

The next few years will be a crucial period for UK aid.

Conflict and insecurity are surging in both scale and complexity worldwide, with unprecedented levels of humanitarian need. In the UK there is a new Aid Strategy to accompany the government's 0.7% aid target, a strategy which will increasingly see aid spent in new ways, and across government.

Given the changing landscape the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) has a crucial role to play in assuring Parliament and the public that UK aid is making a real difference for those who need it most and is delivering value for money for UK taxpayers.

Our work plan for July 2016 to June 2017 therefore takes into account the big issues facing UK aid, and the big changes to the way it is spent.

The five key themes our work is based around ensure our reviews cover the most important challenges and that we align with the strategic objectives set out in the UK aid strategy.

In future an increasing share of aid is due to be spent outside the Department for International Development. To fulfil our mandate to scrutinise all UK aid our plan covers spending across government departments and through cross-government funds.

Alongside our full reviews, we will produce some shorter format reviews that allow us to scrutinise emerging issues in the aid landscape or narrower issues that are unsuitable for a full report. Additionally, we will hold a flexible review space in our work plan to ensure we can respond to fast moving events.

We plan to deliver nine reviews over the period. This includes two short format reviews, one flexible review (topic to be decided later this year), and the annual follow up review which looks back at previous recommendations.

### ICAI reviews: July 2016 - June 2017

Leaving no one behind	Crises, resilience and stability	Inclusive growth	Transparency, accountability and empowerment	Beyond aid
<p><b>UK aid's support to marginalised girls in education</b> Assessing UK aid's support for marginalised girls to access, stay, and succeed in basic education</p> <p>Publication expected autumn 2016</p>	<p><b>UK aid in a conflict-affected country</b> An in-depth review of UK aid spending in a conflict-affected country. We will publish our decision on which country in spring 2016</p> <p>Publication expected spring 2017</p>	<p><b>Economic development &amp; diagnostics</b> Assessing the evidence and diagnostic tools DFID uses to approach economic development</p> <p>Publication expected spring 2017</p>	<p><b>Payment by Results</b> A short format review into DFID's use of payment by results</p> <p>Publication expected spring/summer 2017</p>	<p><b>DFID's approach to transition</b> Looking at how DFID decides where and when to exit a partner country or to transition to a different type of development partnership</p> <p>Publication expected winter 2016</p>
<p><b>The role of cash transfers in reducing poverty and vulnerability</b> Examining DFID's use of cash transfer programmes and their potential for transformational impact</p> <p>Publication expected autumn 2016</p>				<p><b>Emerging cross-government funds</b> A short format review into aid spending by cross-government funds. We will publish our decision on which funds will be included in summer 2016</p> <p>Publication expected early 2017</p>