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# Forewords



## Sabine Bernabè

Vice President and Director-General, Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank Group

FY2025 marks a defining moment for the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI). Now in its fifth year, GEI has consolidated its role as a catalyst for stronger monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems and more evidence-informed governance around the world.

The Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) has long recognized the importance of evaluation capacity development as a cornerstone of sustainable governance and accountability. Our continued commitment to GEI reflects the tangible results achieved through its work—strengthened national M&E systems, more capable institutions, and a growing global community that values evidence as a driver of better decisions and outcomes.

The external evaluation completed this year affirmed GEI's achievements and relevance. It also highlighted the initiative's distinctive value in connecting global expertise with national reform agendas, helping governments institutionalize evaluation and use evidence to improve policy outcomes.

GEI's partners have advanced evaluation capacity and fostered cultures of learning and accountability. The opening of the Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Latin America and the Caribbean (CLEAR-LAC) reflects both GEI's global ambition and its commitment to regionally grounded, locally led evaluation capacity. Together with the six regional Centers for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEARs), as well as the International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) and the École Nationale d'Administration Publique (ENAP) which specialize in M&E training, GEI is now positioned to support countries across Africa, Asia, and the Americas in embedding evaluation into public policy and planning.

As development challenges grow more complex, the capacity to generate and apply evidence becomes ever more vital. Together with our partners, we will continue to strengthen evaluation systems and ensure that evidence drives real change where it matters most.



## **Jos Vaessen**

**Head of the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), and Chief Evaluation Officer and Senior Adviser at the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank Group**

The past year was one of reflection and renewal for GEI. The external evaluation offered valuable insights into GEI's progress, impact, and future direction. It reaffirmed the initiative's relevance and clarified where GEI adds the most value—strengthening national evaluation systems, deepening country partnerships, and connecting global expertise with local needs.

Looking ahead, and in line with the GEI 2.0 Strategy, GEI will focus on the areas where it can make the greatest difference. We will further strengthen the synergies between the M&E training delivered by IPDET, ENAP, and the CLEAR Centers. We will deepen country partnerships to help governments build M&E systems that endure and strengthen the routine use of evaluative evidence. We will continue to foster South-South learning and expand regionally grounded, locally led trainings so capacity development reflects national priorities. We will also continue investing in knowledge sharing through initiatives such as Glocal Evaluation Week, the BetterEvaluation platform, and regional convenings that connect evaluators, M&E practitioners, and policy makers across contexts.

These priorities go hand in hand with a renewed focus on financial sustainability. GEI is adopting a more diversified funding approach to maintain the platform that enables this work—from sustained country support to global public goods—ensuring that our contribution remains catalytic, coherent, and aligned with where GEI adds the most value.

The results of FY2025 illustrate what collective action can achieve: thousands trained, 39 national and subnational governments supported, and a growing global community committed to using evidence to improve governance.

As GEI enters its next phase, our focus remains clear: to help governments and institutions use evidence to make better choices for people and the planet.



## Uwe Gehlen

Head of Division G 34 – Evaluation and Development Research, DEval, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Germany is proud to be a founding member and close partner of GEI. We share a common goal: strengthening national M&E systems so that governments can make informed decisions that improve people's lives.

M&E is essential for accountability, oversight, and learning. Yet the capacity to generate and use evidence remains uneven across countries. GEI addresses this challenge by supporting countries to build sustainable monitoring systems, develop professional skills, and apply evidence to design and adapt effective policies.

BMZ's priorities—promoting results-based management, advancing climate-responsive and gender-transformative evaluation, and fostering inclusion—are reflected in GEI's work. The Feminist Innovation in M&E project and GEI's expanding climate portfolio demonstrate how evaluation can drive both social justice and environmental resilience.

Germany remains committed to supporting GEI as a key partner in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. A persistent bottleneck is the limited availability of reliable data and gaps in evaluation capacity. Effective evaluation must also be integrated into political decision-making processes. We are convinced that evaluation capacity development is central to promoting localization and strengthening partner-country ownership. Building evaluation capacity is therefore not only a technical endeavor, but also a foundation for transparent, effective, and equitable governance that improves lives around the world.

# Executive Summary

The Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI) supports governments and organizations in strengthening M&E and evidence use to improve decision-making and development outcomes worldwide. Coordinated by the Global Team, GEI is a worldwide network connecting partners and practitioners through shared learning, technical assistance, and country-level collaboration to advance stronger M&E systems.

GEI shares knowledge through the BetterEvaluation platform (BetterEvaluation.org), and Global Evaluation Week, and delivers training through the International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET), the École Nationale d'Administration Publique (ENAP), and six regional Centers for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR) across Anglophone, Francophone, and Lusophone Africa; South and Central Asia; and Latin America and the Caribbean. GEI also applies a systems-based approach—combining diagnostic tools such as the Monitoring and Evaluation Systems Analysis (MESA) with technical assistance, training, and knowledge sharing—to strengthen institutional evaluation capacity and support more effective governance.

