
Monday, June 28, 2021 | 8:00-9:30 EST 18:00-19:30 BST
Overview and Purpose

- How have young women’s work and skilling opportunities been impacted by the pandemic?
- How can data and evidence be used to support young women’s skill building and participation in the labor force through the COVID-19 crisis and beyond?
- Policymakers need data and evidence to inform effective action to address these unprecedented challenges
- Today’s goals:
  ○ Share policy-relevant data directly with those who need it
  ○ Foster space for productive dialogue
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IPA’s Approach

Engage Policymakers and Champion the Use of Evidence throughout the process

- Identify issues
- Design or identify solutions
- Evaluate these solutions
- Incorporate Evidence into programs and policies
IPA at a Glance

22 Country Offices

8 Program Areas

700+ Partners

600+ Researchers in our network

850+ Evaluations to date in 51 countries

17 Years of generating evidence and moving evidence to policy
IPA Bangladesh

- Country Office established in 2011.
- Over 27 evaluations conducted.
- Some of the main areas of focus include SMEs, worker productivity, health and sanitation.
- More recently, we have also focused on the effects of COVID-19 on households and children’s education and on a study the promotion of mask use to prevent infections.
Today’s Speakers

**Asad Uz-Zaman**, Head of Future of Work, Aspire to Innovate (a2i)

**Atik Chowdury**, Project Director, Skills to Succeed Bangladesh

**Ashley Pople**, PhD Candidate, University of Oxford

**Atonu Rabbani**, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka

**Eyerusalem Tessema**, Senior Specialist, MEAL and Research, Skills to Succeed, Save the Children

**Christopher Woodruff**, Professor of Development Economics, University of Oxford

**Nathan Fiala**, Associate Professor, University of Connecticut

**Md. Whaheed Alam**, Research Specialist, Aspire to Innovate (a2i)

**Radha Rajkotia**, Chief Research and Policy Officer, IPA