

Recent and Forthcoming Books from Oxfam for Development Professionals

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Impact Assessment for Development Agencies

Learning to Value Change

Chris Roche

Impact assessment is a major concern to all working in development, both funding and delivery agencies. This major new book considers the *process* of impact assessment and shows how and why it needs to be integrated into all stages of development programmes from planning to evaluation. It argues that impact assessment should refer not only to immediate outputs or effects but also to any lasting or significant changes that it brought about.

Impact Assessment opens with a theoretical overview of the subject, then discusses the design of impact-assessment processes and considers the range of tools and methods available, in development, in emergencies, and in advocacy work. Finally it explores how different organisations have attempted to institutionalise impact-assessment processes and the challenges they have faced. In-depth case studies by partner organisations and staff of Oxfam GB and Novib show a variety of approaches – qualitative, quantitative, and participatory – in situations ranging from large-scale integrated development programmes to projects involving only one community.

'...a substantial contribution to our understanding of this elusive concept. ...This study will be of critical value to NGOs and bilateral agencies searching for this particular Holy Grail, and should cause them to seriously re-appraise their institutional approach.'

Peter Oakley, Research Director, INTRAC

'This is essential reading for NGO staff struggling with the complexities of impact assessment.'

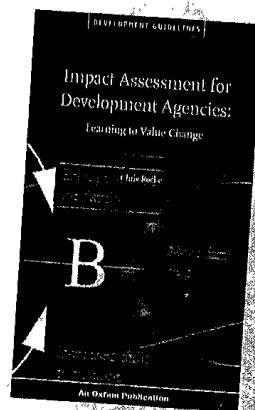
Dr John Hailey, Director of Research,
Oxford Brookes University

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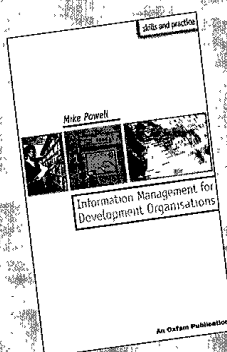
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Information Management for Development Organisations

Mike Powell



This book will help managers of non-government and community organisations think critically about what kinds of information they, their organisations, their staff, and their project partners need. It discusses how they can access such information, manage it, and communicate it in the most effective and equitable way. The approach it describes is illustrated with case studies from Oxfam's experience and other sources. Some simple, practical tools are offered to help managers to relate the ideas to their own situations.

'...his sound observations, analysis and advice... are excellent.'

Adrian Poffley, in *NGO Finance*

'...anyone concerned with information management would benefit from reading this book.'

Maurice B. Line, in *Managing Information*

Oxfam Skills and Practice

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