In FY2025, GEI worked in 39 national and subnational governments and partnered with IPDET, ENAP, and the CLEARs to train 3,021 people through 63 in-person training events, provided technical assistance to 18 country and subnational engagements. These results demonstrate GEI's continuing contribution to building the skills, systems, and partnerships needed for effective public management.

During the year, GEI underwent its first external evaluation, commissioned by the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank Group and the Independent Evaluation Office of UNDP. The review confirmed GEI's relevance and achievements, recognized its credibility as a global platform, and highlighted opportunities to improve governance, strengthen alignment with Global South training needs, and refine its strategic focus. These recommendations will guide GEI's next phase.

GEI also expanded its regional and thematic reach. Country partnerships deepened across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Central Asia, including fragile and climate-affected settings. The launch of the Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Latin America and the Caribbean (CLEAR-LAC) established a new regional hub for evaluation capacity and knowledge exchange.

During FY2025, GEI continued to expand its global reach and strengthen engagement across its network. The initiative produced 98 communications products and 73 knowledge products and hosted 49 GEI-led knowledge and communications events attended by around 10,400 participants. GEI's newsletter reached 11,923 subscribers, while the BetterEvaluation newsletter reached 7,263 subscribers, maintaining an average open rate of 36 percent and a click-through rate of 7 percent.

GEI also hosted 14 knowledge-sharing webinars, attracting an average of just over 200 participants per session, with the most popular sessions drawing more than 500 participants.

GEI's digital reach grew markedly, engaging about 2 million users across its web and social media channels—an increase of roughly 50 percent compared with FY2024. The BetterEvaluation.org platform attracted over 1.5 million page views, and 669,000 active users, underscoring its role as one of the world's leading open-access evaluation resources.

Glocal Evaluation Week 2025 drew strong participation globally, featuring 372 sessions worldwide, complemented by 4 launch events held in preparation for the week. Activities spanned 73 countries, with the Latin America and Caribbean region leading participation, hosting 137 events across 16 countries. In FY2025, Glocal was promoted through GEI's global channels in collaboration with the CLEAR Centers, BetterEvaluation, and IPDET, which hosted its first Glocal event. In total, 16,626 registrations were recorded on the Glocal platform—up from 14,720 registrations across 370 events in 2024.

GEI also played a leading role in the National Evaluation Capacities (NEC) Conference, held in Beijing in October 2024. Co-organized with the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency and UNDP, the event gathered over 500 participants from more than 100 countries to advance national evaluation systems and evidence-based policy making. GEI sponsored 22 high-level government representatives from partner countries and contributed to 21 sessions, helping shape the Beijing Action Plan: Towards Responsive Evaluation Systems for 2030, which reaffirmed global commitment to country-led evaluation capacity development.

Financially, GEI's multi-donor trust fund (MDTF) received approximately US\$2.15 million in income in FY2025, bringing total cumulative contributions to \$18.4 million since the initiative's inception. In FY2025, disbursements to implementing partners totaled \$3.05 million, supporting the delivery of country programs, training and professional development, and global knowledge and communication activities. These resources continue to enable GEI to strengthen national M&E systems and expand its global reach.

Looking ahead, GEI will act on lessons from the external evaluation to refine its strategy, strengthen collaboration across its network, and further embed evaluation within governance systems. Through collective learning and sustained engagement, GEI continues to help countries make better-informed decisions and deliver more effective results.

# FY2025 at a Glance

FY2025 marked a year of strong delivery and continued growth for GEI. The figures below capture GEI's global reach and results across training, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing. Together, they reflect GEI's expanding contribution to strengthening national M&E systems and promoting evidence-informed decision-making worldwide.



## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- > **39** national and subnational governments reached
- > **18** technical assistance engagements delivered



## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- > **3,021** people trained
- > **63** training events

### IPDET

- > **201** IPDET participants in **71** countries
- > **3** courses delivered



## KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

- > **73** knowledge products
- > **34** knowledge sharing events

### GLOCAL EVALUATION WEEK

- > **372** Glocal events held in **73** countries
- > **16,626** Glocal event registrations

### BETTEREVALUATION

- > **1.5+ million** page views
- > **669,000** active users



## COMMUNICATION

- > **98** communications products

### GLOBAL TEAM (compared to 2024)

- > LinkedIn: 49.83% increase (from 18,688 to 28,000 followers)
- > YouTube: 27.83% increase (from 769 to 983 subscribers)
- > Newsletter: 9.57% increase (from 10,882 to 11,923 subscribers)
- > X: 6.63% increase (from 4,859 to 5,181 followers)

# External Evaluation

In FY2025, GEI underwent its first external evaluation, commissioned by the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank Group and the Independent Evaluation Office of UNDP. The purpose was to assess GEI's achievements since 2020, examine outcomes at global and country levels, and identify priorities for strengthening its strategy.

Using a mixed-methods approach—including extensive partner interviews and surveys of IPDET participants—the evaluation confirmed GEI's success in raising global awareness of evaluation capacity development and supporting national M&E systems through the CLEAR Centers. It also highlighted the value of GEI as a credible brand and global platform for knowledge sharing.

