Results-based approaches to aid: the research agenda ahead

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➢ **Background of the workshop**

- Results-based approaches to aid high on the (donor) agenda

- Concepts are under discussion & pilots are under preparation

- Some ongoing discussions / fora dealing with the result agenda (EU network, Practitioners group, Building Bloc, CGD/DIE workshop…)

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- **Several questions**:

  - Definitions and criteria → Broad or narrow approach?

  - Underlying assumptions: Results approaches provide advantages and overbalance disadvantages, closing the attribution gap → Incentive for donors to relabel aid interventions?

  - Results focus in different settings and on different levels → Macro and / or micro incentive interventions?

  - Consequences of the results agenda on aid effectiveness (alignment, harmonization, pool arrangements …) → Need to revise aid effectiveness agenda? How to deal with trade offs?

  - Clear demand of developing countries → A donor driven agenda?

  - What kind of evidence & empirical data do we need (beyond intervention related information)?

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➢ **Need** …

- … for aid agencies to get and better understanding on concepts and approaches

- … for think tanks and academia to reflect on appropriate strategies

- …to interact between practitioners and research

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➢ **Main objectives of the workshop**:

- Presentation & discussion of ongoing research and conceptional debates on the topic: State of the debate

- What is needed for the the future research agenda (needs identified by donors, needs identified by researchers)?

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➢ **Four sessions**:

1. Results-based aid (specific contract donor – recipient)

2. An additional innovative results approach: Impact development bonds

3. Results-based financing (focus on service delivery on the ground; different roles for aid)

4. Research agenda ahead

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> **Instructions for facilitators and presenters**:

- 30 min. per topic → 15 min presentation followed by 15 min of comments & questions

- Address (to some extend) the question: What does it mean for the research agenda?