

# Take effective action

Nick Roseveare presents a summary of the latest news from the Bond Effectiveness Programme.

**In June 2010, members will meet to discuss the propositions for the NGO Effectiveness Framework.**

In February, 30 member organisations participated in the first working meeting of the Bond Effectiveness Programme. The next meeting, on 22 June 2010, will take the debate to the next level. Building on recommendations from the February event and new research both on frameworks and on partnerships, there will be options and propositions on the table to discuss and choices to be made.

This full day working meeting includes professional facilitation and will take place in Islington, London.

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[bond.org.uk/pages/future-plans-and-meetings.html](http://bond.org.uk/pages/future-plans-and-meetings.html)



## New developments

Having made an important contribution to the start up phase, Julian Srodecki has moved on from his position as manager of the Bond Effectiveness Programme. Zia Choudhury has been appointed as interim Programme Manager until a permanent postholder is identified.

Zia has many years of senior programme management experience with Oxfam, Save the Children and Action Aid, several years at the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP), and latterly served as Deputy Regional Director for the Danish Refugee Council in Nairobi.



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## Partners: what do they say about you?

Get data on how your partners think you can support them better, and how you compare to other NGOs. Bond members are invited to join the Keystone Partner Survey, with a special discount of up to £500.

Each participating NGO will receive a unique, confidential report presenting quantified data from your partners on:

- **Efficiency:** how appropriate is the quantity and type of funding you provide?
- **Relationships and communications:** how well do your partners feel that you understand and respond to them?
- **Non-financial contribution:** how useful do partners find your capacity building?
- **Value added:** how do the benefits of working with you compare to the costs, such as reporting to you?
- **Credibility:** what do your partners think about your overall impact and credibility?

For each measure, your performance will be compared to sector benchmarks. Your report will provide rich data for learning, dialogue and improvement and for discussion of findings with partners. Bond believes that the process can significantly help strengthen trust and build better relationships.

### Help with costs?

Bond is delighted to be able to offer members a discount of 50% (up to £500) to make it easier for small and medium sized organisations to take part. NIDOS is offering a similar deal for members in Scotland.

More information can be found on the website:  
[www.keystoneaccountability.org/partnersurvey](http://www.keystoneaccountability.org/partnersurvey)

The deadline for joining the survey is 11 June 2010.

## Frameworks: who does what?

Bond has commissioned One World Trust to make a comparative analysis of quality frameworks being used across our sector and beyond. The research will consider the design, implementation and use of several different approaches ranging from HAP, SPHERE, and the People in Aid Standard, to ISO 9000, EFQM, and ISEAL. The findings in the report will inform the presentation of options at the 22 June quarterly working meeting of the Bond Effectiveness Programme.

Go to the website to find out more:  
[bond.org.uk/pages/the-latest-updates.html](http://bond.org.uk/pages/the-latest-updates.html)

## Informal monitoring and evaluation peer roundtable

A meeting of senior technical specialists has been scheduled for 10 June for peers to discuss common issues and interests. The roundtable will bring together sector experts and bring forward recommendations to the Bond Effectiveness Programme.

## Best practice partnerships?

Bond has commissioned a study to capture and examine sector learning on partnerships. Many NGOs have undertaken their own internal reviews of relationships with their partners in the South and introduced their own guidelines or policies to ensure these partnerships are conducted properly and to deliver real benefit. Little of this knowledge and experience has been shared to wider sector advantage. The findings will be discussed at the 22 June meeting, and options considered for developing and trialling this aspect of the Bond Effectiveness Programme.

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