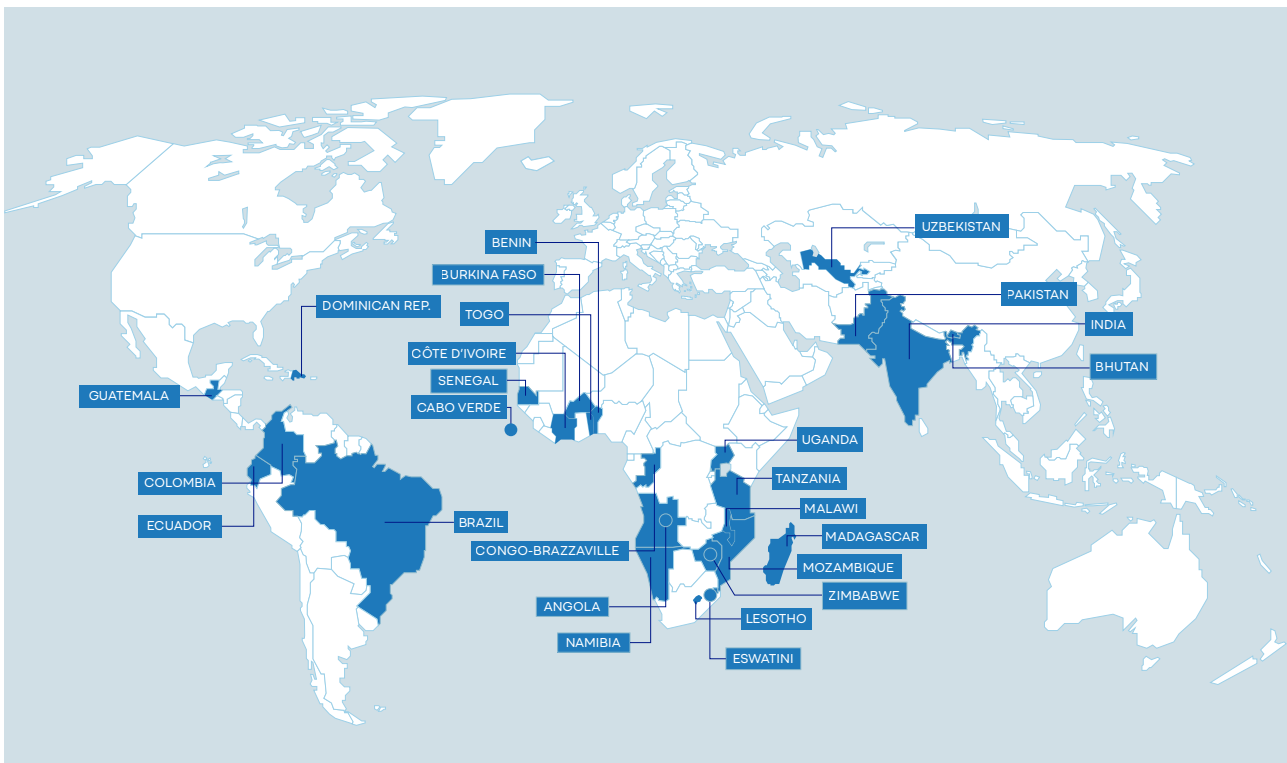
At the same time, the evaluation found challenges around governance transparency, the alignment of IPDET's training with Global South demand, and a need for clearer focus on GEI's comparative advantage. Recommendations included refining the strategic direction, adapting training models, and strengthening governance to ensure greater impact in supporting evidence-based decision-making worldwide.

GEI has already begun to act on these recommendations, including work to clarify governance arrangements, strengthen partner participation, and adapt training offers to better reflect Global South demand.

# Country Partnerships

GEI combines training, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing to strengthen evaluation capacity and evidence use. Through MESA diagnostics and tailored advisory support, GEI works with governments and national institutions to embed evaluation in policy and planning processes and translate evidence into action. In FY2025, these partnerships across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Asia advanced stronger national and subnational evaluation systems and are illustrated in the maps below.

## NATIONAL



## SUBNATIONAL



# Enhancing M&E Systems at National and Subnational Levels

In FY2025, GEI and its implementing partners deepened collaboration with governments to move from diagnostic design to sustained implementation of national and subnational M&E systems. Across regions, countries took concrete steps to institutionalize evaluation frameworks, strengthen staff capacity, and apply evidence to guide policy priorities and resource allocation.

## Building Capacity at the National Level

At the national level, GEI supported governments in implementing capacity development plans and bolstering systems based on diagnostic findings, providing technical assistance, advisory services, and tailored training to embed evaluation within policy and planning processes.

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### Uzbekistan

- GEI, through the Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Pakistan and Central Asia (CLEAR-PCA), supported the government in scaling the national M&E framework across ministries.
- Worked with the Agency for Strategic Reforms to integrate evaluation into public administration reforms.
- Defined institutional roles and developed training materials; work is ongoing to align procedures with national planning.
- Ministries are now using the MESA evaluation findings to refine sector strategies and improve coordination.

*“Before our engagement with CLEAR-PCA, we lacked understanding about how to structure data, and we had weak reporting systems. CLEAR-PCA’s approach emphasized performance indicators and results-based monitoring, leading to a fundamental shift in our thinking. This has transformed how we measure success and the effects of reforms.”*

**Kurbanov Bekzod Bakhromovich**, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation of Ongoing Reforms, Agency for Strategic Reforms, Uzbekistan.

