

Evaluation Audit Trail Template: “Independent Evaluation of the Strategic Framework Fund (2019-2020)” Evaluation Report

(To be completed by the Project Management.)

Following submission, the evaluator will consider and respond to all comments. This audit trail should be included as an annex in the final evaluation report.

The following comments were provided in track changes to the draft evaluation report; they are referenced by institution (“Author” column) and track change comment number (“#” column):

Author	#	Paragraph No.	Type of comment (e.g. observation, question, wrong data, etc.)	Comment/Feedback on the draft report	Evaluator response and actions taken
Angus Mackay	1	overall	observation	<p>The overall conclusions and recommendations seem fair. The message appears to be that, as an instrument, the SFF has potential to generate greater impact in harder to reach user groups and achieve transformational change. It would be good if the evaluation could make this point a little more strongly in absence of which there may be a tendency to get a little lost in the detail.</p> <p>I also think that, building on this evaluation, we may want to think about having a more engaging and purpose driven title than SFF ... something that speaks to its ultimate intent ... Furthest First Fund ... or at least something that might catch the attention of would be contributors. And then linked to this, a dedicated budget (say 10%) for marketing and outreach to show case the examples and connect these to other key global forums and debates going forward (such as HLPF, among others).</p>	<p>In the executive summary, the following statement is now included: the “<i>SFF has potential to generate greater impact in harder to reach user groups and achieve transformational change</i>”.</p> <p>Concerning a more appropriate title of the SFF, I would leave it to the ED to make that choice and would not wish to interfere in this process.</p>

Joel Thalla	2	overall	observation	<p>[24/08 10:16] Brook BOYER The reason for the low level in 2019 is likely attributed to the fact that the Sida contribution came in July 2019.</p> <p>[24/08 10:17] Joel THALLA Agree. I was thinking the same thing. So to conclude that 2019 as not satisfactory may not be fully correct</p>	<p>The report now states when assessing the 2019 performance in the executive summary and in paragraph 63 that the Sida contribution only became available in July 2019, which affected SFF project implementation.</p>
Joel Thalla and Jonas Haertle	3	overall	observation	<p>[24/08 10:23] Joel THALLA Not sure how the co-finance parameter was calculated. 0.55 for each dollar of SFF looks very high</p> <p>[24/08 10:24] Jonas HAERTLE Self-reported, we asked each Division to state how much co-finance is secured when applying for a project through the SFF.</p> <p>[24/08 10:26] Jonas HAERTLE Question to Brook: does the co-finance figure also include the cost-sharing component (for example when a partner agrees to provide the rooms/catering etc for training) of a project?</p> <p>[24/08 10:26] Brook BOYER I do not believe that was monetized. But we will check this and insert a note in the report.</p>	<p>This issue is now addressed in footnote 35: <i>“Based on internal information contained in allocation requests, excluding cost-sharing components”</i>.</p>