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### **BIO**

I work as a Senior Evaluation Specialist at the International Initiative of Impact Evaluation (3ie), stationed in New Delhi, India. I joined 3ie in 2015. I have over ten years of experience conducting and managing impact evaluations assessing the effects of development programmes at scale. My role involves identification, technical guidance and day-to-day management of evaluations funded by 3ie. I have more than 10 years of experience designing and implementing impact evaluations in India. I am involved in 3ie's in-house research activities, including evidence gap maps, scoping studies and systematic reviews, fundraising and capacity building. Before joining 3ie, I interned at United Nations University- World Institute of Development Economics Research at Helsinki. I received my PhD in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**March 2019 :** Senior Evaluation Specialist, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), India

**August 2015- March 2019 :** Evaluation Specialist, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), India

**April- July 2015:** PhD Intern, United Nations University- World Institute of Development Economics Research, Helsinki

**March 2012- March 2015:** Senior Research Assistant at the Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics.

**April 2007- April 2010:** Research Assistant at the Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics.

**July 2006- March 2007:** Analyst. HSBC Global Resourcing, Bangalore, India.

### **EDUCATION**

2010-2016: Ph.D Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

2007- 2010: M.Phil Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

2004- 2006: M.A. Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

2001- 2004: B.A. Economics, University of Delhi

### **PUBLICATIONS**

'Improving learning outcomes through information provision: Evidence from Indian villages (with Farzana Afridi and Rohini Somanathan)' (Journal of Development Economics)

Understanding financial risks for smallholder farmers in low-and middle-income countries: what do we know and not know? (with Jyotsna Puri, Bharat Kaushish and Beryl Leach) 3ie Evidence Gap Map Report 9, 2017.

Understanding financial risks for smallholder farmers in low-and middle-income countries: what do we know and not know? (with Jyotsna Puri and Bharat Kaushish) 3ie Scoping Paper 9, 2017.

Educational Attainment and Learning in India, 2004-12 (with Farzana Afridi) in Batabyal and Nijkamp ed. Regional Growth and Sustainable Development in Asia, Springer, January 2016.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

'Designing effective transfers: Lesson's from India's school meal program (with Farzana Afridi and Rohini Somanathan)' IZA Discussion Paper No. 9924 (Revise and Resubmit)

Identifying an Effective Teacher in Public Schools in Delhi (with Deepti Goel) (Under Review)

'School Meals and Classroom Attention: Evidence from India' (with Farzana Afridi and Rohini Somanathan) Working Paper. International Growth Centre- India Central

'Project Mesha: Transforming the lives of women through productivity improvements in small ruminants' (with Ritwik Sarkar, Priyanka Dubey and Avantika Bagai). Formative Evaluation Report for Aga Khan Development Network.

Improving livelihoods through community-based development: An Evidence Gap Map (with Avantika Bagai, Priyanka Dubey, Shonar Lala, Ritwik Sarkar and Francis Rathinam) (Under Review)

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

A Synthesis of Livelihoods Programs in Low and Middle Income Countries (with Shonar Lala, Avantika Bagai, Priyanka Dubey and Ritwik Sarkar)

Impact evaluation of National Rural Livelihoods Mission (for the Ministry of Rural Development)

### **REFERENCES**

Can be provided on request

### **OTHER DETAILS**

Nationality: Indian

Languages Known: English (fluent), Hindi (spoken and reading), Assamese (native)