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### Uganda

- The Office of the Prime Minister advanced implementation of the National Evaluation Plan (NEP) under the Third National Development Plan (NDP III).
- With the transition to NDP IV, the Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Anglophone Africa (CLEAR-AA) supported the revision of the NEP to align with new national priorities.
- Provided technical assistance to update the 2013 National Public Sector Monitoring and Evaluation Policy.
- The process, supported by UNICEF Uganda, aims to strengthen accountability and improve the management of public programs.

*“This marks a watershed moment in the history of evaluation in Uganda — a development that not only defines evaluations aligned to NDP III but also sets a new trajectory for transparency and accountability.”*

**Timothy Lubanga**, Assistant Commissioner for Monitoring and Evaluation, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda.

## Tanzania

- The Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Anglophone Africa (CLEAR-AA) and the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval) supported the Prime Minister’s Office – Parliament, Policy and Coordination to design terms of reference for a country-led evaluation of the Agriculture Sector Development Plan II (ASDP II).
- Piloted the newly adopted national evaluation manual to test its applicability.
- Developed a Gender-Based Planning and Budgeting Facilitator Guide, with support from the Ford Foundation, to promote gender inclusion.

*“Now, people are asking for reports, asking for results. They want to make decisions based on evidence. This cultural shift is a major win.”*

**Sakina Mwinyimkuu**, Director of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation, Prime Minister’s Office, Tanzania.

## Côte d’Ivoire

- GEI, through the Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Francophone Africa (CLEAR-FA), supported Côte d’Ivoire’s transition from legislative design to operational delivery of its national evaluation system.
- Trained senior government officials in evaluation methods.
- Advised on key strategic documents, including the National Evaluation Policy, its Action Plan, and the Public Policy Evaluation Guide.
- Supported the creation of a Directory of Public Policies to serve as a national repository for evaluations.
- Sponsored officials to participate in international evaluation forums.
- Facilitated a co-creation workshop to draft implementing decrees for the Law on Public Policy Evaluation.

*“Collaboration with CLEAR-FA has been fruitful and highly promising. CLEAR-FA is a key partner in promoting and disseminating the culture of evaluation in Côte d’Ivoire.”*

**Youssef N’Dia**, Director of Control and Monitoring and Evaluation, Côte d’Ivoire.

## India

- The Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results for South Asia (CLEAR-SA), hosted at the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), deepened its partnership with India's apex M&E body—the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) of NITI Aayog—to strengthen country-led evaluations and promote consistent use of administrative data across ministries and states.
- Together, they produced two national knowledge products: an Administrative Data Toolkit and a Compendium of Case Studies on Using Administrative Data for Decision-Making, designed to guide government institutions in improving data quality and applying administrative data in planning and budgeting.
- CLEAR-SA also conducted a series of technical workshops for mid- and senior-level DMEO officers on topics such as data governance, piloting questionnaires, and evaluation methodologies.
- These efforts enhanced DMEO's institutional capacity to lead evaluations of flagship government schemes and established a standardized reference framework for strengthening M&E systems nationwide.

*“The institutionalization of evaluation is very important... We need to have adequate capacity at both the national and subnational level—across various states. This is what is most important for conducting evaluations on a regular basis... GEI, and its local partner J-PAL/CLEAR-SA, have been instrumental in providing many capacity-building exercises at various national and subnational levels, and I look forward to meaningful engagements in the future.”*

**Abinash Dash**, Director of Evaluation, Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog.

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## Latin America and the Caribbean

- The Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Latin America and the Caribbean (CLEAR-LAC) gained strong momentum following its formal launch in June 2024.
- Contributed to EVALAC 2024, promoting regional dialogue on evaluation capacity.
- Led a consultancy to strengthen Guatemala's legal framework for M&E and trained 38 government professionals.
- Supported public sector training in Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia.
- Worked with national authorities to secure political commitment for M&E system strengthening.

*“CLEAR-LAC has become a strategic partner for governments in Latin America and the Caribbean, contributing significantly to the strengthening of national monitoring and evaluation systems. Through initiatives such as EVALAC and specialized training programs, it has fostered institutional capacity, regional collaboration, and the use of evidence to improve public policy.”*

**Jeff Vargas-González**, Public Policy Evaluation Lead, National Planning Department (DNP), Colombia.

# Building Capacity at the Subnational Level

In large and decentralized countries such as Brazil and India, GEI and its partners continued to strengthen M&E systems at the subnational level. These efforts focus on building local capacity through training, workshops, and technical support for government officials, evaluators, and civil society actors, ensuring that evidence is used to inform policies and programs closer to communities.

