

Assessing the Impact of Foreign Aid

Value for Money and Aid for Trade

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The book provides a fresh look into one of the most important unfinished agendas of foreign aid, the aid effectiveness agenda. It combines theoretical and practical contributions to propose new ways of thinking about the evaluation of the impact of aid, from its conceptualization to its implementation. It convincingly argues for the centrality of impact assessment in development programs and it proposes reforms to ensure that such assessment truly contributes to making foreign aid an effective tool to improve lives in developing countries. The messages in the book should provide relevant food for thought for aid practitioners, policy-makers, and academics alike.

– *Massimiliano Calì, World Bank*

How to improve foreign aid programs? Value for money and aid for trade is a common strategy. *Assessing the Impact of Foreign Aid* explores the concept and practice of Impact Assessment within the sometimes-unproblematic approaches advocated in current literature of value for money and aid for trade. Contributors from multilateral agencies and NGOs discuss the changing patterns of Official Development Assistance and their effects on impact assessment. They provide theoretical, political, structural, methodological, and practical frameworks, discussions, and a theory-practice nexus. With twin foci of economics and policy, *Assessing the Impact of Foreign Aid* raises the potential for making sophisticated and coherent decisions on aid allocation to developing countries.



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