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VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

Evaluating Outcomes in Fragile Contexts: Adapting Research Methods in the Time of COVID-19

Tuesday 5 May 2020

This virtual roundtable has been co-convened by Chatham House and the Aga Khan Foundation.

While conducting research in fragile and conflict-affected contexts has always presented challenges, the outbreak of COVID-19 creates additional challenges including travel restrictions, ethical challenges, and disruptions to usual modes of working. This virtual roundtable will explore how organizations can adapt their research and monitoring and evaluation models in response to the coronavirus pandemic. This event aims to discuss the research methods being used to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis; the important role of technology; and ways to engage policy and decision-makers during this time.

This virtual roundtable will be held under the [Chatham House Rule](#).

12.00 Please join Zoom by 12.00pm BST.

- You will have received an invitation to join the roundtable from Zoom in your inbox.
- Please follow the joining instructions in time for the speaker/chair catch-up and sound test.
- Please email lridout@chathamhouse.org if you have any issues joining the call.

12.00-12.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Speakers

Rebecca Wolfe, Lecturer, Harris School for Public Policy and Associate, Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts, *University of Chicago*

Tom Gillhespy, Principal Consultant, *Itad*

Shodmon Hojibekov, Chief Executive Officer, *Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (Afghanistan)*

Chair

Champa Patel, Director, Asia-Pacific Programme, *Chatham House*

12.30-13.25 Discussion Session

The discussion session will be structured around the following questions. For instructions on how to participate in the discussion session, please see the attached guidelines on using Zoom.

- What impact has the COVID-19 outbreak and associated global change had on research, impact assessment and M&E in your organization?
- What are your organization's main strategies and approaches to adapting the way you do research, impact assessment and M&E given the impact of the coronavirus pandemic?

- What methods are you using/intending to use to adapt to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak? What is working?
- What technologies are you using/intending to use to adapt to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak? What is working?
- Audiences are rushed and have limited bandwidth to cope with evidence. What are you doing to engage audiences during the COVID-19 response era?

13.25-13.30 [Closing Remarks](#)

Marc Theuss, Director, Quality of Life Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Support Unit, *Aga Khan Development Network*