## Brazil

- GEI, through the Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Lusophone Africa and Brazil (CLEAR-LAB), continued to strengthen evaluation capacity in Brazil at the subnational level.
- CLEAR-LAB maintained its collaboration with the State Court of Accounts of Espírito Santo (TCE-ES), focusing on building local evaluation capacity and supporting the institutionalization of municipal-level M&E systems.
- In FY2025, CLEAR-LAB launched the Diagnostic of Public Policy Evaluation Systems in Brazil, mapping national progress in institutionalizing evaluation and showcasing experiences to inspire other government entities.
- The diagnostic is being used by federal and subnational governments as a reference to strengthen their evaluation systems and has informed dialogue with ministries, courts of accounts, and international partners on building a more coordinated and sustainable evaluation ecosystem in Brazil.
- Espírito Santo continues to be recognized nationally as a reference for embedding M&E practices within state governance structures.

*“This project offers a concrete opportunity for progress through the collaborative development of assessments, technical workshops, and the design of a municipal policy proposal aimed at institutionalizing monitoring and evaluation.”*

**Domingos Taufner**, President, State Court of Accounts of Espírito Santo (TCE-ES), Brazil.

## India

- In Tamil Nadu, CLEAR-SA conducted a rapid M&E diagnostic with the Department of Planning and Development, covering key institutions including the Department of Evaluation and Applied Research (DEAR), the Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), and the State Planning Commission (SPC).
- The diagnostic identified strengths and gaps across state agencies and informed a multi-year capacity-building plan—combining training and advisory support—and has been approved by the government’s Steering Committee chaired by the Deputy Chief Minister. The capacity building plan will be funded by the Government of Tamil Nadu’s Department of Planning and Development.

- Political authorization and budget backing have created a durable pathway to institutionalize M&E processes, data standards, and evidence-use practices across state agencies.
- In Andhra Pradesh, CLEAR-SA partnered with the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) and the Department of Skill Development and Training to enhance data systems ahead of a statewide Skill Census covering around 35 million people.
- Workshops strengthened staff capacity on data analytics, data-quality management, visualization, and field protocols for survey implementation and analysis.
- Enhanced data capability has enabled the state to generate reliable, analyzable census data to inform skills planning, training programs, and evidence-based resource allocation.

*“The M&E diagnostics conducted by CLEAR South Asia have provided valuable insights and actionable recommendations. These findings will guide us in enhancing our current M&E capacities and serve as a blueprint for the government to undertake similar diagnostics in the future, enabling a stronger culture of evidence-based decision-making in Tamil Nadu.”*

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**Vikram Kapur**, IAS, Director, Anna Administrative Staff College (AASC),  
and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu.

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These examples illustrate how GEI worked throughout FY2025 to enhance M&E systems across regions. By combining diagnostics, technical assistance, and capacity building, GEI and its partners provide countries with comprehensive and context-sensitive support to embed evaluation in governance and improve the use of evidence in decision-making.

# Training and Professional Development

Throughout FY2025, GEI continued to boost the capacity of M&E stakeholders through diverse training, learning, and professional development initiatives. These programs equipped participants with the knowledge and tools to design, manage, and use evaluations to inform decision-making and improve governance. GEI and its partners—IPDET, ENAP, and the six regional CLEAR Centers—delivered 63 in-person training events that reached 3,021 participants across 39 countries, helping to embed evaluation practices within national and subnational systems.

*“The program would not have been as impactful without the opportunity to share the classroom with colleagues from 71 countries. I am beyond grateful for the chance to share experiences, concerns, and recommendations on evaluation development.”*

**Andrea Lona Elorza**, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Coordinator, Pro Mujer, Mexico.

IPDET remains a flagship of GEI’s global training offer. In FY2025, it delivered three courses—an on-site training in Bern, an online workshop, and an in-house program for the Islamic Development Bank—reaching 201 participants from 71 countries. Evaluation findings confirmed its strong impact, with over 98 percent of participants reporting increased knowledge and nearly all finding the learning applicable to their work. IPDET introduced new thematic workshops on evaluating humanitarian action and designing and managing projects for results and effective evaluation, and repeated its popular course on climate change and development.

The program also broadened outreach to the Global

South, preparing for its first regional training in Nairobi (planned with CLEAR-AA in FY2026) to advance South-South learning.

ENAP remained fundamental to GEI’s global training offer in FY2025, providing executive education for public officials and evaluation professionals across eight countries. During the year, it delivered 12 courses that reached nearly 350 participants through a mix of in-person and online formats. Training covered evaluation planning and management, results-based budgeting, and the use of evidence in public policy. ENAP collaborated with partners in Haiti, Mali, Côte d’Ivoire, New Caledonia, Senegal, Ghana, and Guinea—including public training institutes, procurement and auditing bodies, academic institutions, and regional associations—to strengthen capacity in Francophone Africa and Latin America and foster peer learning among public sector institutions. Participant feedback indicated that the training content met professional needs and that the likelihood of applying newly acquired skills in the workplace was high, underscoring ENAP’s continued contribution to professionalizing public sector evaluation and supporting evidence-informed decision-making.

*“ENAP has been pivotal in institutionalizing public policy evaluation in Côte d’Ivoire — improving evaluability, strengthening skills, and enabling concrete results.”*

**Marcelin Cissé**, Director General for Planning (DGP), Côte d’Ivoire

Together, these efforts reflect GEI’s sustained commitment to building a global community of evaluation practitioners. By integrating technical training with practical application, GEI ensures that professional development translates into more robust M&E systems and more effective, evidence-informed policies and programs.

