



Zambia Education Evidence Summit 2021

BUILDING QUALITY, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN ZAMBIA

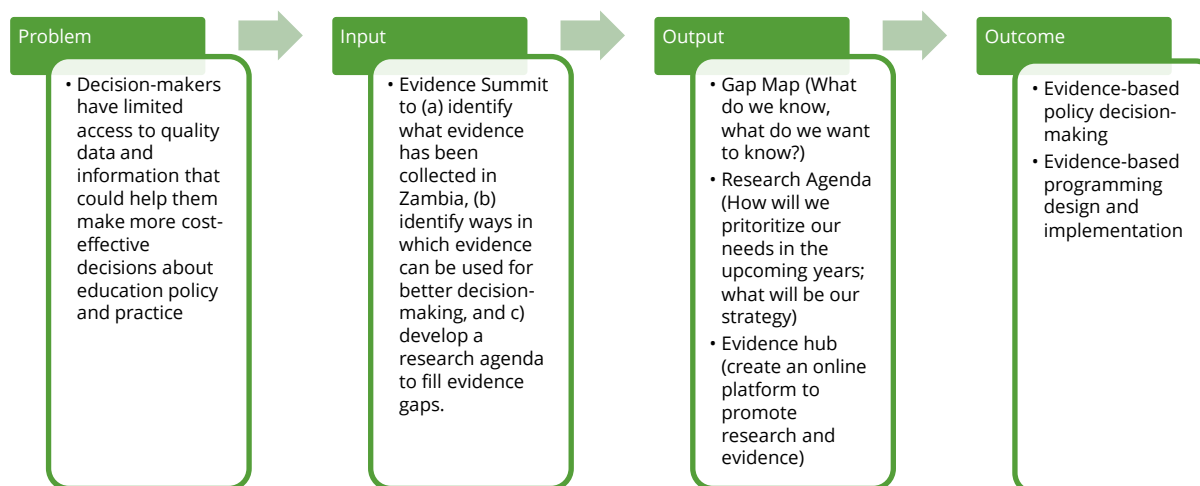
INTRODUCTION

The Joint Sectoral Review (JSR) brings together policymakers, researchers and practitioners to: a) assess the ministry's progress on standards outlined in the 2017-2021 Education and Skills Sector Plan; and b) present the results of a study on a theme selected prior to the event. In 2021, the JSR will enhance sharing of evidence by organizing a virtual Evidence Summit prior to the two-day JSR meeting.

The Zambia Education Evidence Summit will bring together policymakers, researchers and practitioners to: a) share rigorous evidence that has been collected about innovative approaches to improve learning outcomes, in Zambia and internationally; and b) identify ways in which evidence can be used for better decision-making. The Summit will focus on rigorous studies that connect with the ministry's priority goals. The Summit will also result in a list of priority areas identified by the Ministry that Researchers can research on and present findings at the next evidence day in 2022. It will focus on the broad partnerships and collaborations that are happening among educators, communities and government that are leading into more research and evidence-based decision-making across the sector.

ZAMBIA EDUCATION EVIDENCE SUMMIT

The Zambia Education Evidence Summit seeks to bring research to the fore to address knowledge gaps in existing evidence and its policy implications, according to the theory of change depicted in the following figure.





SUMMIT STRUCTURE AND GOALS

The Summit will include plenary and panel presentations and breakaway sessions to share knowledge on existing evidence, develop skills for identifying quality research, promote evidence-based policy decisions, and develop a research agenda for the education system in Zambia.

The specific goals of the summit are to:

- **Share results of high-quality research** on what works in education from researchers and academics doing work in Zambia and internationally
- **Develop knowledge of evaluation methods** and an understanding of when and how to apply them
- **Engage and inform stakeholders** of emerging practices and innovations to improve the delivery of quality education
- **Make recommendations on best practices** to be adapted by the Ministry

CALL FOR PAPERS

A Call for Papers will provide an opportunity to review an array of research being carried out across the country and identify studies to present at the summit. The call for papers should be designed to accommodate sharing the call on various platforms such as websites, WhatsApp and other social media platforms. A panel of three to five members from MoGE, UNICEF, academia, and IPA will convene to review submissions. This panel will select high-quality studies and evidence from implementation designs for dissemination during the summit.

Research presented at the 2021 Education Evidence Summit will focus on innovation, particularly around the cross-cutting themes that will be selected for the JSR. The summit will emphasize Zambian research but is also open to international research that is especially relevant to the conference's cross-cutting themes.

Papers can be submitted [here](#).

For all inquiries, please email ZMB_JS2021@poverty-action.org.

THE SUMMIT WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING **CROSS-CUTTING THEMES**:

- Quality and relevance of education
- Access and participation
- Equity and special education

THE RESEARCH AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION INCLUDE:

- Continuity of learning during a pandemic



- Alternative modes of education
- Teaching and learning strategies

PARTICIPANTS

Proposed participants for the Summit will be drawn from across the education sector as follows:



AGENDA

The one-day Evidence Summit, which will precede the JSR meeting, will include the following:

- Opening Remarks by Director-Planning
- Keynote speech by Hon. Minister or Permanent Secretary
- Keynote Speeches by Partners
- Research paper presentations
- Panel discussions: This will include policy makers, CPs, Academia etc
- Closing remarks and Call to Action by Hon. Minister or Permanent Secretary