



GREEN
CLIMATE
FUND

Independent
Evaluation
Unit

GCF INDEPENDENT EVALUATION UNIT

TRUSTED EVIDENCE.

INFORMED POLICIES.

HIGH IMPACT.

ABOUT US

The Independent Evaluation Unit (IEU)

ensures GCF is accountable and effective. It conducts independent evaluations of GCF's activities to guarantee its accountability, and synthesises learnings from these assessments to support GCF's effectiveness as a learning institution.

The IEU operates independently of the GCF Secretariat. Its Head is appointed by and reports directly to the Board.



OUR ROLE

The IEU was established by the GCF Board as an independent unit, to provide objective assessments of the results of the Fund, including its funded activities, its effectiveness, and its efficiency.

The IEU fulfils this mandate through four main activities:

Evaluation: Undertakes independent evaluations at different levels to inform GCF's strategic result areas and ensure its accountability.

Learning and communication: Ensures high-quality evidence and recommendations from independent evaluations are synthesised and incorporated into GCF's functioning and processes.

Advisory and capacity support: Advises the GCF Board and its stakeholders of lessons learnt from evaluations and high-quality evaluative evidence, and provides guidance and capacity support to implementing entities of the GCF and their evaluation offices.

Engagement: Engages with independent evaluation offices of accredited entities and other GCF stakeholders.

EVALUATIONS

The IEU undertakes various types of evaluations:

- Impact Evaluations
- Portfolio Evaluations
- Performance evaluations
- Thematic evaluations
- Country portfolio evaluations
- Programmatic and project evaluations

OVERALL CRITERIA USED IN IEU EVALUATIONS

1. Relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of projects and programmes;
2. Coherence in climate finance delivery with other multilateral entities;
3. Gender equity;
4. Country ownership of projects and programmes;
5. Innovativeness in result areas;
6. Replication and scalability;
7. Unexpected results, both positive and negative.

COLLABORATION

Interested in contributing to the IEU? Tell us who you are and what you are interested in. If you are:

A project planner/implementer/accredited entity:

- The IEU can help you plan for measuring changes in levels of resilience of beneficiaries.
- Advise you on your programme plan/project such that you also contribute to a paradigm shift.

A donor or a strategy adviser or a civil society organization. The IEU can:

- Help you measure the results of your investments.
- Help you design GCF programmes and portfolios that produce high-quality evidence.

A learning institution or someone who seeks evidence in the climate change area:

- Work with us to see how you can partner, get advice or contribute to a growing evidence base.
- Talk with us about building standards for evidence.

A possible partner of the IEU or a university that works in the climate change or evidence arena:

- Come join forces with us through partnership agreements, joint workshops, conferences etc.

A researcher or specialist on the climate change area:

- Come, engage with us on how you can use your skills for evaluations and related applied research.

An evaluator:

- The IEU is always looking for good evaluators to support its work. Contact us!

MANAGEMENT: JYOTSNA PURI



Dr Jyotsna Puri (Jo) is the Head of GCF's Independent Evaluation Unit. She has more than 22 years of experience in evaluation research in agriculture, environment, health and infrastructure related poverty alleviation policies. She is a well-recognized leader in using qualitative and quantitative methods in evaluation. Jo has worked in a variety of multilateral agencies such as the World Bank, UNDP, and UNEP. Before joining GCF she was Deputy Executive Director and Head of Evaluation at the International Initiative of Impact Evaluation (3ie). She is also Adjunct Associate Professor, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University, USA. Jo holds a Masters degree in development economics, and an MSc, as well as a PhD in Agriculture and Resource Economics. She has published widely on methods to assess environmental programmes.

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