

About the KPMG International Development Assistance Services Team (IDAS-UK)



IDAS-UK provides management consultancy services to international development sector clients, and in particular within the KPMG UK public sector practice, to the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

IDAS-UK is part of a global network of international development professionals in KPMG. KPMG is a global network of member firms located in 155 countries employing 155,000 people. As a firm, we are actively engaged with development agencies,

Private sector development

KPMG recognises the growing emphasis on Private Sector Development (PSD) as a means to generate economic growth and facilitate poverty reduction.

KPMG has deep involvement with the private sector in the UK and developing countries. The firm specialises in multi-country programmes such as those outlined below, and is also implementing country level programmes such as the Burma Enterprise Opportunity Facility (BEOF).

KPMG also undertook important strategic review work on the PSD agenda as part of a programme for the Independent Commission on Aid Impact (ICAI).

Selected projects

Business Environment Reform Facility (BERF): KPMG is leading BERF, a 5 year programme which operates in more than 10 countries to help DFID country schemes and partners to strengthen the business environment. Services include technical support, evidence and learning, policy research, and stakeholder engagement.

Legal Assistance for Economic Reform (LASER):

LASER aims to improve investment climates in developing countries by helping to identify and solve commercial law and justice problems, and by documenting and sharing experiences. LASER offers country-specific technical assistance experimenting with and testing out innovative approaches to improving the commercial law and justice environment through a problem driven, iterative and flexible approach.

not for profits and the private sector in the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Core services include:

- Private sector development
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Programme and fund management
- Anti-corruption and public financial management
- Economic analysis.

Monitoring and evaluation and assurance

KPMG is a global leader in the field of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and assurance services.

In the current environment, there is ever growing emphasis on obtaining value for money (VfM) and development impacts, and full public accountability for the utilisation of public funds.

KPMG was the first service provider to the UK Independent Commission on Aid Impact (ICAI), established by the UK government to provide an independent check on the effectiveness and efficiency of UK development assistance.

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Independent Commission on Aid Impact (ICAI): KPMG led a consortium which undertook over 40 thematic, sector and country reviews between 2012 - 2015, assessing the UK's aid effectiveness and VfM, and covering all aspects of the UK development programme.

TAF evaluation manager: KPMG provided a theory of change and evaluation framework for TAF from 2012. It conducted all annual reviews and the mid-term and final evaluation (pending).

UN VfM in protracted humanitarian crisis: KPMG undertook a VfM review of UK humanitarian support channelled through the UN in Sudan and Syria refugee crises. The published study, commissioned by DFID, examined four UN agencies, their cost drivers in humanitarian responses, and made recommendations to improve their systems and approaches, decision making processes, and coordination.

Programme and fund management

KPMG is an innovative, experienced and effective manager of complex programmes which require the disbursement of multi-million pound programmes in multiple countries, including in fragile and conflict affected states.

KPMG was responsible for one of the largest successful fund management programmes, the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF), which has a portfolio of over 250 projects in more than 20 countries promoting economic development and job creation through the private sector.

IDAS-UK have also been involved in the delivery of two of DFID's largest grants programmes – Forest Governance Markets and Climate (FGMC), DFID's 10-year flagship global programme on forests, and Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes & Disasters (BRACED), a multi-country programme addressing climate adaptation and resilience.

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Land Governance for Economic Development

(LEGEND): KPMG is leading the management of this DFID programme, involving knowledge management, and a challenge fund for NGO projects in areas which facilitate secure property and tenure rights for poor people.

Burma Economic Opportunity Facility (BEOF): KPMG UK is part of a consortium to support DFID in the development of the business sector in Burma which involves strategy; stakeholder relationship management; facility (fund) management; and results and lesson learning. KPMG leads the fund management element.

Anti-corruption and PFM

KPMG globally is a leader in the field of anti-corruption and public financial management (PFM). We design, deliver and evaluate anti-corruption and PFM programmes around the world. We draw on deep expertise in forensics, audit, accountancy, and tax advisory services, as well as our experience working with the largest financial service providers, government departments and industry specialists globally.

Our extensive work in fragile states provides an understanding of the context in which development assistance is provided, including in States which rely heavily on natural resources.

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Financial Accountability and Anti-Corruption

Partnerships (UKFAACP): KPMG undertook scoping work to inform the design of a new partnerships programme

for DFID. The programme will facilitate partnerships between UK public sector institutions that work in financial accountability and anti-corruption and their counterparts in developing countries. The review team analysed the UK institutions' comparative strengths and ability to engage in a partnerships programme, as well as developing country demand for such partnerships.

Independent Commission on Aid Impact (ICAI): KPMG led a review for ICAI into how fraud and corruption may affect value for money and effectiveness of the UK's spending on overseas aid. KPMG also led a review for ICAI on corruption and its impact on the poorest in society, evaluating the coherence and effectiveness of DFID's approach to tackling corruption at the international, national and sub-national levels.

Economic analysis

KPMG in the UK has strong capability in the area of economic analysis, including in the areas of data analysis, economic appraisal and evaluation including cost benefit analysis and social return on investment, economic development, international trade, and other relevant techniques. This capability lies both within the international development team, and through collaboration with the UK Economics and Regulation Team.

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British Indian Ocean territories feasibility study¹: KPMG undertook a Feasibility Study on behalf of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to example the economic feasibility, as well as the political, environmental, technical, and social feasibility of the resettlement of the diaspora community who were moved off the islands in the 1970s.

KPMG Change Readiness Index²: KPMG in the UK has supported KPMG Global in the production of the flagship index of country capability to manage change both in terms of responding appropriately to shocks and pro-actively managing the process of change to promote development. The UK firm is providing the secondary data analysis for the Index along with case study applications of the data, which will cover 135 countries, examining capability of the private sector, government, and civil society.

Monitoring and evaluation of the Chevening

Scholarship programme: On behalf of the FCO, KPMG undertook a review to evaluate the economic impact of the programme, as well as the amount of influence. The review also developed a monitoring and evaluation framework for the programme in future including return on investment, return on influence, value for money, return home tracing and customer.

1 <http://qna.files.parliament.uk/ws-attachments/178757%5Coriginal%5CFeasibility%20study%20for%20the%20resettlement%20of%20the%20British%20Indian%20Ocean%20Territory%20Volume%201.pdf>

2 <https://home.kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2015/06/2015-change-readiness-index.html>

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