

Angelos Blackwood, Principal Consultant

Overview of Expertise

Angelos has over nine years of experience in international development and M&E. He has provided design, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and evaluation support to a range of international clients, including the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), World Bank, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Cardno. Angelos is currently an M&E adviser to Australia's development program in Indonesia, and DFAT PNG's education program. Relevant work includes reviewing DFAT Indonesia's policy engagement efforts since 2015, as well as developing the Performance Assessment Frameworks for DFAT Indonesia's development program and DFAT PNG's education program.

Qualifications & Training

- 2018 Qualitative Comparative Analysis (Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research).
- 2015 Comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation (Clear Horizon).
- 2015 Most Significant Change (Clear Horizon).
- 2015 Building Program Logic/Theory of Change (Clear Horizon).
- 2014 Masters in Environment (Governance, Policy and Communication), University of Melbourne.
- 2012 Bachelor of Arts (Honours in International Studies and Development Studies), University of Melbourne.
- 2010 Diploma of Modern Languages (French), University of Melbourne.

Project Experience

Planning and facilitation of theory of change/program logic

- Facilitated the development of a theory of change for the World Bank's Improving Dimensions of Teaching, Education, Management and Learning Environment Trust Fund in Indonesia.
- Facilitated the revision of a theory of change for DFAT Indonesia's Education Sector Investment Program, 2018.
- Supported the development of a theory of change for DFAT Indonesia's Social Protection Program, 2018.
- Supported the development of program logics as part of DFAT's Pacific Regional Specialised Clinical Services and Health Workforce Program, 2016.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Frameworks /Performance Reporting and Strategy

- Led the development of a Performance Assessment Framework (PAF) for DFAT Indonesia's COVID-19 Development Response Plan, 2020-current.
- Led the development of a PAF for DFAT PNG's Education and Leadership Portfolio Plan in 2019. Angelos is currently working with DFAT to update the PAF, including incorporating a greater focus on learning.
- Led the development of the PAF for DFAT PNG's COVID-19 response. This PAF focused on the health program's COVID-19 response (2020)
- Supported the revision of the Education Sector Investment Plan for DFAT Indonesia, 2018.

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- Supported the development of the PAF for the Australian aid program in Indonesia in 2015/2016. Angelos has also supported the collection, verification and reporting of PAF results from 2016 to 2020.
- Supported the development of a PAF for the DFAT Timor-Leste aid program, 2017-2018.
- Reviewed the M&E frameworks of five DFAT Indonesia aid investments: PEDULI, INOVASI, ID-TEMAN, TASS and KOMPAK, 2017-2018.
- Supported the development of Management Information System Scoping Paper for the DFAT Timor-Leste aid program, 2017-2018.
- Supported the development of Monitoring and Evaluation framework for the Partnership for Knowledge-Based Poverty Reduction, World Bank Indonesia, 2017.

Selected evaluations and reviews

- Review of DFAT's policy engagement in Indonesia from 2015 to 2019. This review included a summary of key achievements across each Aid Investment Plan Objective, key enablers of successful policy engagement, and recommendations for how policy engagement could be strengthened going forward under the CDRP, 2019 - 2020.
- Rapid review of Australia's support to PNG's COVID-19 response, 2020.
- Gender equality, disability, and social inclusion review of Australia Awards PNG, 2020.
- Review of DFAT PNG's education investments against DFAT's Aid Quality Check criteria, 2020.
- Formative review of Prospera – Australia's principal economic governance program in Indonesia – including its relevance, efficiency, as well identifying areas of improvement, 2019.
- Stocktake for DFAT Timor-Leste of Australia's aid program's objectives, approaches and achievements from 1999 to 2018, 2019.
- Review of the Government Partnerships Fund Phase 2 for the DFAT Indonesia aid program, 2018/2019. This included developing 12 partnership case-studies.
- Developed a practice note that summarised the key lessons for successfully designing, implementing, and scaling pilots for the DFAT Indonesia aid program, 2018.
- Reviewed the use of randomised control trials in the evaluation of employment and migration programs for DFID funded Skills for Employment Program, 2018.
- Reviewed four approaches to build the capacity of criminal justice agencies in Cambodia, Philippines, and Indonesia to respond to human trafficking in 2017 for the Australia-Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Previous positions

2014–2015 Roberts Evaluation (Researcher): Development of literature and document reviews, as well as quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis.

2014 United Nations Environment Programme (Internship)-New York: Developed briefing notes on inter-governmental and UN agency meetings for the UNEP New York office, which were used in larger briefing papers circulated throughout UNEP.

2013 Three for All Foundation (Internship)-Indonesia: Researched the labour migration of children into Kupang, West Timor, as well as supported on-ground development projects.

Memberships

Australasian Evaluation Society