



UK Prosperity Fund

How to judge success of ODA portfolios

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The UK's largest monitoring & evaluation contract(s)

Evidence is key:

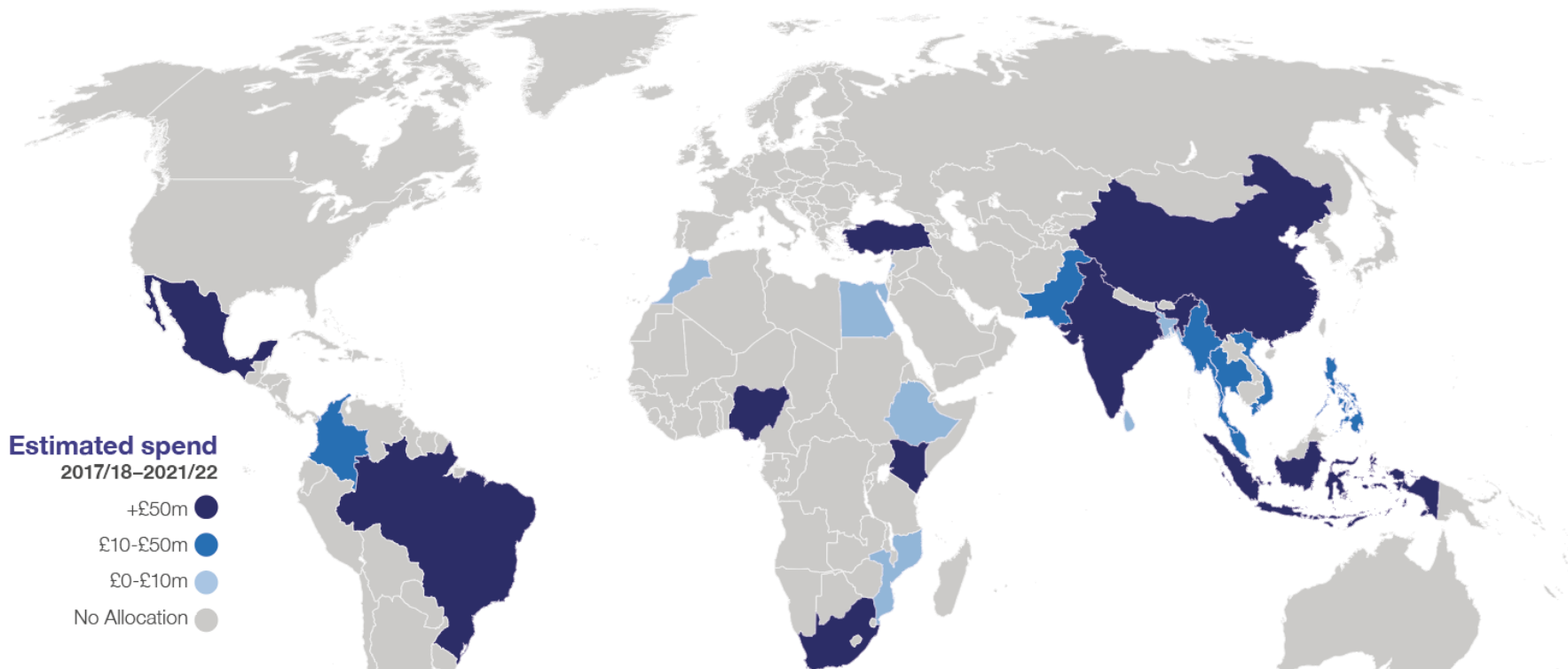
- Divided political opinions
- Lack of international evidence on Technical Assistance
- Novel approach

5% of Fund allocation for Monitoring, Reporting, Evaluation & Learning (MREL):

- Largest single UK Government evaluation & learning contract (£23m)
- Large monitoring & reporting contract (£13m)



ODA country and sector focus of the Prosperity Fund 2017/18–2021/22



Estimated spend

2017/18–2021/22

+£50m

£10-£50m

£0-£10m

No Allocation

Countries

Bangladesh	Egypt	Lebanon	Nigeria	Vietnam
Brazil	Ethiopia	Malaysia	Pakistan	Thailand
Burma	India	Mexico	Philippines	Turkey
China	Indonesia	Morocco	South Africa	
Colombia	Kenya	Mozambique	Sri Lanka	

Sectors

Anti-corruption	Energy	Infrastructure
Business Environment	Financial Services	Insurance
Digital	Future Cities	Regulatory Reform
Education and Skills	Healthcare	Trade Reform



What does the Fund care about?

Our four key questions:

- Have we made a positive impact in our partner countries?
- Has the UK seen any mutual benefits from our work?
- Have we done this in a way which provides value for money?
- How do we improve what we do and achieve higher impacts?



Prosperity Fund MREL strategies

To help answer our key questions, the MREL team have a number of strategies:

- Transparency across the portfolio
- Programmes as a central customer
- Early and constant engagement
- Stopping what's not working and focussing on what is



Implementing the strategies

- A transparent online Monitoring & Reporting tool
- A single E&L provider
- Formative evaluations each year
- Focussing on projects rather than programmes
- Synthesising to Fund level issues
- Actively managing the portfolio investments
- A dedicated learning team



The data within this dashboard is for illustrative purposes only

Portfolio Overview



Legend
■ Allocation
■ Local FTE
■ Total FTE

In-Year Allocation (£M)

Staffing (FTE)

Primary Benefits (% positive change)

Secondary Benefits (% positive change)

Risk (RAG)

£227.9M

387.9

25%

50%

Low/Medium

Programme	In-Year Allocation (£M)				Staffing (FTE)			Primary Benefits (% positive change)			Secondary Benefits (% positive change)			Risk (RAG)
	£10M	£20M	£30M	£40M 0	20	40	60	0%	50%	100%	0%	50%	100%	
Brazil	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			60%			0%			[Yellow]
China Phase 1	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			1%			100%			[Green]
China Phase 2	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			100%			100%			[Red]
Colombia	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			83%			33%			[Orange]
Digital Access	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			77%			44%			[Yellow]
Global Enabling Future Trade	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			15%			56%			[Yellow]
Global Insurance Facility	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			63%			33%			[Orange]
India	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			80%			0%			[Green]
Mexico	[Allocation bar]				[Staffing bar]			63%			0%			[Green]



Lessons so far

While MREL has only recently become operational, my personal experience from the last two years in the Fund has led to the following thoughts

- Effective planning for scarce resources is key
- Invest upfront early in the design phase
- When operating in novel ways or spaces, the right blend of specialism and skills is crucial – this should be recognised at all levels of the organisation
- Communication and engagement is paramount
- Monitoring & evaluation must be demonstrably useful to all parties
- Significant planning required for Portfolio style approach