

EVALUATION DESIGN MATRIX

Objectives	Guide Questions	Required Information	Information source, collection method and Analysis
<p>(i). To determine the extent of adoption of the Special Evaluation Study (SES-2000)<sup>a</sup> recommendations and to ascertain their continued relevance or otherwise in the current context.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the actions taken to address SES-2000 recommendations?</li> <li>• What are the reasons for non-adoption of some recommendations?</li> <li>• Are the recommendations still relevant and implementable given institutional restructuring and policy changes since the completion of the study?</li> <li>• Are the recommendations currently relevant and adequate given the emerging issues in the region in agriculture and natural resource (ANR) sector?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions taken to address the recommendations.</li> <li>• Extent of adoption of recommendations and lessons identified in the SES-2000</li> <li>• Rationale for the types of support provided for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Research (ANRR) since the SES-2000</li> <li>• Possible constraints to non-adoption of the recommendations. This may include factors that are internal and/or external to the Asian Development Bank (ADB).</li> <li>• Regional ANR sector priority issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and strategies, and institutional changes since 2000 that may have affected the ANR sector support.</li> <li>• Review of annual regional technical assistance (RETA) projects in support of ANRR policy since the 2000.</li> <li>• Review of ADB's key documents on ANR sectors including country partner strategies and working papers documents that cover ANR sector.</li> <li>• Review of Operations Evaluation Department's broader studies (i.e., Country Assistance Program Evaluation, Sector Assistance Program Evaluation, and Special Evaluation Study) that may have included evaluation of the RETA projects.</li> </ul>

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<p>(ii) To determine the relevance and effectiveness of ANRR support provided since 2000 and key determinants of effectiveness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have RETA projects supported ANR priority issues with high potential for large scale poverty alleviation in developing member countries?</li> <li>• How effective and relevant have the outputs of RETA projects been in contributing towards poverty reduction?</li> <li>• How balanced is the RETA portfolio of support for different components of the ANR sector (crop, livestock, resource management, and capacity development, policy research)?</li> <li>• To what extent have the post-2000 RETA projects followed the recommendations of the SES-2000?</li> <li>• How well does ADB determine the relevance and effectiveness of investments in cutting edge scientific endeavors?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMCs position and priorities for the ANR sector</li> <li>• Absorption capacity of the DMCs research institutional systems to make use of the RETA outputs.</li> <li>• ADB's decision making process for different RETA support</li> <li>• ADB's general and country - specific priorities for ANR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document review of loan projects and technical assistance (TA) projects on ANR sector for specific countries to explore the link between the RETA projects and country operations.</li> <li>• Document review of the international agricultural research centers' (IARCs) mandate, policies and strategies</li> <li>• Document review of IARCs' recent achievements and performance contributing to poverty reduction.</li> <li>• Mail interview questionnaire and key informant interviews with IARCs and the national agriculture research system (NARS) staff, ADB project staff and others working on ANR sector.</li> </ul>

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<p>(iii). To determine the extent to which ADB has used the findings of ANNR supported projects and included these in its country operations and/or contributed to knowledge dissemination.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent are ADB country operations linked to support provided under RETA projects?</li> <li>• Is RETA support in line with the ADB's Country Partner Strategies of select DMCs?</li> <li>• How are findings of the ANRR supported projects disseminated?</li> <li>• To what extent are IARC mandate aligned with ANRR policy/ ADB's overall poverty reduction strategies?</li> <li>• Are the outputs of the RETA projects and other projects available in forms that are user-ready? Are there any bridging support provided to make the outputs user-ready when needed?</li> <li>• What are alternatives other than IARCs for producing the international public goods research for ANR sector?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RETA projects link with ADB specific country operations</li> <li>• RETA projects and Regional departments operations that are linked.</li> <li>• Rationale and criteria for RETA project selection made by different departments.</li> <li>• IARCs mandate, policies and strategies.</li> <li>• Country priorities for research areas supported by RETA projects</li> <li>• Institutions other than IARCs for ANR research such as national systems, universities and other international institutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document review of projects and TAs on ANR sector for specific countries to explore the link between the RETA projects and country operations.</li> <li>• Document review of IARCs' mandate, policies and strategies, their recent achievements and performance contributing to poverty reduction.</li> <li>• Document reviews and key informant interview to explore the alternative to IARCs and ANR research applicable for region.</li> <li>• Combination of document review and key informant interview to evaluate NARS's research and absorption capacity to adapt country specification the research outputs generated at IARCs.</li> <li>• Mail interview questionnaire and key informant interviews with IARCs staff, interview with ADB project staff and others working on ANR sector.</li> </ul>

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<p>(iv). To assess the future relevance of support for ANRR in the context of current ANR issues and ADB's current corporate strategies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some of the current issues in ANR sector that need to be reflected in any future support to ANRR policy?</li> <li>• How well does the ANRR policy of 1995 reflect the current ANR sector issues facing DMCs?</li> <li>• Does the current modality used to support ANRR aligned to aid effectiveness agenda as per the Paris Declaration?</li> <li>• How can ANRR be supported effectively in the context of new Long-term Strategic Framework 2008–2020 (LTSF 2008–2020)?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerging ANR priority issues facing the ANR sector in the region.</li> <li>• Priority ANR issues for ADB and DMCs</li> <li>• Research priorities of IARCs and how it relates to the needs of ADB and DMCs.</li> <li>• Support to ANRR through IARCs that may contribute to the Paris Declaration agenda</li> <li>• LTSF 2008–2020's priorities for ANR sector and strategies to addressing them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature review of the recent ANR issues, policy, strategies affecting DMCs.</li> <li>• Documentation review of institutional policies ADB policy including the LTSF 2008–2022.</li> <li>• Key informant interviews with ADB staff from regional departments.</li> <li>• Key informant interview with the staff of IARCs and NARS, directly involved in the implementation of RETA projects since 2000.</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup> ADB. 2000. *Special Evaluation Study on Policy Implementation and Impact of Agricultural and Natural Resources Research*. Manila. Available: <http://www.adb.org/Documents/PERs/SST-STU-2000-17/Policy-Implementation.asp>