



The Youth Employment Network



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)

and

Youth Employment Network (YEN)

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to cooperation on contributing to the evidence gap for effective design and implementation of development policies and programs. The two parties agree to joint collaboration in this objective by cooperating on 3 main activities:

- 1) Advocating and supporting the use of impact evaluation as a key tool to identify what, how and why a program works in achieving positive development impacts, especially amongst partners in the UN system which includes YEN's core agency partners.
- 2) Training and delivering knowledge to development practitioners and policy experts on how to design and conduct rigorous impact studies.
- 3) Disseminating recommendations and lessons learned derived from impact evaluations amongst development actors.

II. BACKGROUND

3ie – www.3ieimpact.org

3ie was set up in 2007 as a vehicle to promote enhanced development effectiveness by providing substantial new financial resources and technical expertise to support rigorous

impact evaluations that address questions of importance to policymakers and program managers in low- and middle-income countries.

3ie's main activity is the administration of a grant program that finances impact studies and supports quality impact evaluation through its quality assurance services. Evidence is also collected through synthetic reviews of existing evidence, updated as new evidence appears.

Three calls for proposals have been issued under 3ie's open window with 47 ongoing studies with total grants worth US\$ 18.9 million. The third call for proposals is currently underway.

YEN – www.ilo.org/yen

YEN (Youth Employment Network) is a partnership of the UN, ILO and the World Bank set up after the Millennium Summit in 2001 to find new and durable solutions to the youth employment challenge. The network is a global platform whose goal is to prioritize youth employment on the development agenda and to exchange knowledge on effective policies and programs to improve employment opportunities for youth.

YEN recently set up the Fund for Evaluation in Youth Employment, a grant programme to provide financial and technical support to projects and researchers to conduct impact evaluation of youth employment activities. The first call for proposals is in progress. The Fund will operate for 3 years with an initial budget of \$700,000.

Cooperation

The cooperation between 3ie and YEN began in 2009 when 3ie served on the selection committee for YEN's first call for proposals. 3ie also provided technical support by acting as experts during YEN learning events. YEN is an associate member of 3ie and been requested to serve on 3ie's grant review panel. There is scope for further cooperation and this MOU seeks to formalize a working arrangement between the organizations.

The grant programmes of 3ie and YEN are different in terms of size and scope though the objectives and vision are similar. Cooperation means the two parties can benefit by extending outreach and deepening technical expertise and service available to partners.

III. 3ie RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

- Provide support to promoting rigorous impact evaluation in YEN core partner agencies and the UN system more generally.
- Provide technical inputs to impact evaluations where YEN is involved.

- Post YEN RfPs on website (www.3ieimpact.org), groupsite (<http://ning.3ie.com>) and newsletter.
- Serve on YEN selection committee (review and scoring of between 10-15 short applications).
- Serving periodically as resource people during YEN Evaluation Clinics.
- Contribute to joint funding proposals.

IV. YEN RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

- Facilitate the promotion of rigorous impact evaluation amongst YEN core partner agencies and the UN system more generally.
- Post 3ie RfPs on website (www.ilo.org/yen), groupsite (<http://yenclinic.groupsites.com>) and newsletter
- Fulfill responsibilities as an associate member of 3ie including serving on review and expert panels and contributing to enduring questions.
- Contribute to joint funding proposals
- Display 3ie logo and identify as a cooperating partner in YEN's RfPs
- Provide space for 3ie to publicize during YEN Evaluation Clinics and impact evaluation learning events.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

This MOU can be modified or terminated by either party upon agreement by the two parties.

VI. FUNDING

This agreement does not include the transfer of funds between the two parties.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of YEN and 3ie authorized officials. It shall be in force from 31 August 2010 to 30 August 2011. YEN and 3ie indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

VIII. SIGNATURE AND DATES

Dr. Markus Pilgrim (YEN Manager) on behalf of YEN

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Pilgrim".

Date: August 20th, 2010

Dr. Howard White (3ie Executive Director) on behalf of 3ie

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. White".

Date: August 20th, 2010