



Evidence for a Stronger Bank

The year 2021 was one of exceptional coordination between IDEV and the AfDB's staff and management. IDEV succeeded in delivering timely, high-quality, and influential evaluative knowledge in the form of evaluation reports, knowledge products, learning events, and evaluation capacity development initiatives. These served to inform the policies, strategies, and frameworks on the Bank's agenda.

2021 Evaluations overview

7 different types of products – total 13 products

- 4 **country strategy evaluations** for Angola, Gabon, Rwanda, and Uganda
- 1 **cluster evaluation** of AfDB road and port projects
- 1 **impact evaluation** of the Last Mile Connectivity energy Project in Kenya
- 2 **corporate evaluations** of the AfDB's Non-concessional Debt Accumulation Policy and its Results Measurement Framework
- 2 **thematic evaluations** of the Bank's Transition Support Facility and its Additionality and Development Outcomes Assessment (ADOA) Framework
- 1 **synthesis report** of the 2019 Project Completion Report validations
- 2 **Management Action Record System (MARS) reports** 2020 and 2021

Delivering evidence for better strategies, programs, and processes at the African Development Bank

IDEV has supported the Bank to make informed decisions in 2021 that will shape the post-COVID development of Africa.

Accountability and learning Informing the revision of the Additionality and Development Outcomes Assessment Framework, as part of AfDB commitments made in its 7th General Capital Increase, and the mid-term review of the Bank's Results Measurement Framework 2016-2025.

A new set of country strategies Providing findings, lessons and recommendations from evaluations of country strategies and programs helped the development of new Country Strategy Papers for Angola, Gabon, Rwanda and Uganda.

Improved operations Contribution to the design of energy projects, to the water sector policy and strategy, to the new climate change and green growth strategic framework, to the new fragility strategy, and the sovereign operations restructuring policy.

Financial and corporate management Informing the new policy to better manage trust funds, a framework for public-private partnerships, the new private sector development strategy, and the sustainable borrowing policy.



Building a culture of evaluation in 2021: Promoting knowledge sharing and learning

Producing and sharing knowledge

IDEV's range of knowledge products was maintained and showcased through the production of executive summaries, briefs, highlights, and lesson notes to accompany each evaluation report.

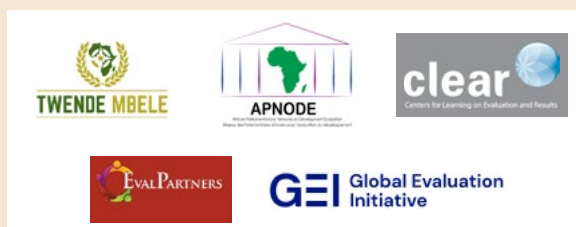
The 3 editions of IDEV's magazine eVALUation Matters in 2021 offer perspectives and insights on the themes of: **Civil Society in Evaluation**, **Evaluation in the Time of Corona**, and Learning from successes and failures in evaluation.

IDEV organized or participated in 7 knowledge events to capitalize on the findings, lessons and recommendations from its evaluations and to promote evidence use more broadly, including:

- | **Reinforcing the AfDB's Engagement in Fragile Situations.** In addition, an IDEV **animation** presenting the lessons from its Fragility Strategy Evaluation was shown at the Africa Resilience Forum from 28th to 30th September 2021.
- | **Fostering integrated solutions for sustainable development impact: Lessons from IDEV's evaluations**
- | **APNODE leads discussion on Role of African Parliamentarians in post COVID-19 Recovery**
- | **African Parliamentary Efforts to Fight Corruption: Insights from Gabon and Zimbabwe**
- | **Evidence for Development: IDEV at the "What Works Global Summit 2021"**

Partnerships and developing evaluation capacity

- | Support to external capacity development through continued hosting of the **APNODE (African Parliamentarians' Network on Development Evaluation) Secretariat**.
- | Continued support for the **Evaluation Platform for Regional African Development Institutions (EPRADI)** and **EvalPartners**.
- | Support to a **Twende Mbele** webinar on Evidence Use by Parliaments during COVID
- | In favor of evaluation capacity development in French speaking African countries, IDEV supported a **Regional Conference on Impact Evaluation in Francophone Africa**.
- | Contribution as speakers and discussants to the **Forum International Francophone de l'Evaluation 2021**
- | Contribution to a training initiative by the Ivorian 'Evaluation Lab' on **Evaluation in a crisis situation**.



Promoting our evaluations



Looking Ahead: A New Work Program For 2022-2024

- | In 2021, IDEV pursued an inclusive process to develop its new three-year **work program for 2022-2024**. Extensive consultations with stakeholders across and beyond the Bank ensured that the program of 36 evaluations responds to the needs of, and supports, the Bank over the coming three years. The program has been designed to focus more strongly on the utility and use of IDEV evaluations, on knowledge sharing and on engagement with stakeholders.

