APPLICATION FORM FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT FUNDING

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This document is a guide to applying for funding for an impact study financed by PAIRES.

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PROJET NAME

Research Team

- IRD Researchers
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- Researchers in countries of Intervention/Southern Countries
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  - First name Last name, discipline, affiliation, email
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- Other researchers
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1. INTRODUCTION

Explain why the impact evaluation is being carried out. In the style of an abstract: briefly describe the system to be evaluated, the research questions, the broad outlines of the methodology (when, how, where), the state of the art and what you hope to contribute.

2. CONTEXT AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE AFD INTERVENTION / PROGRAMME TO BE EVALUATED

2.1. Context of the study
2.2. Intervention to be evaluated
Objectives of the intervention (the AFD project), geographical and temporal scope

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Review of existing impact evaluations in the sector/topic: what is known/what is not known

4. DESIGN OF THE EVALUATION

4.1 Purpose of the evaluation
What are the main questions that the impact evaluation seeks to answer?

4.2 Theory of change
Hypothesis ? Expected results ?

5. Purpose of the evaluation

5.1 Scientific relevance
5.2 Operational relevance
6. CAPACITY BUILDING

Describe how this evaluation can contribute to capacity building in impact evaluation/research in the country where the intervention takes place.

7. DATA COLLECTION

Or data sources if there is no data collection. Adapt this section according to the type of data

7.1 Definition of the target population, the control group and the treatment group
7.2 Sampling strategy and power calculations
7.3 Survey instrument
7.4 Data processing

8. EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS

Adapt this section to the proposed methodology.

8.1 Key performance indicators
8.2 Balancing controls / attrition
8.3 Estimation procedure

Identifying the causal effect of intervention: what methods?

8.4 Heterogeneous treatment effect
8.5 Procedure in case of problem in the data

Extreme points, missing data

8.6 Complementary analysis

Cost-benefit analysis, qualitative analysis, etc.
9. RISK AND LIMITATIONS

Threat to internal validity, mitigation strategy, uncertainties over access to data

Risks associated with the intervention (delay in setting up the project, political conflicts, etc.)

10. ETHICAL PROTOCOL AND HUMAN PROTECTION

Indicate that all service providers involved in the project must sign a declaration of integrity.

→ if a request for funding is granted, ask the IRD manager what steps need to be taken

11. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH TEAM MEMBER

Role: For example, principal investigators, research assistants, data collection officer, etc.

Responsibilities: for example, head of quantitative analysis, head of qualitative analysis, or division of responsibilities by research question (organisation of the team envisaged).

12. CALENDAR, ACTIVITY AND DELIVERABLES

12.1 Calendar, activity and deliverables

Intermediate and final deliverables: design, survey report, impact evaluation report, summary notes, blogs, presentations, AFD publication (policy brief, evaluation summary, methodological article, etc.), scientific article to be shared with AFD operational staff, database, training, etc.

Activities: add quarterly evaluation follow-up meetings with the AFD evaluation officer and annual meetings with the reference group.

12.2 Publication clause

Indicate that publications will note that the project was financed by AFD via
the PAIRES programme.

13. REQUESTED BUDGET AND POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL BUDGET

Add an Excel file to the request describing the budget, using the template "202306_Template budget request" (as detailed a form as possible). Be very specific about each budget line.

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