



IPA Zambia Presents at Evidence for Impact Symposium



IPA Senior Policy Manager, Anthony Park, (left) presenting at the event.

From March 20-22, the Zambian Ministry of Health with support from USAID, DFID, and Population Council, convened the first national Evidence for Impact research symposium. The theme of this year's symposium was "Translating Research into Gains in Primary and Community Health in Zambia." The focus of the symposium was on reproductive, maternal and newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition services (RMNCAH-N) in primary care and community settings. The symposium showcased research conducted at all levels of policymaking and service delivery from community to national levels.

The symposium convened government agencies, public and private research institutions, development partners, UN agencies, the scientific community and networks, academia, civil society organizations, community-based organizations, and individual researchers. Over 300 participants attended.

IPA participated in a plenary session focused on the process of translating research into policy and programs. The panel came to a consensus on the importance of ensuring co-creation of evidence to guarantee ownership of research results; engaging policymakers, researchers, and end users at all stages of research; and ensuring that research utilization is integrated from the start. The discussion also highlighted the importance of going beyond research dissemination to research utilization and building capacity in research skills and knowledge translation techniques in all relevant institutions (i.e., government, civil society, and communities).

IPA presented results from four studies:

- [Evaluating the Impacts of Home-Based Growth Charts and Community Monitoring on Stunting in Zambia](#)
- [Interpersonal Communication to Encourage Use of Female Condoms in Zambia](#)
- [Contraceptive Adoption, Fertility, and the Family in Zambia](#)
- [Recruiting and Motivating Community Health Workers in Zambia](#)

Speakers: Anthony Park (Senior Policy Manager, IPA); Dr. Godfrey Banda (Director, National Health Research Authority); Dr. Slemu (Director of Public Health, Ministry of Health); Dr. Mbiye (Country Director, Population Council); and Melina Lucía-Morales (Health Director, USAID)

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