

Update on Social & Economic Impact Assessment of RCA Programme

According to the initial plan, two reports of social and economic impact assessment (one for non-destructive testing (NDT) projects and the other for radiotherapy (RT) projects) were expected to be produced in Sep. 2021. The progress of the assessment was slightly delayed at some steps along the process due to many unexpected difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, with the great efforts and close cooperation of RCA NRs, RCA experts, evaluation expert team and the relevant staff of the IAEA, the assessment process has been progressing well. The most updated situation of the assessment progress is shown in the following table:

<i>Step</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Status</i>
1	Developing the theory of change for NDT and RT projects	Completed
2	Developing performance criteria	Completed
3	Developing performance standards for each performance criterion	Completed
4	Identifying and selecting the evidence needed	Completed
5	Gathering evidence	Completed
6	Analysing the evidence	Completed
7	Synthesising and judging the evidence	Underway
8	Reporting	Expected to be completed in Nov. 2021