**Independent Commission for Aid Impact Workplan Consultation**

The Independent Commission for Aid Impact scrutinises UK aid spending. We work to ensure UK aid is spent effectively for those who need it most and delivers value for UK tax payers. We report to the International Development Committee of the UK parliament. Our mandate covers all UK Official Development Assistance (ODA), including the work of the Department for International Development (DFID) and ODA spent by other UK government departments.

We plan to put in place a rolling work plan of between six and eight reviews each year. Reviews will cover a broad cross-section of UK development programmes, with particular emphasis on subjects that will tell us most about development impact and value for money, and are of interest to parliament and the public.

Our work plan will draw on four broad themes. These themes reflect the challenges and priorities facing the UK development effort and provide us with a framework for selecting and prioritising our work and, over time, sharing lessons across individual reviews. Alongside these themes, we will retain some capacity to undertake ad hoc reports on specific issues of interest or concern to key stakeholders.

**Our themes**

**Transparency, Accountability, and Empowerment:** covering areas such as governance, political participation, tackling corruption, women’s empowerment and promoting human rights.

**Humanitarian Crises, Building Resilience, and** **Stability:** covering areas such as emergencies, protracted crises, post-conflict stabilisation, adaptation and resilience.

**Leaving No One Behind:** covering areas such as tackling extreme poverty, vulnerability, promoting equity, youth and inclusion.

**Beyond Aid:** covering non-traditional forms of ODA such as trade, migration, economic development, taxation, private sector, and climate change.

All reviews will need to consider some core issues irrespective of theme, and we will investigate these as appropriate:

**Our core issues**

* Approaches to financial and risk management;
* Approaches to programme delivery, monitoring and evaluation;
* Cross-government working;
* Working with and through partners;
* Gender and equality; and
* The quality of evidence and its use in enhancing development impact.

**How to respond**

We welcome your thoughts about where, within these themes and core issues, ICAI should focus its attention over the coming years.

Please send responses using the template below to [enquires@icai.independent.gov.uk](mailto:enquires@icai.independent.gov.uk).

The deadline for submissions is **Monday 21 September 2015.**

**Find out more**

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**Template for responses**

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| **Document being consulted on:** | Independent Commission for Aid Impact Workplan |
| **Closing date:** | Midnight on Monday 21 September 2015. |
| **Responses to be sent to:** | [enquires@icai.independent.gov.uk](mailto:enquires@icai.independent.gov.uk) |
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**Under the strategic themes we have outlined above and considering some of the core issues, what specific lines of inquiry should ICAI undertake? (maximum of 1000 words)**

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