

## Is the Environment Being Left Behind? What are evaluations telling us?

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## Planetary boundaries

Global trends: Population growth, Urbanization, Consumption, Desertification, Land degradation, Climate change

Human-driven climate change

- Land system change
- Phosphorous and nitrogen pollution
- Loss of biosphere integrity

## Sustainable Development Goals

Directly environmental:

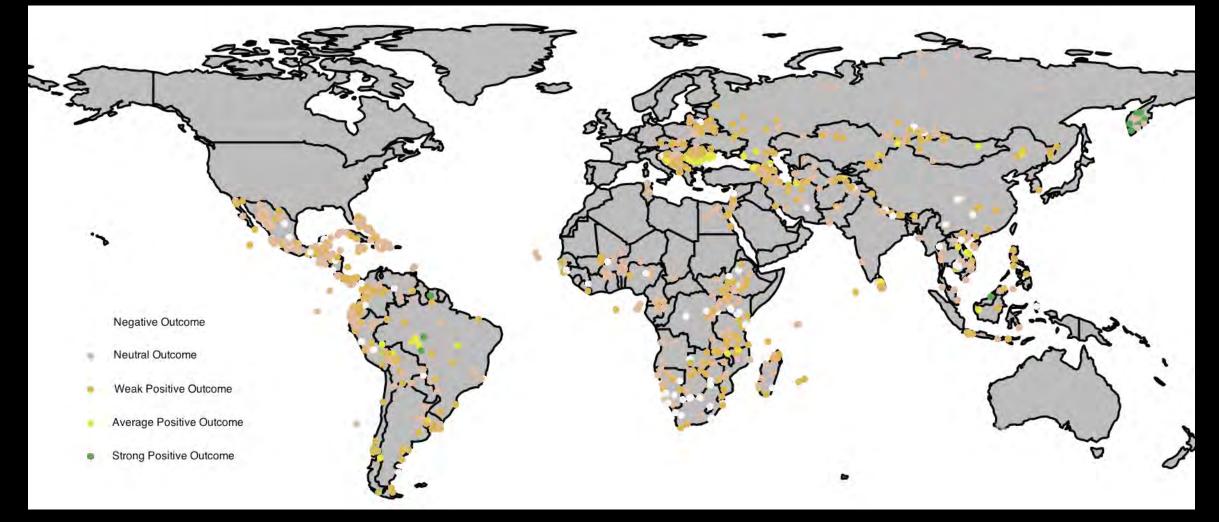
Climate action (13), Life below water (14), Life on land (15), Clean water (6), Clean energy (7), Sustainable cities (11)

Dependent on the environment:

No poverty (1), Zero hunger (2), Good health (3), Gender (5) ...

### Land degradation: Value for money





# Scale



#### **Broader adoption and transformational change**



of projects achieved broader adoption

## Mechanisms for broader adoption: Mainstreaming and replication Scaling-up and market change



of projects achieved environmental stress reduction

#### Success factors for transformational change:

- Clear ambition in designs
- Addressing market reforms through policies
- Mechanisms for financial sustainability
- Quality of implementation and execution
- May be achieved by projects of different size

## Implications for evaluation

- > Must look beyond individual projects
- Define system boundaries
- > Unintended consequences
- Do interventions make a difference?

Sustainable development lens!