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Figure S1. Research quality is multidimensional.



Figure S2. RQ+ as applied at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

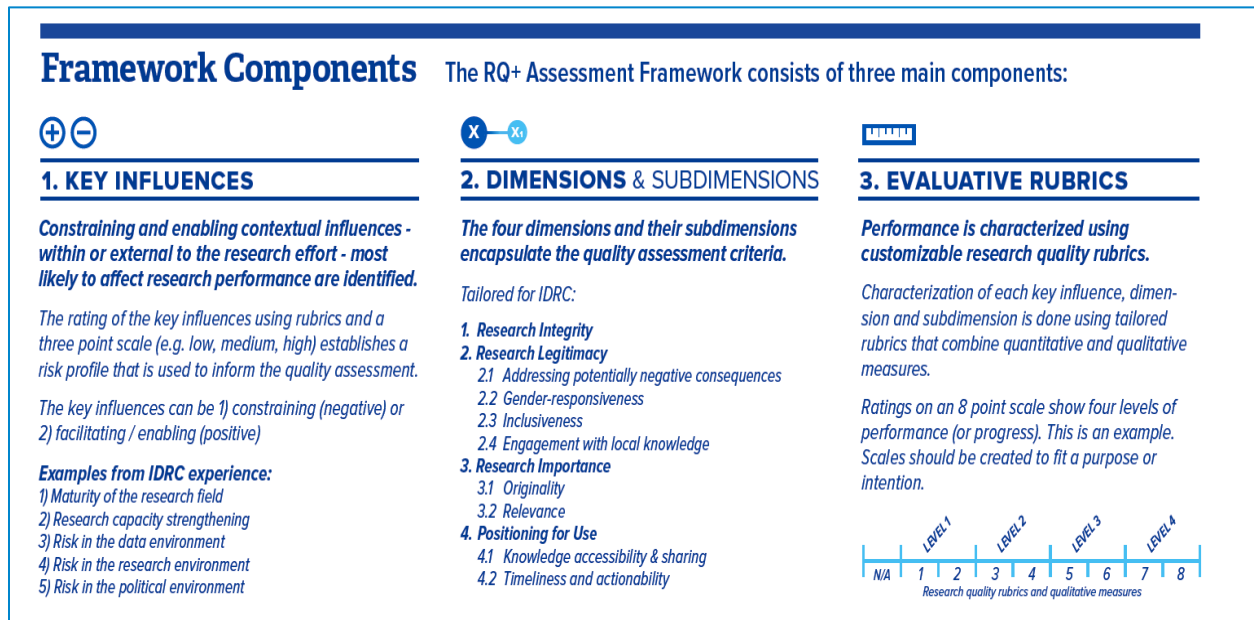
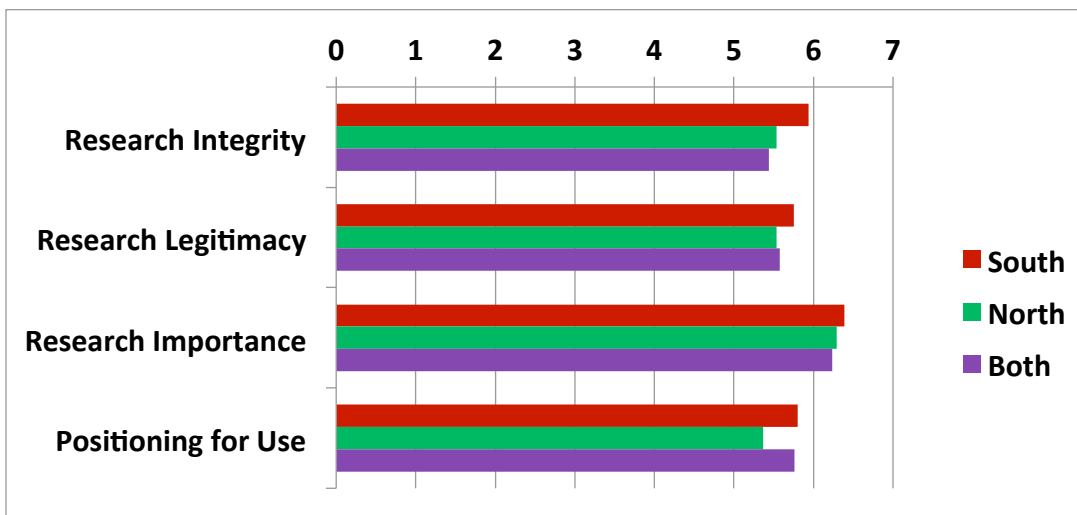


Figure S3. Research quality by dimension and by location.

Numbers 1–7 are the graduated scores of RQ+ rubrics. 1,2 = Unacceptable; 3,4 = Less than acceptable; 5,6 = Good; 7,8 = Very good. (Each rubric has a qualitative description, per dimension, to support reviewer consistency in the rating process.)



Source: McLean, R. & Sen, K. *Making a Difference in the Real World? A Meta-Analysis of Research for Development* (IDRC, 2018).