

COVID-19 GLOBAL Evaluation Coalition

The COVID-19 Global Evaluation Coalition provides [credible evidence](#) to inform responses to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, [helping to ensure that lessons are learned and that the global development community delivers on its promises](#).

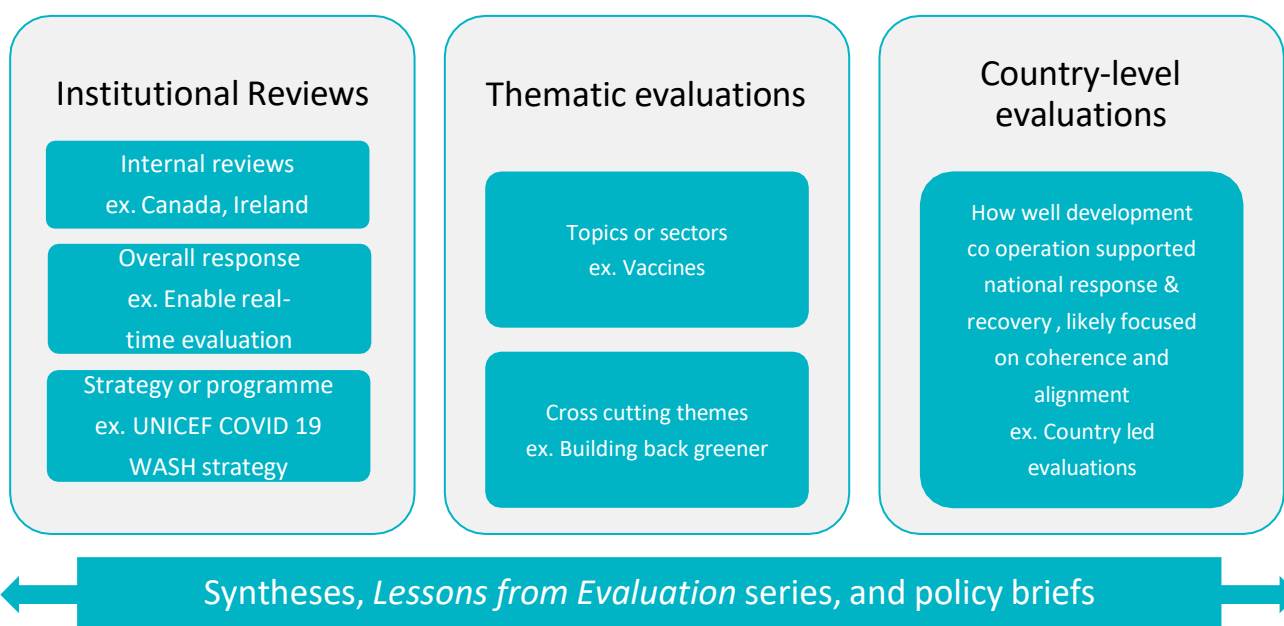
The Coalition is an independent collaborative project made up of the evaluation units of countries (OECD and non-OECD), United Nations organisations and multilateral institutions. The OECD DAC Evaluation Network (EvalNet) Secretariat provides facilitation, research and communication support to the Coalition, in partnership with ALNAP and the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI).

A more effective response and recovery

Through the Coalition, the participants collaborate, create synergies between their work, and avoid duplication. By improving the speed and quality of evaluation, analysis, and communication, the Coalition will:

- Inform policy makers and implementers to support a more effective (collective) response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Generate lessons and good practices, and facilitate learning for future global crises.
- Provide a basis for accountability of development partners, including making information available to the public.

The Coalition will gather and communicate lessons from both individual evaluations (carried out by the participants), and collaborative – or joint – evaluations. These evaluations of the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts can be loosely categorised as institutional reviews (evaluating the overall response of a particular actor), thematic evaluations (covering specific topics), and country evaluations (focused on the response and recovery efforts in one country). (Figure 1). Cutting across these evaluations, the Coalition will also support syntheses and summaries.



1. Types of evaluations supported by the Coalition



To the extent possible, we provide evaluation evidence for the response and recovery efforts as they are ongoing, making this “real time” work. In addition, ex-post evaluations will look at longer-term effects and allow for more in-depth analysis.

Our '[Lessons from evaluation](#)' series draws on evidence from past evaluations to inform COVID-19 efforts. These demand-driven policy briefs have already made a valuable contribution, with notes on food security and gender equality in education published in mid-2020.

Why take a collaborative approach?

The approach to evaluating COVID-19 efforts should be commensurate with the scale of the crisis, and the unique learning opportunities and accountability challenges this presents. In this context, the specific value of the Coalition lies in providing:

- **Shared learning:** The Coalition will share lessons and proactively connect evaluation findings with decision makers (and other audiences), to maximize the use of evaluation findings.
- **Better quality:** To improve evaluation quality and harmonisation, the Coalition will develop common frameworks, tools and approaches.
- **Objectivity:** Evaluation findings will have greater clout and credibility if undertaken with partners, using international standards. The Coalition is committed to transparently communicating findings, including with the broader public, to support mutual accountability.
- **Broader scope:** A collaborative approach provides broader scope to cover important issues that could not be covered by individual evaluation units alone, such as understanding collective results, and analysis of critical questions of coherence and co-ordination.
- **Efficiency:** The evaluation units involved will benefit from reduced costs by avoiding duplication and sharing resources.

Guiding principles

The work of the Coalition will be guided by core values of credibility and usefulness, undertaken in a spirit of partnership. We take the approach of “first, do no harm”, and will be careful not to add to the burden of partners and implementers or detract from life-saving work that is underway. We are mindful of the unique circumstances of this work, including the effects of trauma.

We are also committed to supporting evaluations that have a well-defined audience and purpose, which are focused on a few key questions, and produce useful, concrete lessons communicated in easily understandable ways. The Coalition’s work complements research and monitoring, focusing on causal effects and answering evaluative questions.

