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Going big, going small, & going outside your comfort zone:

Pushing the boundaries of development
effectiveness evaluations

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**What is the “comfort zone”
for development evaluation
in your context?**

**Is there a need to go outside
this comfort zone? Why?**

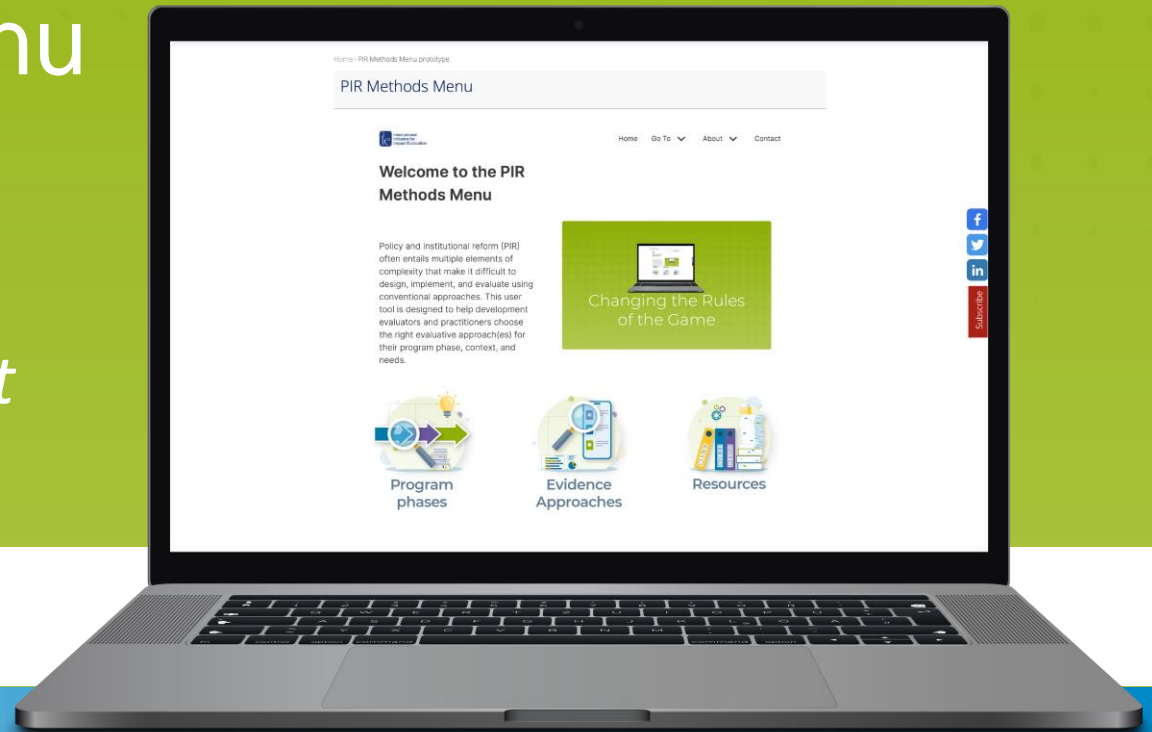
How are you pushing the boundaries in your own organizational context?

What are the main barriers to improvement and how can they be addressed?

Change the Rules of the Game...

with the Policy & Institutional Reform (PIR) Methods Menu

a tool to help users choose the right evidence approach(es) based on program phase, questions and context



Welcome to the PIR Methods Menu prototype

Policy and institutional reform (PIR) often entails multiple elements of complexity that make it difficult to design, implement, and evaluate using conventional approaches. This user tool is designed to help development evaluators and practitioners choose the right evidence approach(es) for their program phase, context, and needs.



Program phases

Find relevant evidence approaches for a given program phase and research questions of interest.



Evidence approaches

Search and filter the full list of evidence approaches (inclusive of evaluation types, methodologies, methods, etc.)



Resources

Access methodological guidance papers, empirical applications, and other useful web resources.

Navigation by program phase

Find evidence approaches for each program phase and research question.



Program development

Assess needs and root causes from multiple perspectives. Design for the need, context, and to maximize positive impact.



Implementation

Implement the intervention as planned, adapting as needed.



Ex post evaluation

Measure results, generate insights for policy and practice.

Find evidence approaches by Program Phase and Questions



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Which sector(s) offers the most promise for increasing economic growth in a given country?

APPROACHES →



What are the key opportunities and constraints for improving socio-economic development within a given sector?

APPROACHES →









What socio-economic development outcomes matter most to local populations?

APPROACHES →

Evidence Approaches

Search for a specific approach by keyword or filter by program phase or mode of inquiry.

Program Phase(s) ▾
Mode(s) of ... ▾

 <p>Adaptive management</p> <hr/> <p>A general term for a set of approaches that incorporate feedback loops and iterative adaptation into program implementation.</p>	 <p>Agent-based modeling</p> <hr/> <p>ABM is a computational simulation of interactions between a defined set of actors or "agents" in order to understand dynamics influencing outcomes in a system.</p>	 <p>Case studies</p> <hr/> <p>A descriptive analysis of a 'bounded' program, event, activity, or individuals over time (the 'case') through detailed, in-depth data collection involving multiple sources of information rich in context.</p>	 <p>Case-based scenario simulation</p> <hr/> <p>Computational modeling method with emphasis on complexity and clustering that can be used to simulate or forecast policy scenarios.</p>
 <p>Causal link monitoring</p> <hr/> <p>CLM supports adaptive management of PIR with multiple objectives, diverse stakeholders, and/or a large number of projects.</p>	 <p>Causal loop diagrams</p> <hr/> <p>Mapping relationships among variables in a system that are (or are understood to be) causally interrelated.</p>	 <p>Computable general equilibrium models</p> <hr/> <p>A class of economic models that use existing economic data to estimate how an economy might react to changes in policy, technology and/or external shocks.</p>	 <p>Constraints analysis</p> <hr/> <p>Identifies binding constraints to influencing outcomes of interest. Used by development agencies like MCC and USAID to inform investment decisions.</p>

Filter Evidence Approaches by name, program phases, and/or mode of inquiry

Reference Papers & Resources

Search for resources by author, keyword, and/or attribute filters.

Author(s), Date	Resource Title	Sector(s)	Approach(es)	Type	Format
Prashanth et al., 2014	Advancing the application of systems thinking in health: a realist evaluation of a capacity building programme for district managers in Tumkur, India	Health Education	Realist evaluation	Empirical application	Journal article
Bauer et. al, 2015	An introduction to implementation science for the non-specialist		Implementation science/research	Guidance	Journal article
Bound et al., 2017	Understanding the Economic Impact of the H-1B Program on the U.S.		Computable general equilibrium models	Empirical application	Working paper
Domínguez and Delgado, 2006	Report on the adaptation of the Outcome Mapping methodology to the Arracacha agroindustry and market development project	Agriculture	Outcome mapping	Empirical application	Report
Corburn and Bhatia, 2006	Health Impact Assessment in San Francisco: Incorporating the social determinants of Health into Environmental Planning	Health	Systems mapping	Empirical application	Journal article
Mcloughlin, 2014	Political economy analysis: Topic guide (2nd ed.)	N/A			Guide
Taylor et al., 2022	Evaluating the Impact of Institutional Improvement on Control of Corruption—A System Dynamics Approach	Governance	Systems dynamics models	Empirical application	Journal article

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