Implementation and Research Partners

Local Implementing Partners:
• Community Participation and Development (CPD)
• Social and Economic Enhancement Programme (SEEP)
• Society for Underprivileged Families (SUF)

Research Partner
• Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

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Youth Employment Randomized Control Trial

Youth Involved
• 3,500 youth in two groups

Randomization
• Individual level randomization for treatment and control arm
• Cross randomized gender intervention within youth clubs

Treatment and Control Arms
1. Youth receive standard S2S interventions
2. Youth receive S2S and gender interventions
3. Youth do not receive program
Outcomes of interest

- **Overarching**
  1. What impact does participating in S2S have on youth’s employment outcomes?
  2. How can S2S empower and boost the employment outcomes of young girls?

- **For gender arm:**
  - Parents permit young women to work
  - More young women are working
  - Young women can make decisions on their employment
  - Youth continue in job after marriage
  - Female youth get more access to technology and continue education
Total sample of youth identified
3,779

Cohort 9
recruitment
1,477

Normal Program
614
Program with
gender component
613
Control
250

Cohort 10
recruitment
2,302

Normal Program
675
Program with
gender component
675
Control
952
Baseline Data Questionnaire

Baseline components

• Consent Form
• Background Information
  • Demographics: Age, Gender, Marital Status
  • Education
  • Parents’ Education and occupation
  • Self-reported income relative to other Dhaka households
• Employment History
• Self-Efficacy Questionnaire
  • “When I am working on a project, I am easily distracted by new ideas or other projects.”
  • “I often set a goal but later choose to follow a different one.”
• Employability Assessment Tool
  • “I feel good about my future.”
  • “I feel proud when I produce high quality work.”
## Baseline Data Balance

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Next Steps
Data Collection

Cohort 9

- Midline Data Collection for Cohort 9
  September/October 2021

Cohort 9 and 10

- Endline Data Collection for Cohort 9 and 10
  Mid 2022

Objective

Short-term Outcome
- What are attitudes of youth towards work?
- What is the effect of COVID for youth?
- What is youth’s short-term employment outcome (job, type of job)?

Long-term Outcome
- What impact does participating in S2S have on youth’s employment outcomes?
- How can S2S empower and boost the employment outcomes of young girls?
Thank You!

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