

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

1986: University of London, MSc (Distinction) in Economics of Public Policy.

1974: Warwick University, BA (Economics), Upper Second Hons.

Summary

Mick has been a development economist since 1974. He has substantial experience of policy development and of economic appraisal in many different country and sector contexts. His core areas of expertise are in the planning, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of public expenditure, and the design of donor support. He has worked extensively on the design of aid modalities, having been involved in the development and implementation of budget support and of sector wide approaches since the mid 1990s.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

Mick Foster Economics Limited, October 2002- Present:

Mick is the sole employee. A list of projects since the inception of the company is attached. In summary, the work strands have included:-

Choice of Aid Instrument

Work on the design of aid instruments has focussed on how external finance can be integrated within Government plans and budgets, and has included advice on developing the linkages between policies, plans, MTEFs, and the annual budget cycle. It has also addressed concerns with respect to fiduciary risk and the need to ensure transparency and accountability. Projects have included:-

- i. A report financed by DFID to advise the Fast Track Initiative on the choice of aid instrument for supporting the education sector. This led on to three further contracts to support the Governments of Rwanda, Kenya and Malawi in developing sector budget support, including working with Government and donor stakeholders to

- develop first drafts of Joint Financing Agreements. The Rwanda education JFA attracted significant additional funding to the sector, and was subsequently adopted as a model for other sectors.
- ii. Work on scaling up of aid in Rwanda included developing early drafts of joint financing agreements for future support to the health sector, and of an overall 'compact' with respect to future aid flows.
 - iii. A desk-based review for DFID Nepal of appropriate aid instruments for use in fragile and post-conflict settings, subsequently presented to the March 2007 Nepal donors conference.
 - iv. Other advice and support on the design of aid instruments has included preparation and presentation of background papers for the high level forum on health, training on budgets and aid delivery mechanisms for Belgian Technical Co-operation, and involvement in various DFID discussions related to the choice and design of aid instruments.
 - v. Other assignments that have included a significant component of analysis and advice on the design of aid modalities include leading two reviews of the Nepal health sector, the public expenditure reviews of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania and of social protection spending in Rwanda, the fiduciary risk assessment of social protection spending in Kenya, the review of forestry sector in Vietnam, rural transport review in Vietnam, and advice on budget support to DFID Mozambique and DFID Malawi.
 - vi. A review for DFID of trends in financing of the UN and the various options that have been proposed for reform.
 - vii. A review of DFID support to education for the global campaign for education.

Sectors

In addition to the work on sector budget support in education, work has included team leader for the annual review of the Ghana health sector SWAP, team leader for an independent review of the health sector SWAP in Nepal, team leader for the mid-term review of Nepal health sector programme, economist for the mid-term independent review of the Bangladesh health nutrition and population sector programme, sector wide approach specialist for the review of the Vietnam forestry sector support programme, and team leader for a review of rural transport in Vietnam, leading to proposals subsequently adopted by DFID and World Bank.

Public Finance

Work in the area of public finance management has included:

- i. Leading the independent evaluation of the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability programme, as well as several projects involving training in public finance management for Government officials and staff of development agencies.
- ii. Team leader for four multi-sector public expenditure reviews of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania.
- iii. Public expenditure review of social protection spending in Rwanda.

iv. Fiduciary risk assessment and advice on financing modalities for a national social protection framework in Kenya.

Scaling Up Aid

A review of country experience in implementing the MDGs for the Abuja high-level forum on health, and a further paper on the implications of scaling-up aid for the Paris forum, led on to working with the World Bank on a country case study of Rwanda. This is aimed at developing a road map on how aid might be scaled up via a 'compact' between Government and donors.

This work builds on earlier studies financed by DFID, including a major report on the case for increased aid, a report on options for dealing with the problem of aid volatility and unpredictability, and a series of case studies and a synthesis report (with ODI) on the macro-economic consequences of scaling up aid flows. In July 2007, a more detailed study of how best to manage the macro-economic consequences of increased aid flows was produced for the Government of Rwanda.

A review for the World Bank of the linkages between transport and sub-national growth was partly addressed to the implications of the donor focus on the social sectors.

Social Protection

Work includes providing advice on social protection delivery mechanisms in Kenya; undertaking a public expenditure review of social protection spending in Rwanda.

