What methods may be used in impact evaluations of humanitarian assistance?

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â??Humanitarian crises are complex situations where the demand for aid has traditionally far exceeded its supply. The humanitarian assistance community has
long asked for better evidence on how each dollar should be effectively spent. Impact evaluations of humanitarian assistance can help answer these questions and
also respond to the increasing call to estimate the impact of humanitarian assistance and supplement the rich tradition for undertaking real-time and process evaluations
in the sector. This working paper gives an overview of the methodological techniques that can be used to address some of the important questions in this area, while
simultaneously considering the special circumstances and constraints associated with humanitarian assistance.â?•

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