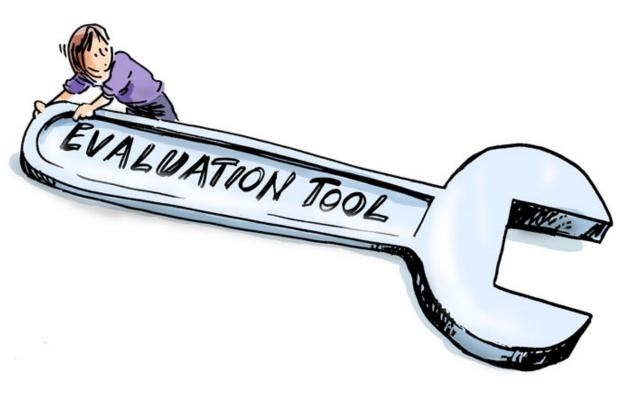
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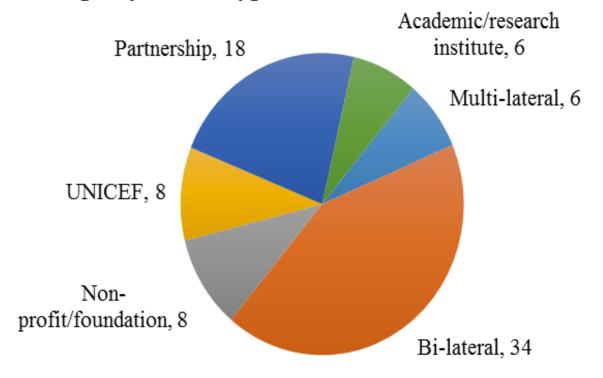
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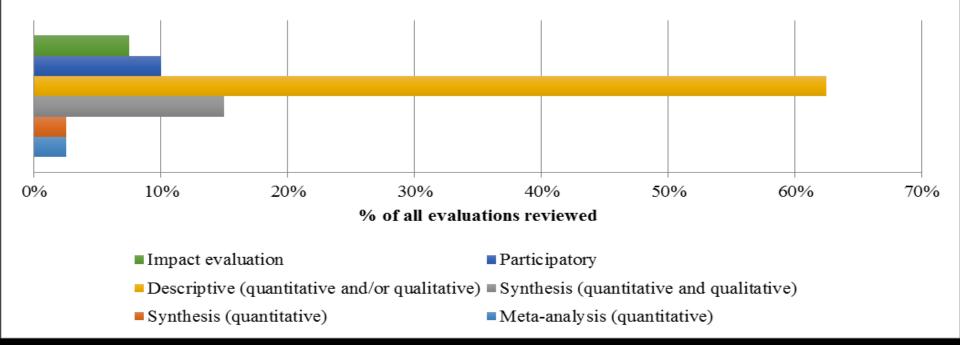
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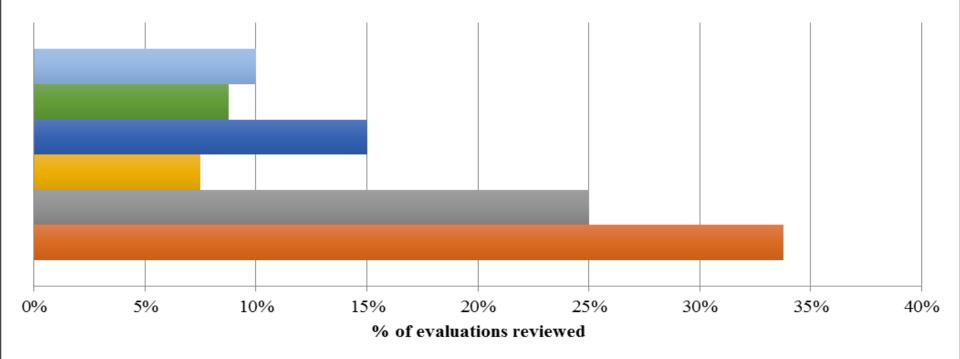
Agency/author type, Number of evaluations reviewed



