



# Supporting Women's Work and Skills Development in the Time of COVID-19: Evidence and Policy for Bangladesh

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

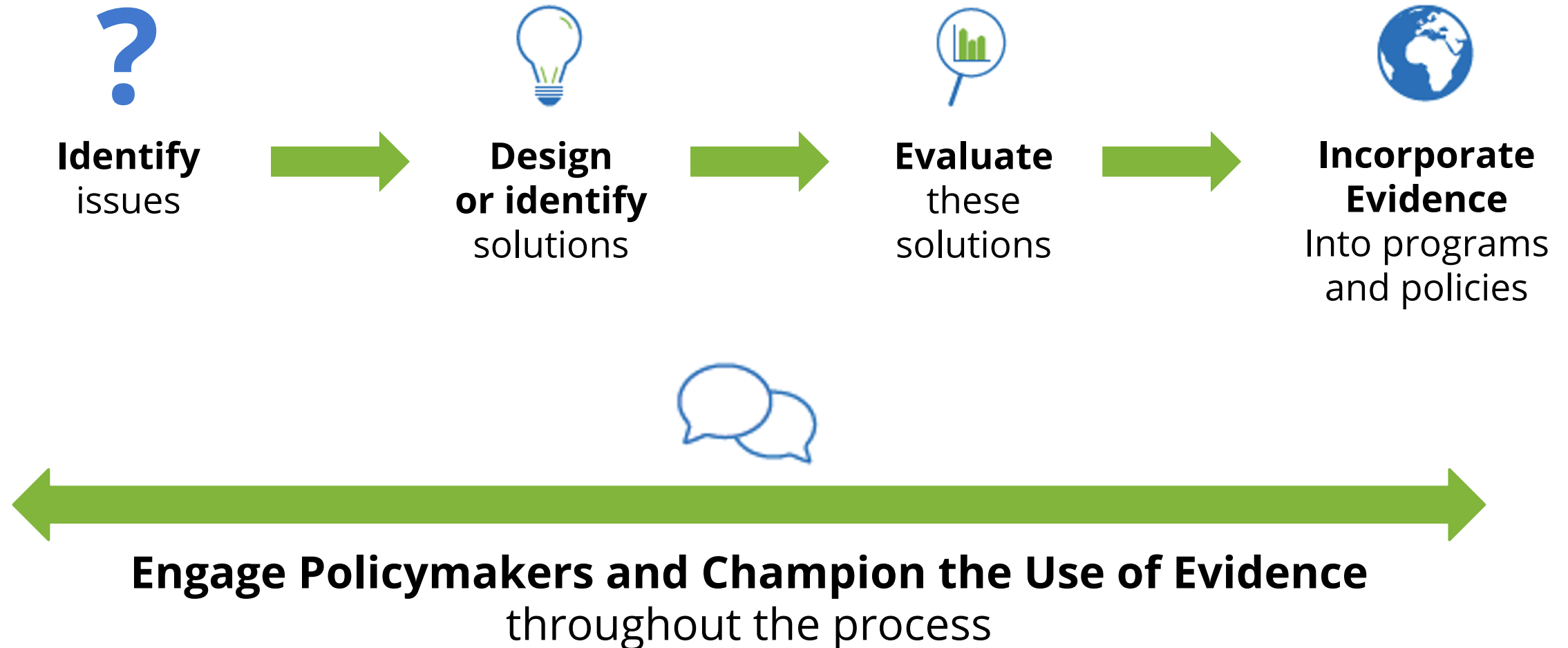


# Agenda

8:00- 8:05	18:00-18:05	Welcome and Purpose, <b>Radha Rajkotia</b>
8:05- 8:15	18:05- 18:15	Overview of a2i skills team and how they use data and evidence for decision making, <b>Asad-Uz-Zaman</b>
8:15-8:25	18:15-18:25	Gender Dynamics in Search Frictions in Online Job Matching in Bangladesh, <b>Ashley Pople</b>
8:25-8:35	18:25-18:35	Gender Analysis Report for Skills to Succeed Bangladesh, <b>Atik Chowdury, Eyerusalem Tessema</b>
8:35-8:45	18:35-18:45	Youth Employment and Gender: Evaluating the Skills to Succeed Program in Bangladesh, <b>Nathan Fiala</b>
8:45-8:55	18:45-18:55	COVID-19 and the Lives of Female Workers in the Ready-Made Garment Sector, <b>Christopher Woodruff, Atonu Rabbani</b>
8:55-9:05	18:55-19:05	Policy Reflections, <b>Md. Whaheed Alam</b>
9:05-9:30	19:05-19:30	Q&A (participant questions) and Closing   Moderator: <b>Radha Rajkotia</b>



# IPA's Approach





# IPA at a Glance



**22** Country Offices



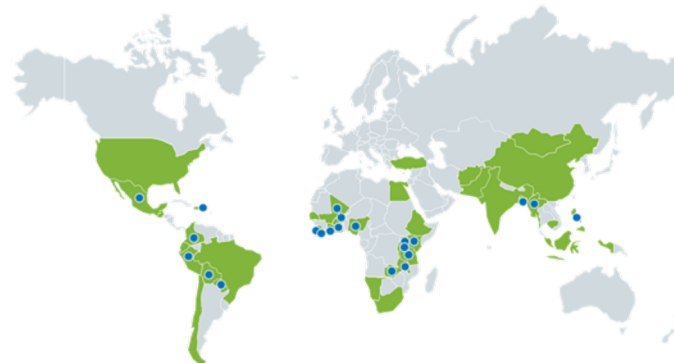
**8** Program Areas



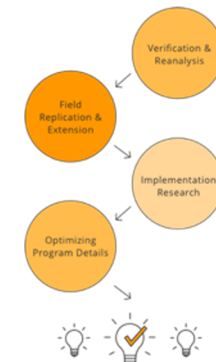
**700+** Partners



**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



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



**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)