

**Strategic Evaluation of IDRC's Contributions to Capacity-  
Building**  
**Design Document – Descriptive Data and Intent to Support  
Capacity-Building (“Module 1” of the Strategic Evaluation) –  
Brief description of activity**  
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- 1 The first activity approved by the Evaluation Unit in 2004/05 as part of the strategic evaluation of IDRC's contributions to capacity-building is providing descriptive data about individuals and organisations which IDRC has supported, as well as documenting the intentions of Centre staff regarding capacity-building of southern partners in projects supported by the Centre. This study is taking place between October 2004 and April 2005 (as RSP 102635).
- 2 Specifically, the activity is:
  - 2.1 collecting and presenting descriptive statistics on organizations and individuals which the Centre has supported (i) in the Corporate Strategy and Program Framework (CSPF) 2000-2005 period to date; and (ii) where possible, since 1970;
  - 2.2 reviewing the objectives, abstracts, and appraisals or research descriptions for research projects (RPs) and research support projects (RSPs) approved during CSPF 2000-2005 (specifically, between April 1, 2000 and September 30, 2004 inclusive), in order to ascertain the intentions of their authors (IDRC staff) to support capacity-building, and to identify whose capacities and what capacities these activities intended to strengthen. This is expected to provide a picture of what proportion of projects explicitly or implicitly indicate an intention to build capacities, and elucidate whose capacities and what capacities the projects set out to develop.
- 3 The information will be used in reporting on the Centre's performance in indigenous capacity-building as part of the Centre's Corporate Assessment Framework (CAF), and will shed light on the scope and nature of the Centre's perspectives and work to support capacity development.

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