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Claire plays a leadership role in efforts to define and develop the systems, capacity and culture required to drive good quality programming across the Oxfam confederation. Evaluation and measurement are central to this effort, helping to create knowledge about what is working and what is not to overcome poverty and address inequality. This evaluative knowledge is essential to adapt and improve programming, to capture and communicate the effectiveness of the organisation's work, and to contribute to organisational and sectoral learning.

Claire has been at the forefront of Oxfam's efforts to strengthen the quality of evaluations, and meet the organisation's commitment to deliver credible evaluations of impact, supporting methodological innovations as the organisation grapples with what constitutes an appropriate level of investment in measurement and evaluation for NGOs like Oxfam; and on how best to investigate impact on 'hard to measure' outcomes, like women's empowerment or resilience, and the impact of interventions that don't lend themselves to experimental evaluation designs, such as policy influence.