



Quarterly Report April – June 2018

Evidence uptake and use from 3ie-funded studies

3ie-supported impact evaluation on HIV self-testing informs the design of interventions to prevent HIV transmission in Zambia



A 3ie-supported impact evaluation assessed the impact of a pilot programme that distributes HIV self-testing kits through community healthcare workers to increase the uptake of HIV testing services among the general adolescent and adult populations. The study showed positive impacts of the self-testing kits on HIV knowledge status, especially among men. This study was embedded within the large-scale cluster-randomised trial, Population Effects of Antiretroviral Therapy to Reduce HIV Transmission (PopART). [The](#)

[larger study is](#) investigating whether a community-wide combination HIV prevention package will help to prevent transmission and substantially reduce new HIV infections in South Africa and Zambia. Positive findings from the Zambia study and the engagement of the study researchers with key stakeholders at the community and national levels have informed the decision to add self-testing to the package of prevention interventions across all PopART intervention sites in Zambia.

New 3ie publications

Impact evaluation reports: [Impact evaluation of the Smallholder Dairy Commercialization Programme in Kenya](#); [Impact evaluation of the Menabe and Melaky development programme in Madagascar](#); [Can the wounds of war be healed? Experimental evidence on reconciliation in Sierra Leone](#) and [Evaluation of centres of infant development: an early year's intervention in Colombia](#).

Systematic review technical reports: [Vocational and business training to improve women's labour market outcomes in low- and middle-income countries](#) and [Agricultural input subsidies for improving productivity, farm income, consumer welfare and wider growth in low- and middle-income countries](#)

EGM brief: [Mapping the evidence on financial instruments for agricultural risk mitigation](#) and [Mapping the evidence on agricultural innovation programmes](#)

Working paper brief: [Evaluating advocacy initiatives: what works?](#) and [What works to improve nutrition and food security in the Sahel?](#)

3ie-funded studies and 3ie publications in peer-reviewed publications

Please click [here](#) to access the list of all the 3ie-funded studies and 3ie-produced publications appearing in peer-reviewed publications updated through 30 June.

3ie Delhi Evidence Week 2018



As part of our ongoing 10-year anniversary celebrations, we hosted a series of internal and external events, 16-20 April in New Delhi. These included the bi-annual board meeting and the tenth annual members' conference. Representatives from 21 member organisations participated in discussions on regional models for capacity development, where we highlighted our [West Africa Capacity-building and Impact Evaluations programme](#) and Uganda evidence programme. Members also had a chance to share successful examples of L&MIC peer learning and policymaker engagement.

3ie also organised a two-day conference with the theme 'pushing the frontiers of evaluation effectiveness and excellence: 3ie's first decade'. More than 220 people representing donors, implementing partners, grantees and evaluation and development experts attended a total of eight panel discussions spread over two days. We screened [our first institutional video about 3ie](#) at the conference. We also screened our first [programme video](#) on the promoting latrine use evidence programme (more details are below). Please click [here](#) to read more about the highlights from the conference.

3ie events

3ie Delhi seminar

- [Transforming the lives of women through productivity improvements in small ruminants](#), 29 June 2018

3ie-LIDC seminars

- [Assessing the effectiveness of services provided by Cocoa Board: Ghana's success story](#), Shashidhara Kolavalli, IFPRI, 7 June 2018
- [Using internal evaluations to measure organisational impact: a meta-analysis of Oxfam's women's empowerment projects](#), Simone Lombardini, Oxfam, 23 May 2018
- [Asset transfers to women in poverty in South Asia: qualitative reflections on two randomised evaluations](#), Naila Kabeer, London School of Economics, 25 April 2018

Research transparency, replication and financial services for the poor, 23 April, Rome: 3ie co-hosted an event with IFAD focused on research transparency, replication and financial services for the poor. 3ie led a panel discussion on research transparency and its uses to improve decision-making by policymakers and practitioners around financial services for the poor. All seven grantees from 3ie's [replication window on this theme](#) presented the preliminary results. 3ie's Ben Wood presented on the current state of research transparency and replication. Additionally, FAO staff presented on evidence-informed rural finance programming and IFAD staff presented on the implications of these replication studies' implications on the agency.

Nutrition implementation science workshop, 25-29 June, Kampala: 3ie co-hosted an inception workshop for the Gates-funded implementation science in nutrition evidence programme with our implementing partner, Society for Implementation Nutrition in Science. Participants included country teams from Uganda and Kenya, as well as representatives from the ministries of health of both

countries. The workshop objective was to foster a partnership among the local teams and facilitate collaboration between teams and their respective ministry of health counterparts, establish guidelines and means of interactions to increase efficiency, and gain a clear understanding of the project's approach and how the main components of the project will be undertaken.

