

13th M&E Roundtable: *What can we learn from evaluations? Exploring the Generalizability of evaluation findings*

Date: April 17, 2015

Time: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Venue: Lecture Room II, Indian International Centre, New Delhi, India

Over the last few years, there has been much discussion on the ‘external validity’ or generalizability of evaluation findings. As part of the broader push for ‘evidence based policy making’, researchers and evaluation specialists are now, more than ever, looking to make precise and causal claims about the impact of development programs. Thus while much rigour has been applied to isolating the causal impact of development projects, not enough attention has been paid to whether and how evaluation results can be generalized across contexts. What factors do we need to consider when designing new interventions based on evaluation results from another setting? This roundtable will highlight the theoretical and practical considerations of applying evaluation lessons in different contexts.

Agenda

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Opening Remarks
10:10 AM – 10:50 AM	Heather Lanthorn (Evaluation Specialist, 3ie) ‘External validity clues in development: on what to look for and how’ Q&A
10:50 AM – 11:30 AM	Urmy Shukla (Capacity Building Manager, CLEAR/J-PAL South Asia) ‘Are good results enough? Thinking systematically about identifying factors that influence the transfer and scale-up of programmes’ Q&A
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Discussion and General Q&A
12:30 PM – 12:40 PM	Closing Remarks
Lunch	