



Technical Evaluation
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Adaptation Fund Evaluation Policy and Support Update from the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG)

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Outline

1. Quick introduction / refresher: the AF-TERG and the Evaluation Policy
2. Refresher /update on Evaluation Policy Guidance Notes
3. Toolkit for the Ex-Post Evaluation of adaptation interventions
4. Q&A

The AF-TERG



Meet the AF-TERG members and secretariat

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AF-TERG functions and workstreams

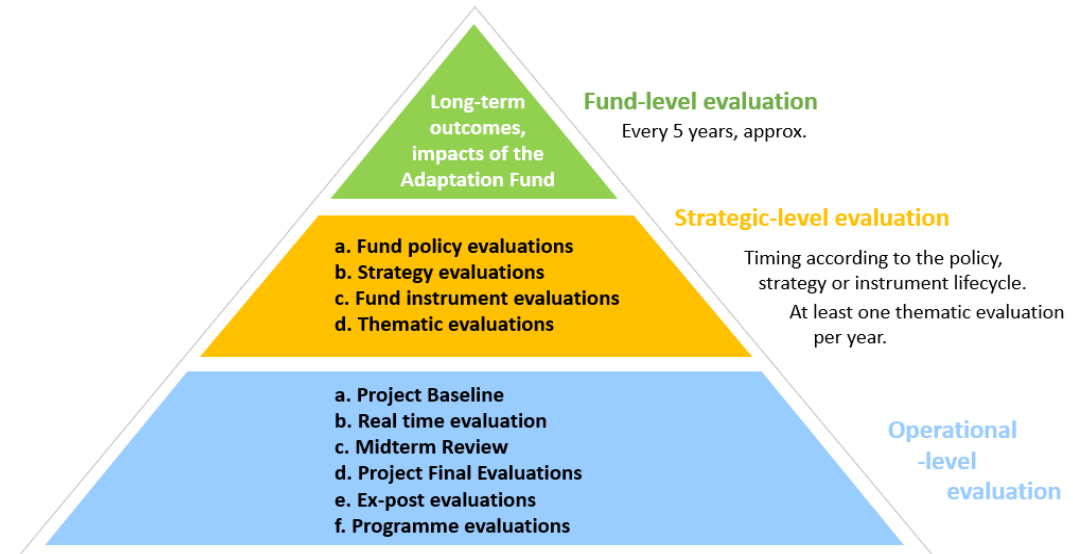
Workstream 1: Generation of Evaluations

1. Evaluation Management

- (i) Fund Level
- (ii) Strategy Level
- (iii) Operational Level

2. Advisory Function

3. Oversight Function



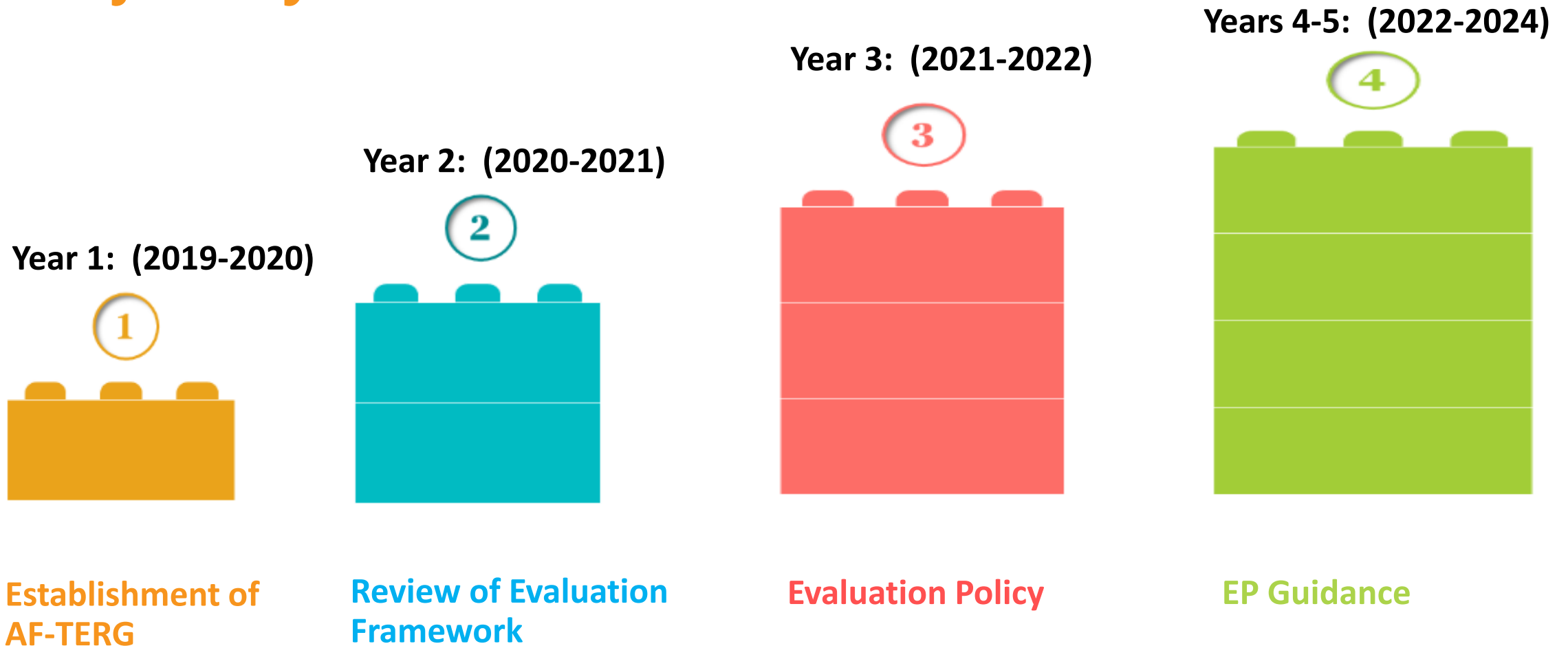
Workstream 2: Utilization of Evaluations

