

Timeline

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RECOVR Webinar Series | Early Evidence on COVID-19, Mobility, and Migration

*This webinar is part of IPA's **RECOVR Webinar Series: Bringing Evidence to COVID-19 Policy Responses in the Global South**. Together with our partners, we are using this series to rapidly share what we are learning with the policy and research community to support evidence-informed response efforts. More information about other events in the series is available [here](#).*



The first webinar in the RECOVR series, hosted by [IPA](#) and the [Yale Research Initiative on Innovation & Scale \(Y-RISE\)](#), centered on COVID-19, mobility, and migration. Contexts in which people are migrating or mobile present unique challenges. Households that rely on the incomes of migrant workers are particularly vulnerable to the pandemic's economic impacts, as many workers who typically send remittances home are losing income. Meanwhile, many displaced people live in crowded settings where social distancing guidelines may be prohibitively difficult. Return migration in both groups threatens to contribute to the disease's spread.

Mushfiq Mobarak (Yale University) began the webinar with an overview on the various ways in which COVID-19 and migration are linked. **Mahreen Khan** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) spoke about a new paper that uses migration data to predict the disease's spread, and discussed the implications of COVID-19's links to migration for sector-specific economic policy guidance to Bangladesh's government. **Shariful Islam Hasan** (BRAC) spoke about how these considerations are informing BRAC's migrant reintegration programs, and **Ashish Shenoy** (University of California, Davis) discussed the implications of these results for designing and evaluating returnee support and reintegration programs. Finally, **Kathleen Newland** (Migration Policy Institute) elucidated the implications for global migration policy. **Radha Rajkotia** (IPA) hosted and moderated the event. The presentations were followed by a discussion and Q&A.

Watch the webinar recording below:

Presenters

- **Mushfiq Mobarak**, *Professor of Economics, Yale University*
- **Mahreen Khan**, *PhD Student in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
- **Shariful Islam Hasan**, *Programme Head, Migration, BRAC*
- **Ashish Shenoy**, *Assistant Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis*
- **Kathleen Newland**, *Senior Fellow and Co-Founder, Migration Policy Institute*
- **Radha Rajkotia**, *Chief Research and Policy Officer, IPA*

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