

A smiling woman wearing a green and yellow sari is holding a large woven basket filled with green okra (ladyfinger) in a lush green field. The background shows a line of trees under a bright sky. The image is partially overlaid by a purple and yellow graphic design.

The role of evaluation for climate action

A post-COP26 dialogue on how evaluative evidence can help deliver the Paris Agreement

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“We can now say with credibility that we have kept 1.5 degrees alive. But, its pulse is weak and it will only survive if we keep our promises and translate commitments into rapid action.” – Alok Sharma



Have we heeded the stark warning and evidence submitted in the IPCC report?



Evaluative evidence is needed to “box-clever” with the resources we have.

3 Key Messages





1. The Emperor is not wearing clothes



Key Message 1



In Kenya, with flexi-biogas as a sole fuel alternative, wood fuel harvesting continued



Cookstove example

- Second order effects – e.g. boosting income status can facilitate forest clearing activities.
- Discussion between evidence specialists in an IOE led event at the IFAD pavilion at COP26 concluded:
 1. Evaluations and programme designs must consider consequences of climate adaptation action on ecosystems.
 2. Current approaches are quite anthropocentric.
 3. Balance must be struck between human systems and ecosystems.
 4. Experience in evaluating and designing for this is sparse.



2. RBA's and other organisations need to come together to find common standards



Today's aim:

To jointly produce a statement to impress the crucial role of evaluative evidence in COP processes and call to ensure that the evaluation community have a platform and are embedded in the COP dialogue.



IFAD are trying to measure climate adaptation and resilience – this needs to become the industry standard.

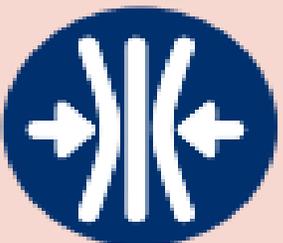
IFAD 10



Production: + 44%



Market Access: + 77%

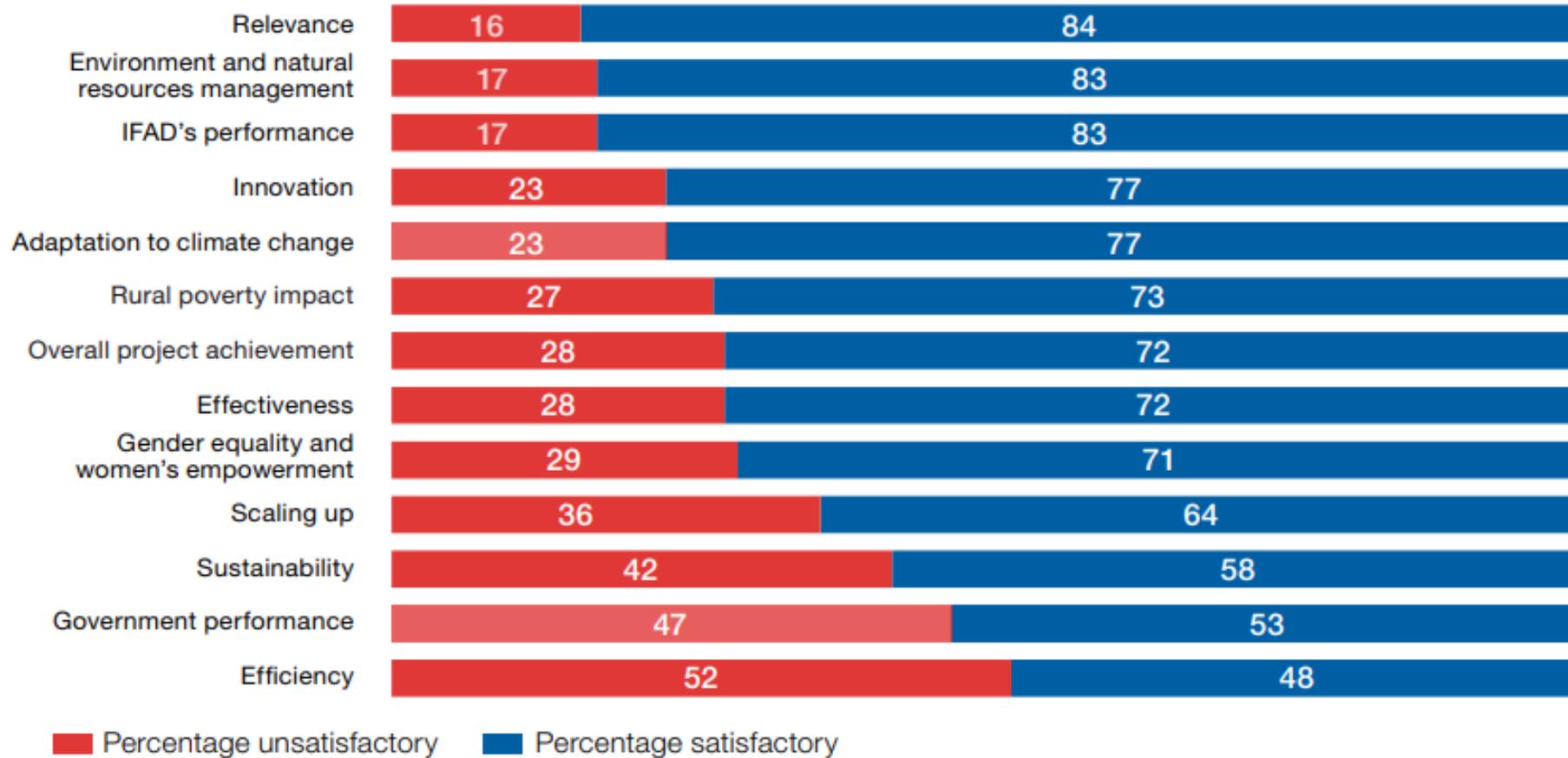


Resilience: + 13%



Chart A Ranking of all criteria by share of overall satisfactory ratings

Percentage of projects with overall satisfactory/unsatisfactory ratings, 2016-2018



Source: IOE evaluation database (PCR/V/PPE), February 2021.



3. Impact washing needs to stop

- The impacts of over-inflating climate action could result in climate impacts of far more severe magnitudes

	1.5 degrees	2 degrees
Coral Reefs Dying	70%	99%
Likelihood of loss of 50% pollinator habitat	-	Double
Ice-less summers in Arctic Ocean	Once per century	Once per decade
Sea-level rise	-	+ 1 meter
People affected by sea-level rise	6 million	16 million



Please consider:

1. How does the evaluation community ensure we have a seat at the table?
2. What are the platforms for raising our voices?
3. How can we better measure impacts and cost effects of climate adaptation?
4. What are the data and evidence gaps and how can we fill them?



Thank you for
listening