# Knowledge Sharing

Knowledge sharing continued to be central to GEI's work in FY2025, helping practitioners and institutions exchange lessons and apply evidence more effectively. GEI's platforms are connecting countries, fostering collaboration across regions, and empowering a growing global community committed to evidence-informed decision-making.

In October 2024, GEI co-organized the 8th National Evaluation Capacities (NEC) Conference in Beijing with the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency and UNDP's Independent Evaluation Office (lead organizer). The event brought together more than 500 participants from over 100 countries to strengthen national evaluation capacities and share lessons on integrating evidence into governance. GEI sponsored 22 senior government representatives from its country programs and, together with the Independent Evaluation Office (IEG) and the CLEAR Centers, contributed to 21 sessions covering themes such as gender, environmental sustainability, technology in evaluation, and the use of diagnostics to strengthen national systems. The conference also featured GEI-led sessions on communications, knowledge management, and artificial intelligence in evaluation—both ranked among the most viewed on the event platform. The conference concluded with the Beijing Action Plan: Towards Responsive Evaluation Systems for 2030, a global framework for advancing country-led evaluation systems.

From 2 to 6 June 2025, GEI and its partners convened Glocal Evaluation Week, featuring 372 events organized by 272 hosts across 73 countries. The initiative recorded 16,626 participations on the Glocal platform, with actual attendance likely higher due to external registrations. Latin America and the Caribbean led with 137 events, including Ecuador's National Evaluation Platform, which hosted 10 sessions and drew nearly 3,000 attendees in hybrid and in-person formats. Online delivery dominated (302 events), with the remainder split between 42 hybrid and 28 in-person sessions. Panel discussions and webinars were the most popular formats, and events were organized by a diverse network of NGOs, academic institutions, government agencies, and private sector partners. The week strengthened collaboration with CLEAR Centers, BetterEvaluation, and IPDET, which hosted a Glocal event for the first time, reinforcing GEI's commitment to connecting practitioners and advancing evidence-informed decision-making globally.

BetterEvaluation remained key to GEI's knowledge ecosystem in FY2025, connecting practitioners, academics, and decision-makers across regions. Membership of the platform continued to grow, reaching 669,000 active users and recording over 1.5 million page views. Its extensive library of tools, methods, and frameworks continued to attract strong engagement. Use of practical guidance on participatory, gender-responsive, and impact evaluation methods reflects users' growing demand for practical, accessible knowledge to strengthen evaluation practice.

The platform's reach across low- and middle-income countries reinforces GEI's goal of making high-quality evaluation knowledge globally accessible. Together with the CLEAR Centers, IPDET, and Glocal, BetterEvaluation continues to help bridge evidence and practice across the global evaluation community.

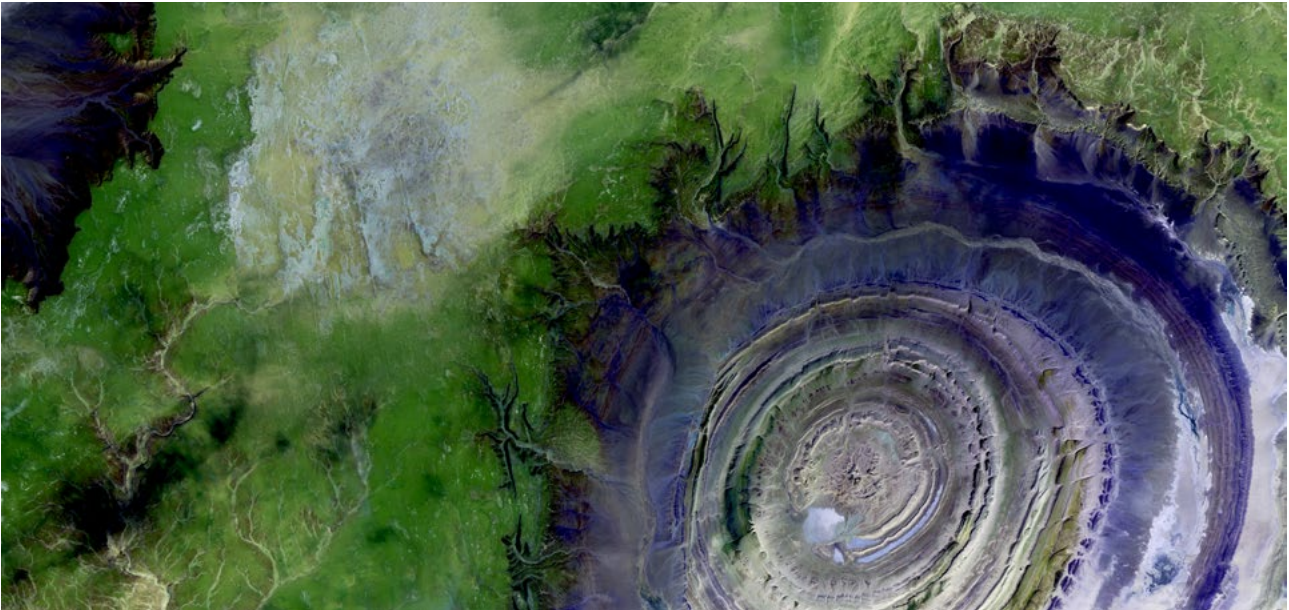
Looking ahead to FY2026, BetterEvaluation will expand its multilingual resources and introduce new interactive features to deepen global engagement.



