



## Quarterly Report July – September 2015

### Evidence uptake and use from 3ie-funded studies

**Integrating successful pilots in other programmes in Ghana:** Adapted from BRAC's targeting the ultra-poor programme, Ghana's Graduation from Ultra Poverty (GUP) programme aims to improve the economic status of the very poor by enabling them to build businesses and making them self-sufficient. The 3ie-funded study looked at the impact of the GUP as part of a larger six-country evaluation. The programme, it was found, increased consumption, assets and savings amongst households that participated in the programme. There was an increase in basic entrepreneurial activities, which enabled the poor to work more evenly across the year. Unlike psychosocial well-being, these economic impacts were found to be long-lasting. Encouraged by the results, the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Protection in Ghana, the World Bank and UNICEF are interested in adding a graduation component and in testing the feasibility of scaling it up as part of the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme. Key collaborating partners are currently reviewing a draft note from Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) before it is presented to the Minister of Gender, Child and Social Protection in Ghana.

### Publications from 3ie-funded research

Daidone, S, Davis, B, Handa, S, Osei, R.D., Osei-Akoto, I and Park, M, 2015. [Social Networks and Risk Management in Ghana's Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty Programme](#), Innocenti Working Papers 2015-06 from 3ie-funded study titled [Livelihood empowerment against poverty program impact evaluation in Ghana](#)

A 3ie-supported replication study, [Reanalysis of health and educational impacts of a school-based deworming program in western Kenya Part 1 and 2: pure replication and alternative analyses](#) was published in the *International Journal of Epidemiology*. Both parts were published alongside an original author response, a replication researcher response, and a commentary on the systematic review approaches to this research area.

### New 3ie publications

**Evidence gap map reports:** [Youth and transferable skills: an evidence gap map](#)

**Impact evaluation report series:** [Can e-governance reduce capture of public programmes? Experimental evidence from India's employment guarantee scheme in Bihar](#); [Smallholder access to weather securities in India: demand and impact on production decisions](#)

**Replication paper series:** 3ie published two studies in the replication paper series during the third quarter of 2015. The first of these, [Walking on solid ground: a replication study on Piso Firme's impact](#) by María Pía Basurto, Ramiro Burga, José Luis Flor Toro and César Huaroto. The second study is [Male circumcision and HIV acquisition: reinvestigating the evidence from young men in Kisumu, Kenya](#), by 3ie evaluation specialist Eric Djimeu and co-authors Jeffrey Korte and Flor Calvo.

**Scoping paper series:** [The state of evidence on the impact of transferable skills programming on youth in low- and middle-income countries](#); [Engaging communities for increasing immunisation coverage: what do we know?](#)

**Systematic review series:** [What factors affect sustained adoption of safe water, hygiene and sanitation technologies?](#)

## New blogs

[Collaborating with communities to improve vaccine coverage: a strategy worth pursuing?](#); [Toward evidence-informed policies for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals](#); [Using evidence to rebuild lives](#); [Making WASH behaviour stick](#); [Tips on using impact evaluation to measure agency performance: applying the triple A principles](#)

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## Policy Window updates

**Policy Window 3, Education in Rwanda:** 3ie has awarded a proposal preparation grant to Laterite Ltd. to design an impact evaluation to measure the outcomes of a programme led by Ministry of Education, Government of Rwanda.

**Policy Window 3, Access to sustainable domestic fuel in Senegal:** 3ie has awarded a proposal preparation grant to Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung to design an impact evaluation for a programme to promote households' access to domestic fuel implemented by the Ministry of Energy, Government of Senegal.

**Philippines Policy Window:** 3ie has awarded a proposal preparation grant to the University of Mannheim for the impact evaluation of PAMANA, the Government of Philippines' peacebuilding programme. 3ie has also awarded an impact evaluation grant to Innovations for Poverty Action for the impact evaluation of the DOLE Special Program for the Employment of Students.

## Thematic Window updates

**Thematic Window 2, HIV Self-Testing:** 3ie held two matchmaking events for the HIV self-testing programme in August in Lusaka, Zambia (and in Kampala, Uganda). Representatives from implementing agencies and impact evaluation researchers participated in the two-day workshops, which were aimed at exploring the possibility of collaborating on impact evaluations proposals under this window. There were approximately 40 participants at each event, which included representatives from the ministry of health in each country.

**Thematic Window 4, Agricultural Innovations:** 3ie has awarded an impact evaluation grant to IFPRI for testing innovative models of extension in Cambodia's ASPIRE programme and another grant to the University of Sydney to undertake an impact evaluation of EAMDA's banana initiative to increase technology adoption by smallholder farmers in Kenya.

**Thematic Window 8, Transparency and Accountability:** 3ie has awarded five impact evaluation grants under the second funding round:

- Community monitoring of socio-environmental liabilities with advanced technologies in Ecuador and Peru: evidence from a randomised controlled trial using high-frequency data, awarded to the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University
- On the mechanics of the political resource curse: information and local elite behaviour in Mozambique, awarded to NOVAFRICA
- An impact assessment of stakeholder engagement interventions in Ugandan oil extractives, awarded to Business Community Synergies
- Harnessing transparency initiatives to improve India's environmental clearance process, awarded to the Institute for Financial Management and Research
- Behavioural responses to information on contaminated drinking water: randomised evidence from the Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon, awarded to International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University

**Thematic Window 11, Sanitation and hygiene:** In July, 3ie awarded proposal preparation grants to the University of Oklahoma.