Chief Economist, Home Office, UK Government, October 2001-September 2002.

Mick extended his experience by spending a year as Chief Economist and Head of Economics and Resource Analysis in the UK Government Home Office, leading a team of 30 professional staff. This gave him useful insight into budget reform and performance management issues within the UK public sector, as well as adding the economics of crime and criminal justice to his subject specialisms. During this period, his unit led the introduction of performance monitoring for the 43 UK police forces, including a participatory negotiation of what should be monitored, how it should be assessed, and how data should be independently verified; and began the development of an integrated model of the Criminal Justice System, providing a quantitative framework for consistent planning by police, courts, prisons, probation, and other actors. He left to return to development, his first interest, and to gain the increased freedom of self-employment.

Head of Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure, March 1999-September 2001.

Mick set up the Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure within the Overseas Development Institute in March 1999, to undertake research and provide advisory services on new approaches to development assistance, particularly the movement away from projects and towards direct budget support to Governments. CAPE established itself as a leading international resource

centre on sector wide approaches, and a significant source of analysis and expertise on poverty reduction strategies and links to public expenditure reform. The policy advice and guidance was grounded in continued direct involvement in advisory work and detailed research into country experiences. CAPE focused on public expenditure policy, sector programmes, and the development of the relationship between Governments and their development partners, in a wide range of countries in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.

Head of DFID Africa Economics Department Dec 1990-March 1999

During the 1990s, as head of Africa Economics Department in DFID, Mick played a significant role within DFID and within the SPA (now the Strategic Partnership for Africa) in the development of ideas for a new approach to development cooperation. This included many of the elements subsequently adopted in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, as well as significant contributions to the early development of general budget support and sector wide approaches. He was joint author of a briefing paper which first proposed linking debt relief to the preparation by Government of poverty reduction strategies, the approach subsequently adopted by the World Bank, IMF, and other donors as the basis of their programmes in low income countries.

Member of UK Government Economic Service July 1974-October 2002

As a DFID economist, Mick was privileged to work on most sectors and types of aid, and in a wide range of countries, including overseas postings in Bangladesh and the Caribbean.

SELECTED PROJECTS, MICK FOSTER ECONOMICS LIMITED

2008 Projects

- 2008-01. UNESCO, training field staff on the design of aid instruments.
- 2008-02 Bangladesh health population and nutrition programme, economic adviser on independent mid-term review
- 2008-03, UNESCO, prepare briefing papers on public expenditure management
- 2008-04, Australian Aid, evaluation of health programmes in PNG, Solomon Islands, Fiji and Vanuatu (team leader) (forthcoming June-October 2008)

2007 Projects

- 2007-01 Improving the Provision and management of External Support to Education in Malawi
- 2007-02 DFID Nepal, Review of Appropriate Aid Instruments in Fragile and Post-Conflict States
- 2007-04 World Bank, Improving the Provision and management of External Support to Rwanda
- 2007-05, Government of Rwanda, Managing the macro-economic risks associated with aid increases in Rwanda (team leader)
- 2007-06 Mid-term review of Nepal health-Sector programme, team leader
- 2007-07 Team leader, Tanzania, multi-sector public expenditure review, HIV/AIDS
- 2007-08, desk study of DFID support to the education sector

2006 Projects

- 2006-02. Vietnam. Sector wide approach specialist on review of forestry sector support programme.
- 2006-03. DFID. Review of UN system development finance, and options for reform.
- 2006-04. World Bank and High level Forum. Rwanda case study, options for developing a Government-development partner 'compact' for achieving the health-related MDGs.
- 2006-05 DFID Kenya Consultancy on Social Protection Delivery mechanisms
- 2006-06 UNDP Rwanda, Public Expenditure review, Social Protection
- 2006-07 DFID Nepal, review of health sector SWAP
- 2006-08 Tanzania, HIV/AIDS Public Expenditure review

2005 Projects:

- 2005-01 Government of Rwanda, team leader, improving the provision and management of donor support to the education sector. Included facilitation of discussions leading to drafting of detailed proposals for sector budget support, subsequently supported by several donors, and being adapted as a model for other sectors.
- 2005-02, DFID, Aid Predictability. Report and recommendations on the problem of low aid predictability, subsequently taken up in discussions with World Bank, and in discussions at the 2005 High Level Forum on Health.
- 2005-03, Macro-economic Consequences of Scaling-Up Aid. Drafting of synthesis report (with Tony Killick), joint author (with ESRF) of Tanzania case study.