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- Glocal Evaluation Week 2025: 372 sessions (plus 4 launch events) in 73 countries, 16,626 registrations (up from 14,720 registrations across 370 events in FY2024)
- GEI-led knowledge and communications events: 49 events, approximately 10,400 participants
- Knowledge-sharing webinars: 14 sessions, average 200+ participants per session
- Knowledge products: 73
- Communications products: 98
- GEI newsletter subscribers: 11,923 (up from 10,882)
- BetterEvaluation newsletter subscribers: 7,263 (up from 6,801)
- BetterEvaluation.org platform: almost 670,000 active users, over 1.5 million page views, and almost 4,375 registered members, up from 3,000 in FY2024

GEI and implementing partners' yearly data (FY2025)

# Climate Change



In FY2025, GEI strengthened its contribution to climate-responsive evaluation through collaboration with the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) and the regional CLEAR Centers. Together, they completed and disseminated five climate observer-led evaluation studies in June 2025, developed with guidance from CLEAR mentors and climate specialists. The studies addressed key aspects of equitable climate transitions, including just transition in renewable energy, Indigenous Peoples' grant mechanisms, stakeholder engagement in energy transitions, women's access to climate finance, and private sector participation in climate funds. Implemented by regional and civil society partners in Brazil, Latin America, Indonesia, Senegal, and globally, the studies provide new evidence to inform climate policy, enhance inclusivity, and strengthen accountability in climate finance. Their findings will help governments, multilateral development banks, and climate stakeholders design more effective and transparent climate initiatives aligned with national and global priorities.

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climate knowledge and  
communications products

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events focusing  
on climate

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# Gender Equality



GEI advanced gender-responsive evaluation in FY2025 by strengthening institutional capacity, expanding partnerships, and contributing to global research. Training workshops and diagnostics—including the Nigeria Federal MESA and gender policy workshops in Pakistan—helped national institutions integrate gender perspectives into M&E systems. Technical assistance supported the design of gender-sensitive frameworks, such as those developed for the Mastercard Foundation’s Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI) project, directly improving evaluation practice.

GEI also fostered communities of practice and partnerships with organizations such as the Ford Foundation, EvalGender+, UN Women, and regional evaluation associations. Through publications including *Evaluation in Service of Equity? Volume 2* and *Voices from the Global South*—both led by CLEAR-AA and supported by the Ford Foundation—GEI contributed to global evidence on equity and inclusion. These collective efforts are helping governments and practitioners embed gender perspectives into evaluation systems and strengthen policies that promote equality and empowerment.

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gender knowledge and communications products

5

events focusing on gender

GEI and implementing partners’ yearly data (FY2025)

# Youth



GEI continued to invest in young and emerging evaluators (YEEs), equipping them with the skills and experience needed to strengthen evaluation systems. The GEI Network supported youth-focused training and fellowship opportunities, including the Internship Program and specialized learning sessions in India. The CAPSI Youth Research Initiative promoted youth-led research on gender and inclusion, while the Feminist Innovation in M&E (FIME) Small Awards program supported six emerging evaluators in developing gender-transformative evaluation methodologies.

Building on initiatives launched in 2024, GEI, DEval, EvalYouth, and BetterEvaluation maintained collaboration through online resources, blogs, and learning materials that provide career guidance for early-career evaluators. These efforts are fostering a new generation of professionals who bring fresh perspectives and innovation to the evaluation field, helping ensure that youth voices and priorities are increasingly reflected in evidence-based decision-making processes worldwide.

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youth knowledge and  
communications products

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events focusing  
on youth

GEI and implementing partners' yearly data (FY2025)

# Fragile, Conflict-Affected and Vulnerable (FCV) Settings



In FY2025, GEI continued to strengthen evaluation capacity in fragile, conflict-affected, and vulnerable settings through its regional Centers and global partnerships. Together with the Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP), GEI developed a new thematic area on the BetterEvaluation platform dedicated to M&E in FCV contexts, offering practical tools and guidance for practitioners.

GEI also expanded professional learning opportunities. In partnership with ALNAP, IPDET delivered the course "Evaluating Humanitarian Action: Steps, Challenges, and Real-Time Learning," which included participants from more than ten FCV countries. Country-level programs in DR Congo, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Benin, and Zimbabwe further strengthened national evaluation capacity. These combined efforts have supported more inclusive and context-sensitive evaluation systems, helping governments and partners generate and use evidence even in complex and fragile environments.