**Thematic Window 12, Improving adolescents' lives in South Asia:** 3ie has awarded a proposal preparation grant to University of Mannheim.

## Systematic reviews

**Systematic Reviews, call 8:** We have successfully contracted three teams that will synthesise evidence in these areas:

- To what extent has the water supply, sanitation and hygiene sub-sector taken into account the life-cycle approach in the design, implementation, maintenance and use of programmes during the Millennium Development Goal period (2000-2015), awarded to the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India
- Behaviour change in sanitation and hygiene promotion programmes, awarded to the Belgium Red Cross
- What is the comparative efficiency and effectiveness of providing humanitarian non-food items in-kind distributions versus cash and vouchers in the immediate aftermath and recovery period following natural disasters and political instability, awarded to Kimetrica, Kenya

**Published systematic review protocols quality assured by IDCG:** [Interventions to improve maternal, new-born and reproductive health in crisis settings: a systematic review](#)

## Replication Window updates

3ie Evaluation Specialist Benjamin Wood presented a replication study he conducted under 3ie's in-house replication programme in a 3ie-organised and co-sponsored panel session at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (AAEA) in San Francisco. The session, Re-examining agricultural commercialisation in the developing world: the cash versus food production trade-off, was co-sponsored by the International Association of Agricultural Economists.

Benjamin Wood has written a [blog](#) on the importance of replication research in promoting more transparency in the social sciences.

## Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations (RIDIE)

Researchers registered five new studies in the third quarter of 2015, for a total of [67 studies](#) at the end of September 2015.

## 3ie Impact Evaluation Repository (IER)

Over the last quarter, we have added 105 new summaries for existing records in the IER. These summaries provide brief information about the methodology and main findings of published impact evaluations. The summaries of impact evaluations in the repository are written by 3ie's qualified team of technical consultants. The 3ie IER currently holds [2,662 impact evaluations](#).

## Bursaries update

We awarded a total of four bursaries to applicants from Latin America and the Caribbean between July and September to attend the MEASURE and Centro de Investigación en Evaluación y Encuestas at the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública course titled, Impact evaluation of population, health and nutrition programs. The course was held in Mexico in August.

## New funding and membership

3ie has received a grant of GBP 16.5 million from DFID – GBP 6 million is for core funds and GBP 3 million each for the upcoming Development Priorities Window and Policy Windows. GBP 4.5 million is for the upcoming Agricultural Risk Insurance Thematic Window. DFID has also provided 3ie an amount of GBP 500,000 for the Uganda Country Policy Window. IDRC has provided USD 2,200 for quality assurance of systematic reviews.

**New members:** Population Foundation of India; Ministry of Public Health, Government of Cameroon and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Government of the Philippines, became 3ie members in the third quarter of 2015.

## 3ie finance update

As of 30 September 2015, 3ie's assets stood at USD 105.57 million, comprising USD 38.45 million held in bank accounts, USD 66.64 million as grants receivable, i.e. undisbursed balances in signed grant agreements, USD 0.48 million in other receivables, fixed assets and deposits and the accrued liabilities for expense and grants payables at USD 0.64 million. Total expenses in the quarter were USD 4.94 million, of which USD 3.17 million were grant expenses.

## 3ie in the news

- A 3ie-funded impact evaluation, [Shelter from the storm: upgrading housing infrastructure in Latin American slums](#) was cited in a blog titled [The half-life of happiness](#) on VoxEU.org, the policy portal of the Centre for Economic Policy Research.
- 3ie evidence gap maps were cited in the [Stanford Social Innovation Review](#).
- Emmanuel Jimenez was interviewed and quoted in [The World Bank under Jim Kim](#), in *The Lancet*.
- The 3ie-supported replication Reanalysis of health and educational impacts of a school-based deworming program in western Kenya Part 1 and 2: pure replication and alternative analyses was cited in an important [blog by Ben Goldacre titled Scientists Are Hoarding Data And It's Ruining Medical Research in BuzzFeed News](#).
- [Why the social sector needs scientific method](#), an article in the Stanford Social Innovation Review, lauds 3ie for funding the replication study mentioned above. 3ie and the replications papers were cited in a blog by [GiveWell](#).
- Jeff Bloem mentioned Benjamin Wood's presentation at the AAEA annual meeting in his blog, [AAEA 2015 recap](#). He mentioned that it was super interesting to see first-hand how a real replication study actually works
- The [3ie RIDIE](#) has been mentioned in a paper, [Pre-analysis plans have limited upside, especially where replications are feasible](#) published in the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*.
- The 3ie-supported study, 'MCUTS II: Male Circumcision Uptake through Soccer' in was featured in [MedPage Today](#).
- Annette N Brown has been cited in two articles in *Nature*, [Millennium Villages Project launches retrospective analysis](#) and [Can randomized trials eliminate global poverty?](#)
- 3ie evidence gap maps have been mentioned in a blog by Oxfam GB titled [What works in humanitarian response? First step – map the evidence](#).