

# How can we collect better evidence for development?

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The Theatre, The Old Fire Station, 40 George St, Oxford OX1 2AQ

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Mokoro are looking forward to hosting our next seminar 'How can we collect better evidence for development?' in partnership with the Oxford Network of International Consultants (ONIC). ONIC is a group of experienced predominantly Oxford-based, international development professionals who work as freelance consultants. We are also very pleased to have Adam Leach, Director and Consultant at Mokoro, to chair the event.

This is an interesting and challenging time in monitoring and evaluation in international development. The demand for generating evidence, reporting results and measuring impact has increased in recent years. In this seminar, Mokoro and ONIC are bringing together M&E experts with a wide range of sectoral experience to explore ways of collecting evidence to assess the impact of development interventions, a politically charged issue as can be seen by recent calls for UK aid funds to be used instead to support the NHS. Our speakers will discuss how donors, implementing agencies and other actors can work together to collect useful evidence that helps us understand and communicate the complexity of international aid programmes and contributes to meeting the needs of the people who are supposed to benefit from them by giving a better idea of what works and what doesn't.

## OUR SPEAKERS

**Jon Bennett** is a member of ONIC and an experienced evaluation team leader, specialising in conflict prevention, food security and peace building. After being Country Director three times for NGOs, he has for over 20 years been the lead evaluator of multi-sector (and multi-donor) programmes in Sudan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Ethiopia, Pakistan, southeast Asia and several countries in sub-Saharan Africa. From 2015-17 Jon was Team Leader of an evaluation and needs assessment of the UK's "Tamkeen" governance programme in Syria. He will talk about the challenges of obtaining evidence through a remotely managed programme in highly volatile conflict areas.

**Claire Hutchings** is the Head of Programme Quality for Oxfam GB. She supports the development of organisational systems and a culture that promotes learning, accountability and measurement of results; provides strategic leadership and a global overview of organisational Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) processes; and builds capacity to carry out high quality M&E. Claire will share Oxfam's experience with producing evidence of impact.

**Abby Riddell** has been involved professionally in education and development for forty years in a variety of positions in ministries of education in Ethiopia, Cambodia, and Zimbabwe, at UNESCO HQs, at DFID in Lusaka, and as a lecturer at the University of London and at Harvard. She has been involved in training, research, evaluation, donor coordination and impact assessment, and will bring her experience to bear on education evidence produced by research and evaluation.

**John Rowley** is a member of ONIC. He worked for six years in West Africa and for seven years at Oxfam in the UK on their Africa programme. He has been a freelance consultant for over twenty years, working mostly in Africa and specialising on monitoring and evaluation. John will consider the questions 'who says it's evidence?' and 'whose evidence counts?', bringing in his own reflections on participatory methods and quasi-experimental approaches from an education programme in Uganda.

## AGENDA

The full agenda will be published nearer the seminar date. Registration will commence at 1.30 pm, with the seminar starting at 2pm. We anticipate the event drawing to a close at 5pm. Refreshments will be provided.

## RSVP

We hope you can join us! In order to confirm your attendance at the seminar, please email Zoe Driscoll at Mokoro ([zdriscoll@mokoro.co.uk](mailto:zdriscoll@mokoro.co.uk)) before **Friday 25 May**.