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FCV knowledge and  
communications products

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events focusing  
on FCV

GEI and implementing partners' yearly data (FY2025)

# GEI Financials

## Grants to Implementing Partners

Since its inception, the GEI has provided grants to its implementing partners to support the delivery of country-level activities, training programs, and global knowledge platforms. Table 1 (below) presents the allocation of grants to GEI's implementing partners. In FY2025, new funding was disbursed to support ongoing work in strengthening national and subnational M&E systems, the expansion of CLEAR-LAC, and capacity-building efforts led by ENAP and IPDET. The total resources provided by donors to the GEI multi-donor trust fund (MDTF) continue to be effectively directed toward implementing partners, ensuring the sustained delivery of GEI's mandate worldwide.

**Table 1: Grants provided to GEI implementing partners.**

GRANT	Grant Disbursement Schedule (US\$)				Total transfers till date
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	
CLEAR-AA	650,000	650,000	650,000	647,000	2,597,000
CLEAR-FA		875,000		865,000	1,740,000
CLEAR-LAB	736,000	736,000	650,000	726,000	2,848,000
CLEAR-LAC				500,000	500,000
CLEAR-PCA		750,000			750,000
CLEAR-SA	852,516			447,484	1,300,000
ENAP	250,000				250,000
IPDET	1,460,000		687,000	620,000	2,767,000
<b>TOTAL per FY</b>	<b>3,948,516</b>	<b>3,011,000</b>	<b>1,987,000</b>	<b>3,805,484</b>	<b>12,752,000</b>
<b>Cumulative Disbursed</b>	<b>3,948,516</b>	<b>6,959,516</b>	<b>8,946,516</b>	<b>12,752,000</b>	

## GEI Income

The contributions committed by GEI donors to the MDTF are presented in Table 2 (below). FY2025 saw continued and diversified donor support, reflecting the confidence of the international development community in GEI’s mission to strengthen M&E systems globally. Income received during FY2025 financed country programs, global training initiatives, and knowledge-sharing activities, alongside the operation of GEI’s Global Team. Contributions from longstanding partners—including BMZ/DEval, Global Affairs Canada, and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation—were complemented by renewed commitments from other donors. GEI remains deeply grateful for this collective support, which enables its expanding reach and long-term sustainability.

**Table 2: Contributions committed by GEI donors to the GEI Multi-Donor Trust Fund.**

BILATERAL AGENCIES						
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	TOTAL
Sweden	2,417,503	-	908,926	-	-	3,326,429
Netherlands	1,222,500	281,725	345,355	269,425	259,800	2,378,805
Germany	1,208,320	1,465,230	1,052,200	1,079,800	740,250	5,545,800
Switzerland	-	403,735	265,674	281,436	285,258	1,236,103
Finland	305,925	-	-	-	187,092	493,017
Portugal	-	11,292	-	-	20,988	32,280
Denmark	263,223	-	228,741	218,891	-	710,855
France	-	-	-	-	110,215	110,215
Canada	190,506	-	361,520	370,233	353,657	1,275,916
<b>Total Bilateral</b>	<b>5,607,977</b>	<b>2,161,982</b>	<b>3,162,416</b>	<b>2,219,785</b>	<b>1,957,260</b>	<b>15,109,420</b>
MULTILATERAL AND UN AGENCIES						
IADB	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	50,000	2,050,000
UNDP	200,000	150,000	200,000	150,000	100,000	800,000
UNICEF	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
IFAD	50,000	300,000	40,000	40,000	53,000	480,000
<b>Total MDB &amp; UN Agencies</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>950,000</b>	<b>740,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>3,340,000</b>
WBG						
IEG Contributions	3,363,000	3,428,000	3,156,000	2,892,000	3,771,900	16,610,900
CIF Contributions	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000
<b>Grand total cumulative MDTF</b>	<b>9,720,977</b>	<b>6,539,982</b>	<b>7,058,416</b>	<b>5,811,785</b>	<b>6,129,160</b>	<b>35,260,320</b>

# Conclusion

In FY2025, GEI continued to demonstrate its relevance and impact, as confirmed by an external evaluation that helped chart the path for its next phase. Across regions, GEI's work to reinforce M&E systems is supporting governments to move from fragmented efforts to sustained, systemwide approaches that embed evidence in decision-making.

As countries continue to build more resilient and accountable institutions, GEI remains a catalyst for change—connecting partners, strengthening capacities, and promoting collaboration across its growing network. Through the CLEAR Centers, global training programs, and knowledge platforms, GEI is helping countries institutionalize M&E systems that inform better policy and improve lives.

For governments, GEI's support helps build the systems and leadership needed to make evidence part of everyday governance. For donors, it provides a trusted mechanism to ensure that investments deliver measurable results and continuous learning.

In response to the recommendations from the external evaluation, GEI is taking steps to refine its strategic focus and strengthen its operations. The next phase will build on areas of comparative advantage identified in the FY2025 external evaluation, emphasizing deeper and longer-term country partnerships. GEI is reviewing its governance arrangements to enhance transparency, accountability, and partner participation. Training models, including IPDET, are being adapted to better align with Global South priorities and country-led learning needs. Together, these efforts will help GEI increase its impact and ensure that evidence more effectively informs policy and decision-making.

None of this progress would be possible without the continued trust and generosity of GEI's donors and partners. Their commitment to advancing evidence-based decision-making is enabling countries to build stronger, more transparent institutions and create a future where data-driven policies foster equity, resilience, and sustainable growth.