Workstream 3: Evaluative Capacity Development

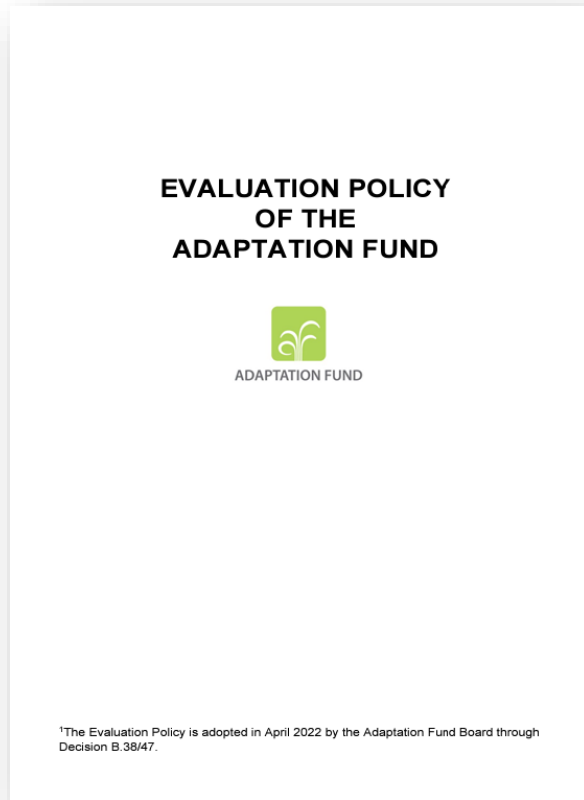
The AF-TERG and the Evaluation Policy



Evaluation policy and guidance: the journey so far



Evaluation Policy (2022) replaces the Evaluation Framework (2012)



A stand-alone document that frames the Fund's evaluation function by providing high-level strategic guidance. The purpose of this Evaluation Policy is to identify the fundamental expectations, processes, and protocol to support a reliable, useful, and ethical evaluation function that contributes to learning, decision-making, and accountability for the Adaptation Fund to pursue its mission, goal, and vision effectively.

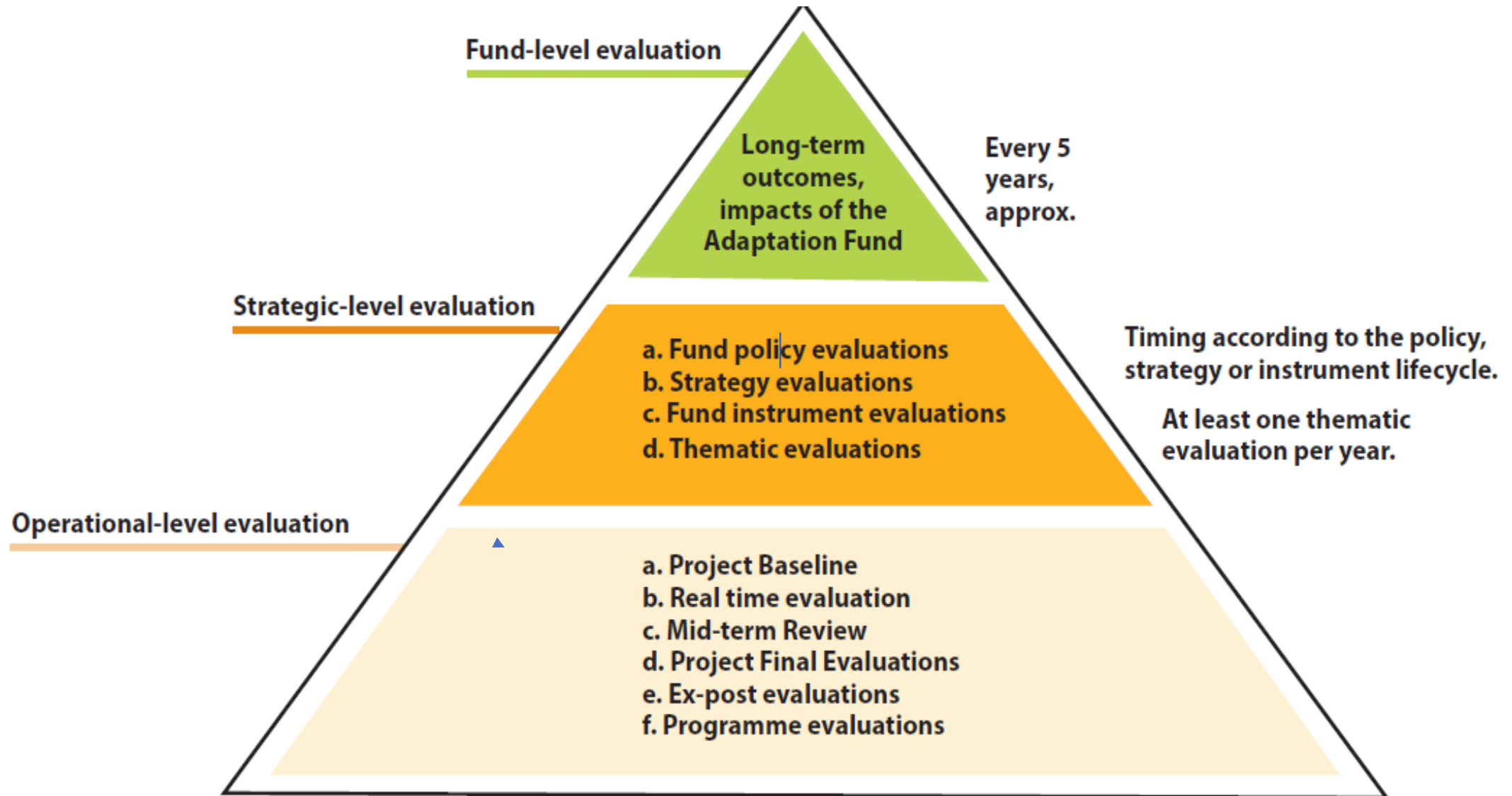
Available at:

