

Checklist

Criteria for Determining External Evaluation Needs

Preliminary remark:

Evaluation needs are solicited in the various FOPH units on a yearly basis (→ Annual and multi-annual plan). Priorities are set by senior management as are decisions regarding which projects should be commissioned.

The following criteria are applied to identify evaluation needs and set priorities:

<p>1. Political Relevance</p>	<p>“How important is the proposed evaluation to health policy?”</p> <p>The importance of the theme with regard to the following areas is considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities of the Federal Council regarding health policy • National Health Policy as supported by the cantons • Objectives of the Department of Home Affairs • FOPH strategy and/or specific strategy of its units • Health foreign policy
<p>2. Relevance to Resources</p>	<p>“Costly policies / measures?”</p> <p>The areas in which the majority of resources are invested should be considered.</p>
<p>3. Information Needs</p>	<p>“Effectiveness, adequacy, economics of the action”</p> <p>The areas in which there is the most uncertainty (lack of knowledge) – e.g. about effectiveness, efficiency etc. should be considered.</p>
<p>4. Legal Basis</p>	<p>“What is the legal basis for the evaluation?”</p> <p>Evaluations which have a specific legal basis (→ evaluative clause in the law) have to be done. Equally, evaluations based on more general evaluative clauses should be realised.</p>