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New policy

Synergy between development cooperation and the private sector. Choice Dutch (sub-)sectors internationally competitive and important for developing countries => Food security and water; PSD “overarching”.

Results!

Public support for development co-operation linked to concrete results and value for money.
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Evaluation: challenges

Dutch PSD activities in past period not “evaluable” at impact level. Funds for evaluation scarce: less resources for better evaluation.

Focus on activities that can achieve measurable results at impact level. Risk approach. Baselines. Randomised controlled groups. Real Time Evaluation.
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Results / PSD (central programmes)

• Many Dutch programmes and organisations: aim for synergy, in addition to programme-specific results orientation. Using comparable approaches and compatible indicators stimulated.

• Use of DCED Standard stimulated, but not prescribed. (Organisations should submit their M&E approach not later than 1st May 2012.)
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Results / Food security -and PSD (Embassies)

• Results orientation in MASPs of Embassies (15 partner countries) still weak. Link with overall food security policy. Efforts of Dutch NGOs?

• Support results orientation of Embassies centrally from The Hague, using approach of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development.

• Need for training:
  HQ and Embassy staff;
  Implementing agencies; NGOs and private sector?
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Results / More

• New programmes are being developed. Including challenge funds, geared to the group of our 60 partner countries, or subgroups thereof. Lessons from DCED?

• Results: choose the right programmes, policy mix, and implement programmes right. DCED focuses on the latter. What about the former?

• Choosing the right programmes, taking effects of programmes on other programmes –at impact level- (job creation vs. job destruction; simple jobs vs. high-level employment) into account. Government / private sector; single donor / multidonor (Busan).
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