Individual exercise to start.....

Please write in one line what you know or understand about what CEDIL is or what it is intended to achieve?
What is CEDIL?

• The Centre of Excellence for Development Impact and Learning
• A multidisciplinary consortium funded by DFID
• Composed of (1) a research directorate (2) a programme directorate, and (3) an intellectual leadership team (ILT) of impact evaluation experts
• CEDIL is NOT a research project, but an initiative to identify, develop and test innovative approaches to assessing effectiveness
Motivation for CEDIL

Impact evaluations are currently conducted in ‘easy’ contexts and projects.

Mismatch between research and policy:
- Geographic
- Thematic
- Programmatic

Evaluations are limited by methodological challenges and lack of funding opportunities.

Evaluations either missing or yield little of use in more challenging settings.
CEDIL’s goals

• Develop and test new methods of evaluation and synthesis of effectiveness
• Fill evidence gaps in neglected thematic and geographic areas
• Promote the use of evidence by DFID and other agencies
Priority geographical areas (provided by DFID): focus on FCAS

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Burma
- Chad
- DRC
- Ethiopia
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Niger
- Nigeria
- OTP
- Pakistan
- Rwanda
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Yemen
- Zimbabwe
Priority thematic areas (provided by DFID)

- Accelerating use of family planning
- Anti-corruption, including illicit financial flows
- Climate change and sustainable resource management
- Conflict
- Disability and gender
- Economic development
- Education
- Extremism
- Governance

- Humanitarian assistance
- Inclusive growth
- Infrastructure and building markets
- Justice
- Migration and modern slavery
- Nutrition
- Security and stability
- Southern innovation and use of technology
- Trade
CEDIL: programme phasing

- Twelve inception papers
- Evaluating complexity
- Mid range theory
- Evidence use uptake
- Fast track studies
- Small studies
- Large studies
Commissioning principles

We will support studies employing methods that address causality in a convincing way:

- Existing methods integrated or combined in new ways
- Existing methods from other disciplines applied to a new context
- New evaluation methods altogether

With an emphasis also on DFID relevance

- DFID programme OR
- Sector or setting of interest to DFID
Fast track studies

- Evaluating complexity
- Applying mid-range theory
- Big Data Evidence Map
- Better measurement
- Stakeholder engagement
- Country Evaluation Maps
- Disability evidence portal
Involving Men and Boys in Family Planning
Gender and social outcomes of WASH interventions
Technology-Based Innovations for Improving Perinatal Care Utilization
The effectiveness of climate-related aid

Scaling Social Accountability for Health
The transferability of education mid-range theories to Cameroon, Chad, Nigeria and Niger
Teaching at the Right Level's effectiveness and generalizability
Language Transitioning
Catalysing Responsive and Inclusive Governance
Generating demand for contraception among adolescents
Syrian Business Development and Regional Trade

How Biased are Observational Methods in Practice?
The art and science of using evidence
Enhancing Evaluation Use
Predicting Optimal Policies for New Contexts using Existing Studies
Large studies
What are you in for today?

Presentations from the main CEDIL themes

- Evaluating complexity
- Mid range theory
- Stakeholder engagement

And from fast track and small studies

- Data
- Art and Science of Evidence Use
- Language transitioning
Questions?
Exercise

What might CEDIL do for you?

• Write on a post-it note a programme, evaluation question, or method which would fit with CEDIL’s mandate
• Discuss your idea with your neighbour
• On your way to coffee please put the post-it note on the wall (along with the other post-it notes you didn’t put up yet)
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