

## Develop recommendations

Evaluations often make recommendations about how a program can be improved, how the risk of program failure can be reduced or whether a program should continue.

However, not all evaluations include recommendations. It is important to clarify whether recommendations are expected when developing the evaluation brief, terms of reference or scope of work.

If recommendations are developed on the basis of the evaluation findings, processes which involve stakeholders in developing and/or reviewing them will contribute to the use of the evaluation findings. The individual or group who has control of the evaluation – a manager or evaluation steering committee – should be consulted when developing recommendations as their support will probably be very important in order to ensure that the evaluation findings are disseminated and used.

## Methods

- [Beneficiary exchange](#)

This option involves facilitating a discussion of the findings amongst the beneficiaries of a project to provide feedback on the evaluation findings.

- [Chat rooms](#)

This method involves setting up an online space where evaluation findings can be discussed.

- [Electronic democracy](#)

Electronic democracy uses new and emergent forms of media to engage community members in seeking to influence the decision-making process by allowing them to apply pressure to those in power over a diverse range of issues.

- [External review](#)

This option involves facilitating a review of the evaluation by an external expert or anonymous reviewer.

- [Group critical reflection](#)

This option involves facilitating group stakeholder feedback sessions on evaluation findings.

- [Individual critical reflection](#)

This option involves facilitating independent feedback from particular individual stakeholders.

- [Participatory recommendation screening](#)

This option allows users to test recommendations with key stakeholders.

- [World cafe](#)

The world café is a methodology for hosting group dialogue which emphasizes the power of simple conversation in considering relevant questions and themes.