# **Bi-weekly Newsletter**

# **MEASURE-BiH**

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### **Program Evaluation Learning Resources**

Program Performance and Evaluation Office (PPEO), Evaluation Resources: <u>http://www.cdc.gov/eval/resources/</u>

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Research Resources: <u>http://www.idrc.ca/EN/Resources/ResearchDBs/Tools\_and\_Training/Pages/default.aspx</u>

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) YouTube Video Channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/povertyactionlab</u>

# **Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts**

Top European donors: What you need to know

Q. and A.: Lab Explains Its Evaluation of Weatherization

Monitoring and evaluation: an insider's guide to the skills you'll need

Key performance information concepts

Doing Evaluation Right: A Five Point Plan

Communicating Evaluation to Non-Evaluators

Building Bridges: Use of evaluation for decision making and policy influence



**Upcoming Events** 

# November 23

Global Evaluation Week, November 23 – 27, Nepal

#### December II

UKES Seminar: Evaluation 2.0: The digital future of evaluation, London

#### **Useful Sites**

http://www.unevaluation.org/

https://usaidlearninglab.org/workinggroup/evaluation-interest-group-0 http://betterevaluation.org/

**Examples of Evaluation Projects** 

External Evaluation of the Women's Leadership Program in Paraguay

<u>Growing America Through</u> <u>Entrepreneurship – Final Evaluation</u> <u>of Project GATE</u>

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#### Activities of the MEASURE-BiH staff

On November 9-14, members of MEASURE-BiH staff and MEASURE-BiH COR participated at the American Evaluation Association (AEA) Annual Conference in Chicago (announcement of the Conference provided in previous issue of the newsletter). Technical Director and Principal Investigator Dr. Ye Zhang presented research paper "Incorporating Administrative Data in Low-Cost Impact Evaluation: Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina".

### **Relevant Publications**

# Food stamps for food security: the impact of a targeted social assistance programme in Mongolia

Despite rapid economic growth, the poorest households in Mongolia struggle to meet basic nutritional requirements. In 2008–09, global economic conditions and a heavy winter led to rising prices and lower incomes, exacerbating food insecurity. The government implemented a food stamp programme targeting the poorest 5% of households, aiming to reduce their vulnerability to food insecurity. Drawing on an impact evaluation of the programme on food security, we find substantial positive impacts on food security. We conclude that the model was appropriate to Mongolia, and a viable long-term response to food insecurity.

#### Social Network Analysis for Program Implementation

The social network perspective is useful for understanding, monitoring, influencing, or evaluating the implementation process when programs, policies, practices, or principles are designed and scaled up or adapted to different settings. Using the four stage model of program implementation (exploration, adoption, implementation, and sustainment) we show how network measures can be used at each stage to monitor, intervene, and improve the implementation process. Examples are provided to illustrate these concepts.



#### **Recommended Reading**

#### Integrating Human Rights and Gender Equality in Evaluation -**Towards UNEG Guidance**

The UNEG Handbook provides step by step guidance on how to integrate human rights and gender equality throughout an evaluation process. The Handbook is the result of the UNEG's efforts to make available a practical tool for evaluators, evaluation managers, and programme managers both within and outside the UN system. The Handbook integrates guidance on the two concepts of "human rights" and "gender equality" to take advantage of the synergies and overlap between these mutually reinforcing concepts, including the understanding that gender equality is both a human right, but also a dimension of development in its own right.

#### Bridging the gap: The role of monitoring and evaluation in **Evidence-based policy making**

This Evaluation Working Paper (EWP) tries to bring together the vision and lessons learned from different stakeholders on the strategic role of monitoring and evaluation in evidencebased policy making. These stakeholders are policy-makers, in their role of users of evidence, and researchers and evaluators, in their role of suppliers of evidence.

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