Promoting latrine use in rural India mid-term learning workshop, 21-22 June, New Delhi:



3ie hosted a mid-term learning workshop for grantees in the [promoting latrine use in rural India evidence programme](#). Representatives from four impact evaluation teams and representatives from their implementing agencies presented baseline findings from evaluations in Odisha, Bihar, Karnataka and Gujarat. The event also included a presentation by an independent measurement team from IFMR comparing self-reported latrine use across two different survey tools in sample areas. In addition to presentations on baseline findings and intervention designs, there was a session on push button replications and research transparency policy and one on 3ie's updated WASH evidence gap map. A panel discussed India's flagship sanitation programme. Swachh Bharat Mission. The panel consisted of Marie Gaarder, Director of 3ie Evaluation Officer, Akshay Rout, director of the Swachh Bharat Mission from the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation of India, and Raghava Neti from the World Bank. Watch a short [video](#) on our evidence programme.

3ie blogs

In the [first blog in our anniversary series](#), Neeta Goel recounts 3ie's efforts to promote research. She includes some key lessons on open data, managing expectations of researchers and the need to build more awareness on the importance of research transparency. Our newly launched [research transparency policy](#) articulates our longstanding commitment and aligns our policy with similar policies of our key funders. We view this policy as a living document. Please send feedback to 3ie@3ieimpact.org, with 'RTP feedback' in the subject line.

Inadequate contextual knowledge can cause evaluators to make power miscalculations that can render years of research and hundreds of thousands of dollars meaningless. In the [second blog of our 10th anniversary series](#), Benjamin Wood and Anna Heard use specific examples from 3ie-funded studies to show how inaccurate assumptions can have dramatic effects on the value of studies.

Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations and the Impact Evaluation and Systematic Reviews Repositories

Registrations in the [Registry for International Development Impact Evaluations](#) increased from 135 to 137. Four records were added to the [Impact Evaluation Repository](#), bringing the total to 4,703 records. Thirteen records were added to the [Systematic Review Repository](#), bringing the total to 690 records.

Bursaries

3ie awarded four bursaries in this quarter. One bursary was awarded to a Colombian national to attend the 2018 International Tech4Dev Conference organised by the Cooperation and Development Centre in Lausanne, Switzerland. She participated in the session on opportunities and challenges in quality (rigorous) impact evaluations. We gave the other three bursaries to

young researchers from South Asia to attend the measurement and survey design course organised by CLEAR and J-PAL South Asia in New Delhi, India.

Member webinar

3ie co-hosted our [latest member webinar](#) with the City of Buenos Aires, which included Instiglio, a results-based financing advisory firm. The speakers provided a primer on impact bonds, results-based financing and how impact evaluations can be used to inform their construction and evaluation. [Siegrid Holler](#) provided an overview of results-based financing, including a description of the various tools within this mechanism and highlighted an example of Instiglio's work on an employment programme in Colombia. Jimena Muzio presented on the early stages of the City of Buenos Aires' experience designing their impact bond on increasing youth employability.

3ie in the news and social media

- A [Reuter's article](#) based on the two-day conference co-organised by 3ie and IFAD (see above) quoted 3ie's Bidisha Barooah, who spoke about the need for more evidence generally in agricultural insurance and in particular for vulnerable people, especially women and children.
- 3ie's Monica Jain and Avantika Bagai published an [opinion piece](#) on evidence-informed strategies for increasing immunisation coverage in India in the *Asian Age*, a leading national daily.
- 3ie's Shaon Lahiri and Radhika Menon wrote [an opinion piece](#) for The Times of India, India's largest circulating daily. The piece is based on the findings from 3ie's [scoping paper on promoting latrine use](#) published last year. In the post, they discuss that while toilets are being built under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Clean India Mission), messaging in sanitation campaigns has failed to address some deep-rooted beliefs and attitudes about open defecation.
- Sparked off by Duncan Green's [blog](#) about 3ie's [synthesis of evidence of community-driven development](#) effectiveness in L&MICs, there has been an active debate on [social media](#). 3ie's Radhika Menon and Howard White responded to the discussion in this [blog](#).

New funding

The Gates Foundation has provided USD 491,510 for making high-quality impact evaluation and systematic review evidence more accessible and available as a public good in L&MICs. As part of this effort, we will be upgrading and improving our online repositories and the user experience on the website.

3ie received a grant for USD 75,000 from an anonymous donor to conduct an update of the intimate partner violence prevention evidence gap map.

3ie finance update

As of 30 June 2018, 3ie's assets stood at USD 57.36 million, including USD 34.55 million held in bank accounts, USD 22.53 million as grants receivable, i.e. undisbursed balances in signed grant agreements, USD 0.28 million in other receivables, fixed assets and deposits and the accrued liabilities for expense and grants payables at USD 0.69 million. Total expenses in the quarter were USD 4.16 million, of which USD 2.42 million were grant expenses.