

# What is good evidence for policy?

## STEP 1 Is the evidence *appropriate* for the policy question?

Does the evidence address the policy concerns at stake?

Evidence addressing any possible policy concern

Evidence addressing policy concerns at hand

Evidence constructed in any possible way

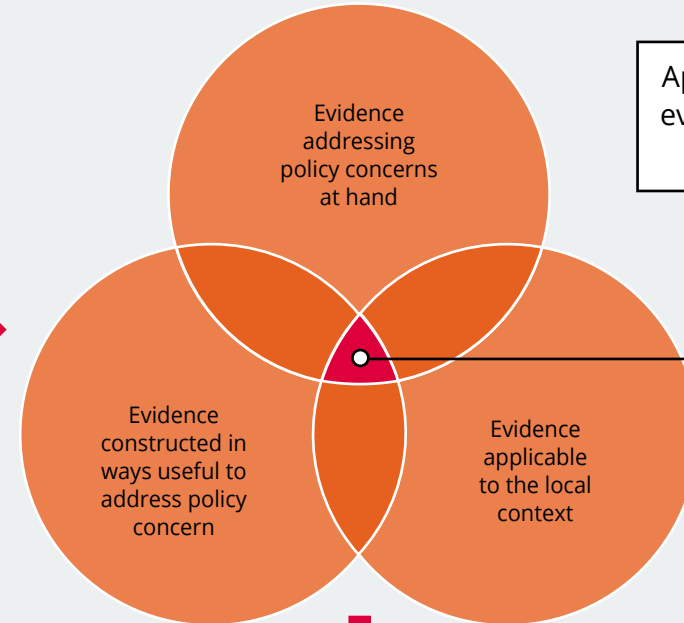
Evidence constructed in ways useful to address policy concern

Are the data constructed in ways that best serve policy goals?

Evidence applicable to some particular context

Evidence applicable to the local context

Is the evidence applicable in the local policy context?



Appropriate evidence for policy



## STEP 2 Does the appropriate evidence meet relevant quality standards?

- Is it applied with integrity to scientific principles?
- Is it applied systematically to include all relevant information in a consistent and up-to-date manner?
- Does it use high quality methodological criteria relevant to the data type?

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