- 2005-04 Government of Kenya, Improving the Provision and Management of Donor Support to the Education Sector. Included facilitation of discussions leading to drafting of detailed proposals for sector budget support.
- 2005-05 World Bank, Transport and Sub-national Economic Growth. Review and recommendations based on literature survey.
- 2005-08 World Bank. Paper on Fiscal Space and Sustainability for the Paris High Level Forum on Health, focusing on aid-related issues.
- 2005-09 Tanzania, HIV/AIDS Multi-Sector Public Expenditure review, team leader.
- 2005-10, Design and deliver a two-day course on public finance management for staff of Belgian technical cooperation.

2004 Projects

- 2004-01 World Bank, Consultancy on Accounting for Donor Support to Education for All
- 2004-02 World Bank, Team Leader, Evaluation of Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Programme
- 2004-05, Government of Ghana, Team leader, Annual Ghana Health Sector Review
- 2004-06, DFID, Nepal, Review of Health Finance Issues for the appraisal of support to the National Health Sector Programme
- 2004-09, DFID, Linking budget support to progress towards the MDG goals. Study to provide insights on the relation between budget support aid modalities and education outcomes, based on a brief review of literature, including examining the experience of a small number of EFA countries where budget support has been significant. Recommendations subsequently taken forward to detailed design in Rwanda and Kenya.
- 2004-11 World Bank, Designed and supervised study on country experience in implementing the health-related MDGs, based on literature review and country case-studies. Subsequently presented to health high-level forum, and published as a World Bank HNP Working Paper.

2003 Projects

- 2003-01 World Bank, Vietnam Rural Transport Study, team leader. Public expenditure review, and recommendations on future Government and donor funding modalities for rural transport, including the relevance and design of a sector-wide approach.
- 2003-03 DFID Malawi. Consultancy to advise DFID Malawi on general and sector budget support.
- 2003-04 DFID, The Case for Increased Aid. Designed and led a major study for DFID, reviewing the evidence on aid effectiveness and the likely impact of an increase in aid, and making recommendations on aid allocation and management in the event of significant scaling up. Study was based on literature survey plus

desk-based country case studies covering recipients of 80% of global aid flows. Subsequently disseminated via presentations to G20 Deputies, World Bank, and DFID.

- 2003-05 Adam Smith Institute, member of team designing and delivering Budget and Public Expenditure Management Course for Senior Government officials
- 2003-06 Institute of Health Sector Development, regional joint training for development agency officials on partnership approaches to poverty reduction, Hanoi. Responsible for modules on public expenditure management, aid effectiveness.
- 2003-13 Government of Tanzania, HIV/AIDS Multi-Sector Public Expenditure Review (Team leader)
- 2003-14 DFID Nepal, DFID Consultant, Appraisal of Education for All 2004-2009

2002 projects

- 2002-02 DFID Mozambique: Consultancy to advise on the future of direct budget support to Mozambique.
- 2002-03 Verulam Associates Limited. Institutional Assessment of the Health Sector in Nepal. Team member, responsible for economic and financial aspects.

Publications

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- Andy Norton and Mick Foster (2001) "The Potential of Using Sustainable Livelihood Approaches in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers." Overseas development Institute Working Paper 148. ISBN 085003 5287. [view](#)
- Norton, Andy Tim Conway and Mick Foster (2001) "Social Protection Concepts and Approaches: Implications for Policy and Practice in International Development", ODI Working Paper 143. ISBN 085003 5139. [view](#)
- Foster, Mick and Sadie Mackintosh-Walker (2001), Sector Wide Programmes and Poverty reduction. ODI Working Paper 157, commissioned by Government of Finland for the like minded donor group. ISBN 085003 5716.
- Brown, Adrienne, Mick Foster, Andy Norton and Felix Naschold (2001), "The Status of Sector Wide Approaches". ODI Working Paper 142, commissioned by Ireland Aid for the like minded donor group. ISBN 085003 5074.
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