IEU BRIEF

GCF PROJECTS:
Who benefits? How much? How? When? How do we know?

IEU's Learning Oriented Real-Time Impact Assessment (LORTA) programme

The Independent Evaluation Unit (IEU) will rollout the LORTA programme in 2018. It will be an exciting opportunity for projects and managers to manage their programmes in real time and measure their results and outcomes rigorously.

What is LORTA?

- LORTA embeds real-time evaluations into funded activities to provide GCF programme managers high-quality data on implemention and the likelihood of impact.
- LORTA builds state-of-the-art designs into approved GCF projects. These designs use theory-based counterfactuals (experimental and quasi-experimental designs) to measure the causal change attributable to GCF projects.
- LORTA builds capacity within projects and programmes to design high-quality datasets for measuring overall impact.
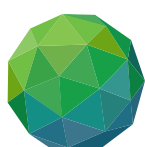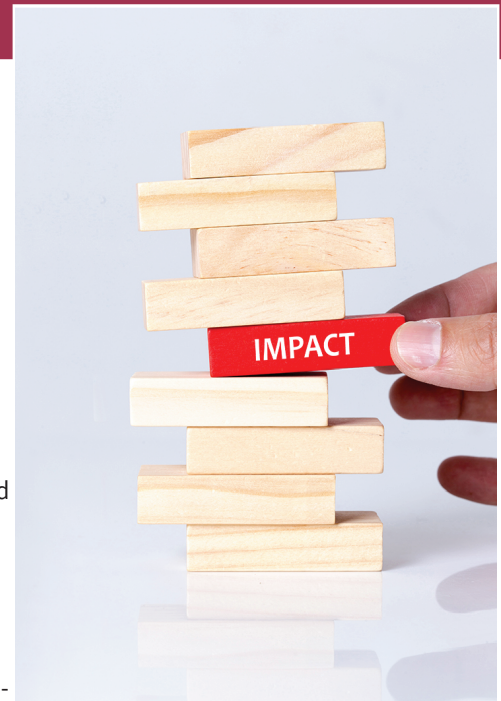
What will LORTA do?

- LORTA will measure the *attributable causal* change of GCF's investments. How much the change is *caused by GCF's investment*? *Who* benefitted? *How*?
- It will help inform programmes and projects in real-time of the likelihood of success and therefore helps entities and staff adapt quickly.

How will LORTA be implemented?

- LORTA is a multi-year programme. In the first year, IEU will support 4-6 GCF projects to build high-quality, theory-based impact evaluations at inception. This will include formative work, designs for theory-based impact evaluations and protocols for database development.
- Projects identified for participating in LORTA will be selected based on country engagement, project and government ownership, relevance and applicability, innovativeness, promise of capacity development and potential for achieving scale.

How can you get involved?

- If you are keen to learn more about LORTA and are keen to be involved, please write to **ieu@gcfund.org**.

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