 2012
Transmission

- Synthesis!
- Policy briefs!
- Influencing!
- Knowledge-sharing portals!
- Publications!
- Engagement with end users!
- Press releases!
Use and Value

• Skills and knowledge
• Systems
• Incentives
Wider environment

• All of this takes place within the ‘policy agora’

• ‘Evidence informed’ versus ‘evidence based’

What Works Review

• What does DFID senior management think about evidence use.................
Discussion

• Barriers

• Incentives
Further information available **online**

- Research Uptake Guidance & checklist

- Programmes funded by the EiA Team

- How to Note on Assessing the Strength of Evidence

- Open and Enhanced Access Policy

- Other information about DFID Research
  [https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/research](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/research)

- R4D (DFID research portal) [http://r4d.dfid.gov.uk/](http://r4d.dfid.gov.uk/)
i. RED Research Teams and SRFs

- Agriculture
- Education
- Climate & Env
- Human Dev
- Growth*
- Governance, Conflict
- Social Development

* Reports to Chief Economist

ii. Evidence & Evaluation

- Evidence into Action Team
- Evaluation
- Data 4 Development

iii. Professional Cadres

- 2 Chief Professional Officers (Human Dev and Climate and Env), Chief Statistician, Head of Evaluation and
- 5 HoPs
  - Health
  - Education
  - Livelihoods, Climate & Env
  - Infrastructure

- 2 Chief Professional Officers (Growth and Private Sector, Governance and Society) and
- 4 HoPs
  - Economists
  - Private Sector
  - Governance
  - Social Development