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Program Evaluation Learning Resources

[Harvard's Global Family Research Project](#)

This site provides links to numerous resources to help users develop and evaluate strategies to promote the well-being of children, youth, families and their communities. HFRP produces a free quarterly periodical, *The Evaluation Exchange* that contains lessons and emerging strategies for evaluating programs and policies focused on children, families, and communities. Articles are written by prominent evaluators and practitioners in the field, and address current issues facing evaluators. It is written in a format that includes take-away ideas that are designed to help users in their current work.

Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts

[Better Data Sharing to Improve the Lives of Afghan Refugees](#)

[Global Water Supply and Sanitation Partnership: Scaling up Financing Outreach at World Water Week](#)

[Summer Social Media Tips](#)

[Living and Learning with A Local AEA Affiliate](#)

[Detecting Fraudulent Responses to Online Surveys](#)

[The Core of Evaluation: Evaluative Thinking](#)

[Measuring and Evaluating the Impact of Learning Interventions in Organizations](#)

[Assessing the Feasibility of Conducting a Retrospective Impact Evaluation](#)

[Digital Skills Have Great Potential in Unlocking Economic Opportunities for Youth](#)

[How Innovative Financing can Support Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Livelihoods](#)

[Mentoring Future Evaluators](#)



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Upcoming Events

October 1

[European Evaluation Conference 2018: Evaluation for More Resilient Societies, Thessaloniki, Greece](#)

October 22

[The Global Evidence and Implementation Summit 2018, Melbourne, Australia](#)

October 28

[American Evaluation Society 2018 Conference: Speaking Truth to Power, Cleveland, Ohio, USA](#)

Useful Sites

[World Health Organization](#)

[OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights](#)

Examples of Evaluation Projects

[Forest Incomes for Environmental Sustainability Midterm Performance Evaluation, USAID, June 2018](#)

[A Ganar Alliance Impact Evaluation, USAID, June 2018](#)

Relevant Publications

[After the Storm: Learning from the EU Response to the Migration Crisis by Migration Policy Institute](#)

In this publication, MPI notes that the irregular and unexpected flow of thousands of migrants and refugees into Europe in 2015 and 2016 presented the EU with a transnational crisis in a policy area that had not been designed to manage fast-paced change. The complex division of power between EU institutions, as well as individual member States, limited the EU's ability to respond, deepening long-standing tensions that persist several years on.

The publication states that much has changed since 2015, when irregular migration flows across the Mediterranean spiked, leaving the EU and national policymakers scrambling to expand reception and registration capacity, coordinate aid and services, and manage onward movements across Europe. A great deal of learning and progress has taken place in areas such as information collection and sharing, coordination, leadership, and resourcing. Yet officials remain concerned that, should a new migration crisis arise, the European Union may still struggle to respond. In late 2017, the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union commissioned MPI Europe to reflect on the formal and informal crisis-response mechanisms that have evolved in Europe since 2014. This report builds on that analysis, drawing on interviews and roundtable discussions with senior officials involved in EU and member state responses to the 2015–16 crisis. It first traces the evolution of the crisis, before breaking down the strengths and weaknesses of the EU response.

And while “crises rarely look the same twice,” the authors note that “this does not mean governments cannot prepare for them.” Based on the lessons learned since 2014, they offer a range of recommendations for EU policymakers including: i) ways to ensure the European Union can switch smoothly between crisis and non-crisis mode, retaining the benefits of heightened coordination but without the urgency; ii) the appointment of a migration coordinator to help set clear operational priorities, delineate tasks, and signal when coordinated action is needed; iii) the introduction of greater flexibility into EU financial systems to ensure the European Union can quickly translate funding into critical supplies and services to support member states affected by migration influxes.

In short, the European Union will need to build sustainable, resilient mechanisms to manage future emergencies if it is to continue the progress that has been made in recent years.



Recommended Reading

[Progress for Microfinance in Europe by European Investment Fund](#)

This report provides updated and additional information about the European microfinance market and current developments in microfinance. Moreover, it provides insights into the intervention logic, rationale for EU support, and mandate development considerations of the EIF in this field.

This study found that there are a wide spectrum of final beneficiaries and intermediaries of microfinance and concluded that there is no common microfinance business model in Europe.

Findings suggest that the microfinance market is immature and fragmented. The findings also point to microfinance's growing importance as a market segment with potential to counter poverty and unemployment while fostering financial and social inclusion.