Joint Synthesis of Evidence on the Sustainable Development Goal 17 – Partnership Pillar

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Research questions to identify the state of the evidence on SDG-17

Which SDG-17 targets are currently on track, and which are lagging?

Which countries have made the most progress on SDG-17? Why?

How and why are some SDG-17 development initiatives more successful?

Which development initiatives are most effective in accelerating SDG-17 progress?

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Inclusion criteria

SDG-17 AREAS

Finance

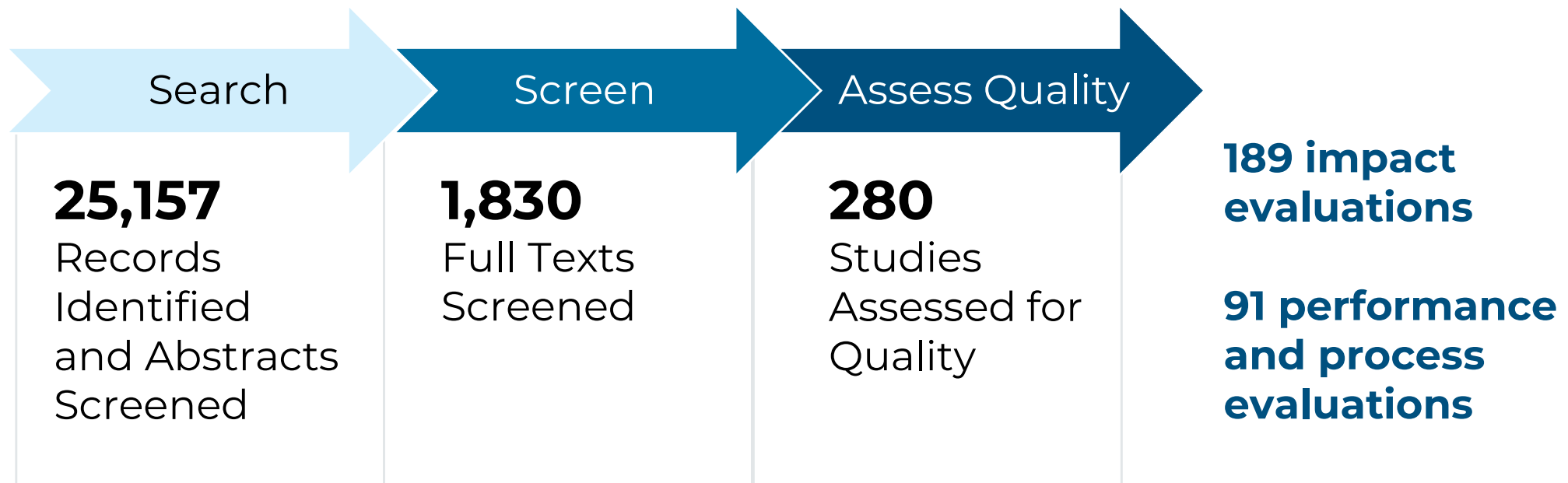Trade

Technology

Capacity building

Systemic Issues

DESIGN

Impact evaluations

Performance evaluations

Process evaluations

CRITERIA

2015-2022

Focused primarily on low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)

Includes relationships between LMICs and high-income countries

We screened thousands of studies after comprehensive searches and analyzed seven country case studies

Search → **Screen** → **Assess Quality** →

25,157
Records Identified and Abstracts Screened

1,830
Full Texts Screened

280
Studies Assessed for Quality

189 impact evaluations

91 performance and process evaluations

Case studies based on statistical analysis of SDG-17 indicator data

- United Arab Emirates
- Uzbekistan
- India
- Myanmar
- Madagascar
- Ireland
- Peru

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Preliminary lessons

Which development initiatives are most effective in accelerating SDG-17 progress?

How and why are some development initiatives more successful?

Lessons on Partnerships

1. Countries' incentives for collaborating on SDG 17 components are influenced by their income status. **Identifying and addressing the incentives** of public and private partners promotes more effective global cooperation and accelerates SDG progress.

2. **South-South cooperation** shows promise to accelerate progress toward SDG-17 results by **prioritizing mutual interests, trust and ownership.**

3. **North-South partnerships** achieve more results towards SDG-17 with **horizontal collaboration** on funding modalities, partnership design and governance structures.

4. **Prioritizing problem analyses** and **co-creating theories of change** can help partners with different incentives **achieve results on SDG-17 indicators.**

Lessons on Trade

5. Regional trade agreements are more effective than export subsidies **in increasing export values** in middle-income countries.

6. EU food standards **limit the ability of sub-Saharan African countries to increase their exports after preferential trade agreements** with the European Union.

7. Entry into the World Trade Organization has a **positive impact on the number of products traded** but **not on the average volume of trade per product.**

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Lessons on Finance

10. Tariff reductions increase exports and innovation in various settings, but they also result in significant **reductions in government revenue.**

11. Tax reforms, community-based tax collection and VAT can **compensate for reductions in tariffs by increasing tax revenue** in low-income and middle-income settings.

12. Where **tax collection capacity increases** and **new donors step in**, low-income countries are often less dependent on historical providers of Official Development Assistance.

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Lessons on Technology

8. While **green finance initiatives positively impact innovation** in large Asian countries, the impact of **current investments has been insufficient** to accelerate progress in green innovation. The effectiveness of these initiatives in other contexts remains unknown.

9. **Investments in broadband infrastructure enable green innovation** in addition to increasing internet access and helping to address the digital divide.

Lessons on Equity

13. Development initiatives collect insufficient data to examine how the effects of macro-level initiatives differ for those most likely to be left behind (e.g., women, youth, persons with a disability).

- Development initiatives **pay limited attention to equity** in their design.

- Development initiatives primarily discuss only **gender issues** and occasionally **human rights approaches.**

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