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Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) is a research and policy nonprofit that discovers and promotes effective solutions to global poverty problems. In partnership with top researchers in the field, IPA designs and implements randomized evaluations to measure the effectiveness of programs and policies aimed at helping the poor. IPA is specialized in randomized controlled trials (RCTs) because this rigorous methodology, considered the gold standard of impact evaluation design, allows them to isolate the effects of a program from other factors. Since its establishment in 2002, IPA has worked with over 575 leading academics to conduct over 650 evaluations in 51 countries.

Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts

[Closing the Gender Gap in Digital Finance: Tailored Products Are Not Enough by Danielle Moore](#)

[Can Mixed Methods Promote Evidence – Informed Policymaking For Women’s Empowerment? A Qualitative Researcher’s Perspective by Nicola Jones and Danielle Moore](#)

[Is It Time to Rethink How We Measure Women’s Household Decision-Making Power in Impact Evaluation? By Rachel Glennerster and Claire Walsh](#)

[The Potential Payoff of Electronic Wages: What Employers Need to Know by Kyle Holloway and Danielle Moore](#)

[Can Outsourcing Improve Liberia’s Schools? Preliminary RCT Results by Mauricio Romero, Justin Sandefur and Wayne Aaron Sandholtz](#)

[Social Media Tips for Evaluation 2017 by Jane Corso](#)

[Data Analysis Basics – Part I by Judy Savageau](#)

[Data Analysis Basics – Part II by Judy Savageau](#)

Upcoming Events

October 25

[BigSurv 2018, The European Survey Research Association \(ESRA\) Big Data Meets Survey Science International Conference 2018: “Exploring New Statistical Frontiers at the Intersection of Survey Science and Big Data”, Barcelona, Spain](#)

Useful Sites

<http://eval.org/>

<http://mande.co.uk/>

Examples of Evaluation Projects

[Can Outsourcing Improve Liberia’s Schools? Preliminary Results from Year One of a Three-Year Randomized Evaluation of Partnership Schools for Liberia, Center for Global Development, September, 2017](#)

[Soft Skills or Hard Cash? What Works for Female Employment in Jordan? Impact Evaluation Report, World Bank, February, 2013](#)

Activities of the MEASURE-BiH staff

American Evaluation Association (AEA) organized its 31st annual conference in Washington, D.C. The conference took place from November 6 to 11, 2017, and brought together evaluators, evaluation scholars, students, and evaluation users from around the world who assembled, shared, and learned from the successes of the international discipline and practice of evaluation.

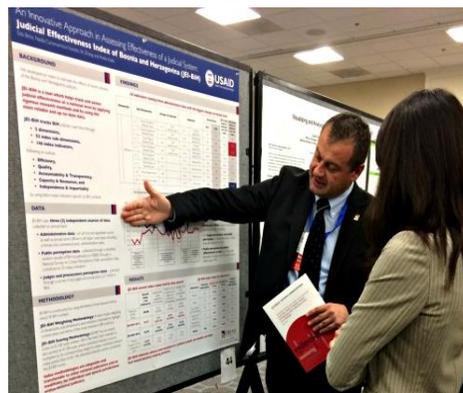
This is the second AEA international conference at which MEASURE-BiH presented its work and relevant evaluation related practices and findings. Ye Zhang, MEASURE-BiH Technical Director, Elma Bukvic Jusic, Development Assistance Specialist in USAID/BiH, and Edis Brkic, Deputy Chief of Party and Component 5 Lead, shared MEASURE-BiH experience with this year's attending evaluation scholars and experts.

As part of the Learning to Action across International Evaluation: Conflict, Post-Conflict, and Peace session, Ye Zhang talked about evaluating the impact of Inter-Ethnic Reconciliation Programs in Post-Conflict Countries: Lessons from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The presentation reflected performance and impact evaluation of the USAID Trust, Understanding, and Responsibility for the Future (PRO-FUTURE) intervention that MEASURE-BiH conducted in 2017.



During the same session, Elma Bukvic Jusic held a presentation on What Happens 13 Years After the Project Ends: Lessons from a USAID/Bosnia Civil Society Project. The presentation and discussion were fostered by performance evaluation of the Democracy Network (DEMNET) Program MEASURE-BiH also conducted in 2017.

In addition, conference attendees were introduced with an innovative approach in assessing effectiveness of a judicial system with focus on tracking the judicial performance in post-conflict countries through a Judicial Effectiveness Index of Bosnia and Herzegovina (JEI-BiH) poster. The poster reflects methodology, findings and results of the 2016 JEI-BiH. Note that 2015 JEI-BiH was also presented to the evaluation scholars and experts during the AEA international conference held last year.



Recommended Reading

[IFO World Economic Survey 2017 by Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich](#)

The World Economic Survey (WES) assesses worldwide economic trends by polling transnational as well as national organisations worldwide on current economic developments in their respective countries. According to the Report, the World Economic Climate improved markedly in the second quarter of 2017, with the indicator rising from 2.6 to 13.0 points. Experts' assessments of the current economic situation were considerably more positive, marking their sharpest increase since January 2013. The main drivers of the World Economic Climate remained the advanced economies, and especially the EU. In Latin America assessments of the economic situation remained largely poor, but expectations brightened markedly. Africa and the Middle East were the only regions in which the economic climate deteriorated.