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/New-Design-Evaluation-Policy.pdf>

Adopted: April 2022

Effective: October 2023

Three Levels of Evaluation



Core Functions/Expectations for IEs



Generation of Evaluations

1. Conduct **mid-term evaluations** (for project of 4 or more years)
 - Management response
2. Conduct **final evaluation**
 - All IEs.
 - Management response



Utilization of Evaluations

1. **On-going projects:** Use of evidence for learning and adaptive management
2. **New proposals,** evolution of CCA-related strategies and plans
3. Use of evidence in **communication products**
4. **Share insights** with relevant partners and peers (national, international)



Evaluation Capacity Development

1. Review own capacity and learning **needs**
2. Identify relevant **opportunities** for professional learning and development
3. Contribute to **Fund development** of new evaluation techniques

Mandatory requirements for all IEs



Baseline & Monitoring data

Purpose: Design, Targets, Monitoring

Required for all projects

No later than submission of the 1st PPR

Independent, semi-independent, self-conducted



Mid-Term Review

Purpose: Adaptive management, learning, decision-making

Required for Projects \geq 4 years
No later than 6 months after the project mid-point

Management response within 6 months of MTR report

Independent or semi-independent



Final Evaluation

Purpose: Assess impact, learning and accountability

Required for all completed projects and programmes

Within 9 months of completion (to the Sec and DA)

Management response within 6 months of final report

Conducted as Independent

Relevance of Evaluation throughout the project cycle



Overview of Guidance Notes by categories



Cross-cutting guidance

1. Evaluation Principles
2. Evaluation Criteria
3. Commissioning and Managing an Evaluation



Phase-specific guidance

- Evaluation in Project Design**
4. Evaluation Budgeting
5. Evaluation Terms of Reference
6. Evaluation Inception Report
7. Evaluation Reporting



Types of Evaluations

8. Mid-term review
9. Final evaluations
10. Ex-post evaluations


Consultation on the toolkit for the ex-post evaluation

- Comprehensive guide is designed to support IEs, evaluation contractors, and CCA community in assessing the **sustainability and impact** of completed adaptation projects.

Toolkit Highlights:

- Assess changes in project impacts from final evaluations to ex post assessments.
- Identify conditions that sustain adaptation outcomes over time.
- Analyse how sustained outcomes enhance system resilience

 Share your comments and suggestions via af-terg-sec@adaptation-fund.org



The poster features the logo of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG) of the Adaptation Fund in the top left corner. The main heading is 'REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, two green checkmarks are followed by the text: 'Review the Toolkit' and 'Help Us Improve the Ex Post Evaluation of Adaptation Interventions'. A dark grey rounded rectangle contains the feedback period: '20. AUGUST - 16. SEPTEMBER, 2024'. To the right, a white box with a thin border shows the cover of the 'TOOLKIT FOR THE EX POST EVALUATION OF ADAPTATION INTERVENTIONS', Version 1.1, with the TERG logo and 'August 2024' at the bottom. An orange bar at the bottom of the poster contains the text 'SEE DETAILS FOR FEEDBACK IN THE POST DESCRIPTION'.

 Feedback Window: 20 August – 16 September 2024

Thank you

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