Evaluation approach

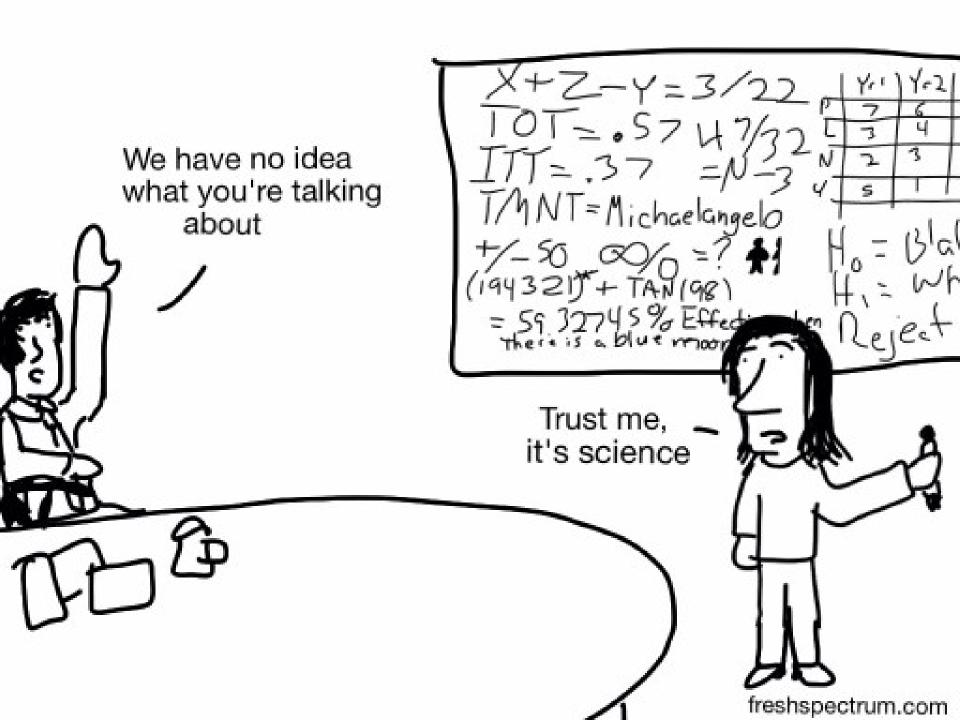


Activities evaluated



- Other
- Multiple projects across multiple countries
- An individual aid-funded project

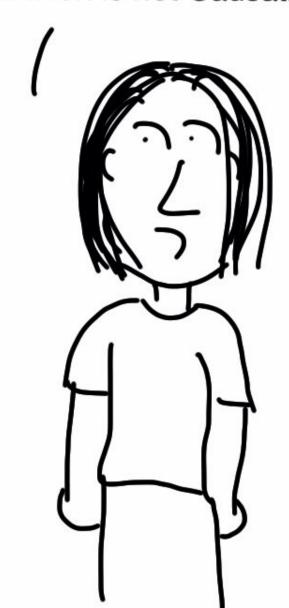
- Aid management
- An individual agency's support to education globally
- Sector-wide support to education in a single country

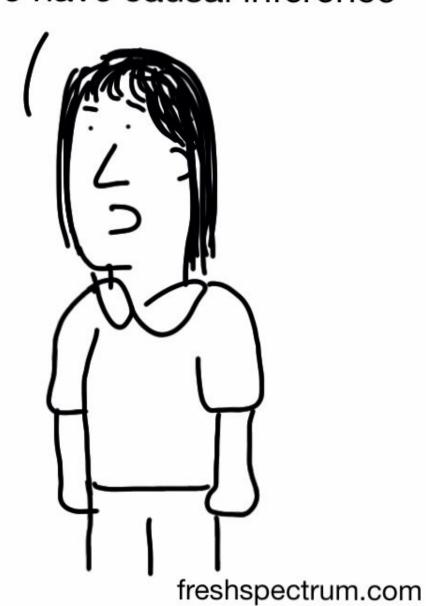


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 - > evaluations as a set
 - > set selected to reflect diversity
 - > focus: learning from evaluations (rather than assessment of particular education initiatives)
 - > attention to complexity and context
 - > attention to use, or not, of evaluations
 - > attention to supportive environment, generative mechanisms, and reciprocal influences

Everyone knows, Correlation is not Causation

Sure, that's why we have causal inference





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After years
of hard work,
ourdata system
is up and
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Have you discovered anything interesting?

Yes, nobody wants to use it.













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