



Impact Evaluation: progress and challenges

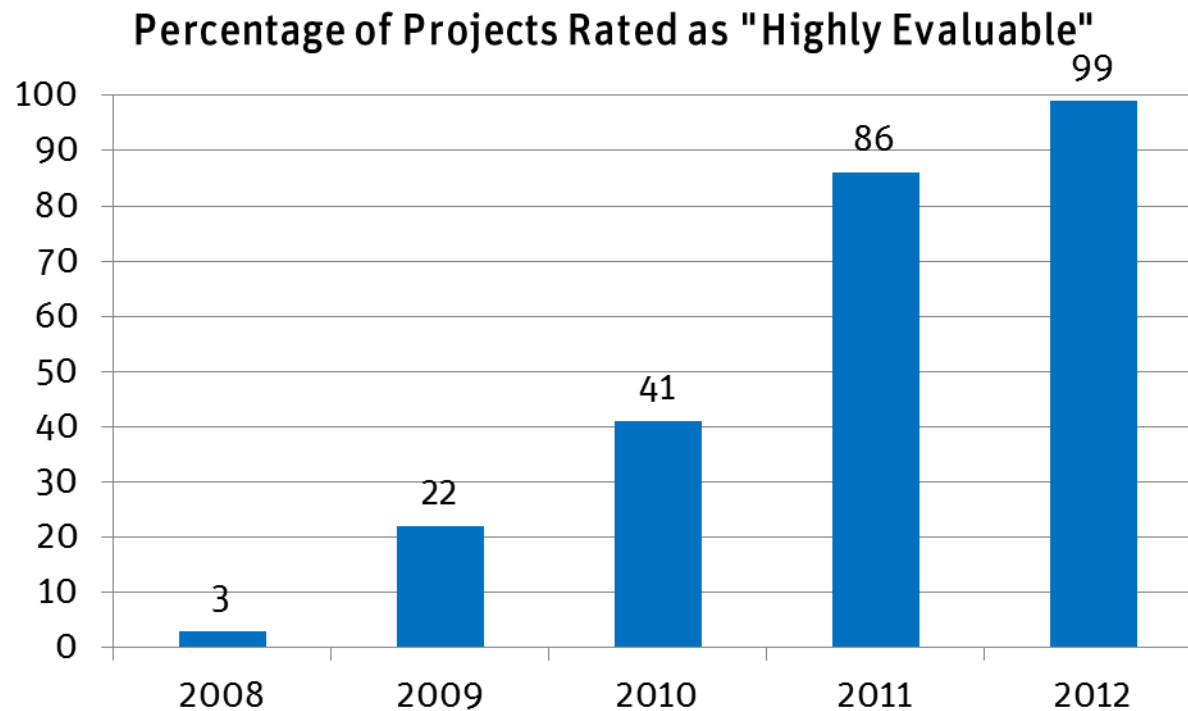
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Roadmap

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Overall Trends

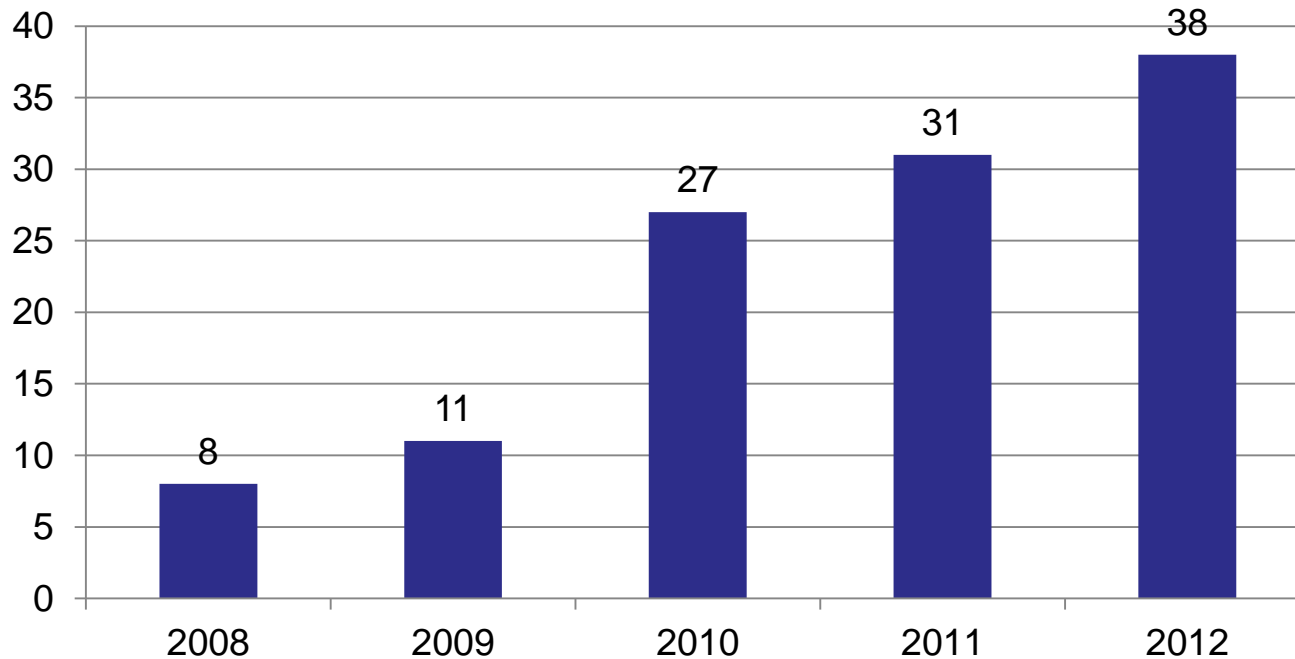
➤ Progress in “Evaluability” of IDB Projects



Source: Development Effectiveness Reports 2008-2012 IDB, Public Sector Loans

Overall Trends

- Steady increase in percentage of IDB projects with rigorous evaluation planned at approval: 2008-2012



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Lessons

- **Insourcing Evaluation Expertise for Strategic Evaluations**
 - participation of IDB expert critical throughout the project
 - not just for initial phase of negotiation and terms of reference

- **Sharing Implementation Failures**
 - much to be learned from “good evaluations gone bad”

Remaining Challenges

- Financing Evaluations at the Design Phase of Projects
 - timing and availability of funds
- Universalization of Human Subjects Review/IRB in LAC
 - uneven application
 - institutional strengthening to build capacity for IRBs

As part of the overall project cycle, impact evaluation provides a key opportunity to incorporate evidence-based policymaking into programming activities

