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# Youth Employment RCT in Bangladesh

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# 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)



## Research Team

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# Youth Employment Randomized Control Trial

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## 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

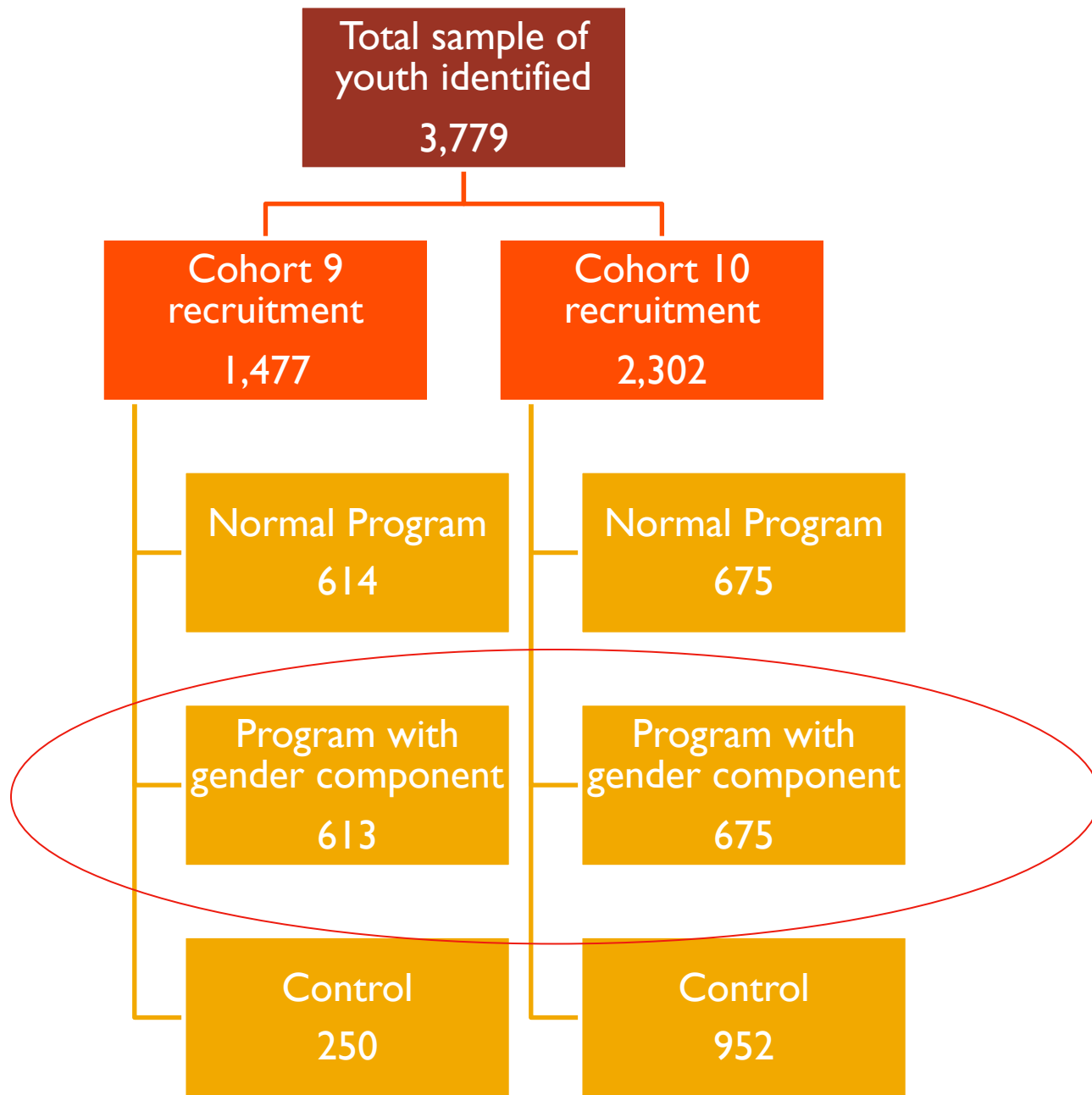
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- **Overarching**

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



# Baseline Data Questionnaire

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## 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

	<b>Treatment Group</b>	<b>Control Group</b>	<b>Difference (p-value in parentheses)</b>
<b>Proportion Female</b>	0.423	0.376	-0.047
	(0.494)	(0.485)	(0.145)
<b>Proportion Unmarried</b>	0.967	0.968	0.001
	(0.178)	(0.176)	(0.932)
<b>Number of Children</b>	0.016	0.012	-0.004
	(0.166)	(0.109)	(0.592)
<b>Age</b>	18.888	18.704	-0.184
	(2.368)	(2.417)	(0.223)



# 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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