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The Future of Project Implementation in International Development

Thursday, May 28, 2020
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | Panel Discussion via Zoom

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About the Event

How will COVID-19 affect the way implementers deliver programming? As the international development community continues to grapple with the current COVID-19 reality, organizations are starting to prepare for the future and the need to pivot programming, rearrange priorities or adapt to drastically different conditions and requirements. What will the new normal look like for international development project implementation? What does this mean for programming?

Join SID-Washington as we will discuss COVID-19’s effect on the international development community and hear from several organizations about how they are adapting their programming. Our panel will include INGOs, contractors, think tanks, and others.

Moderator

Sarah Rose | Policy Fellow, Center for Global Development

Sarah Rose is a policy fellow at the Center for Global Development. Her work, as part of the Center’s US Development Policy Initiative, focuses on US government aid effectiveness. Areas of research and analysis include the policies and operation of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), the use of evaluation and evidence to inform programming and policy, the implementation of country ownership principles, and the process of transitioning middle income countries from grant assistance to other development instruments. Previously, Rose worked for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Mozambique as a specialist in strategic information and monitoring and evaluation. She also worked at MCC, focusing on the agency’s evidence-based country selection process. She holds a Masters degree in public policy and a BS in foreign service, both from Georgetown University.

Speaker

Annie Killefer | Senior Technical Advisor, Humanitarian Assistance, Blumont

Annie Killefer is Blumont’s Senior Technical Advisor for Humanitarian Assistance. She focuses on the organization’s camp management portfolio including 6 camps and 75 informal sites in northeast Syria, as well as 8 camps in Iraq. Annie’s passion is upholding dignity and humanitarian rights in displacement, particularly for women, children, and marginalized minorities. Prior to joining Blumont, Annie was the Response Director for Plan International’s Rohingya Refugee Program in Cox’s Bazaar Bangladesh—the largest refugee camp in the world—where she managed a team of more than 1,100 people overseeing programming focused on humanitarian child rights, specifically equality for girls through education, child protection, and youth empowerment. Annie has also worked in humanitarian responses in Kenya, Syria, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Thailand, Nepal, Iraq, and Mexico with Oxfam and other international organizations. Annie holds a BA in Latin American Studies from Bard College and an MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University. She is also a birth doula.

Speaker

Jennifer Poidatz | Vice President for Humanitarian Response, Catholic Relief Services

Jennifer Poidatz is Catholic Relief Services’ Vice President for Humanitarian Response. Leading a global team of over 45 emergency technical advisors and response managers, she ensures timely support to CRS country programs and accompaniment to local partners responding to relief and recovery needs of disaster affected populations. Capacity strengthening for CRS staff and local partners in emergency preparedness and response is also a priority, as well as informing and influencing wider humanitarian policy and reform. She joined CRS in 1993 as an intern in Ghana. In 1994, Ms. Poidatz served as a Program Manager in Rwanda during the Genocide. Following a year in Haiti where she managed emergency assistance programming during a period of economic and political crisis, Jennifer spent two years in Burundi as the Assistant Country Representative and then as Country Representative.

In 1998, Ms. Poidatz became CRS Country Representative in Angola during the country’s civil war. In 2005, she served as the Country Representative in Sri Lanka, where she was responsible for the oversight of the Tsunami response. From 2006 to 2009, she was the CRS Country Representative for India and from 2009 to 2011, Ms. Poidatz served as the Country Representative in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Immediately before her appointment as Director and, subsequently, Vice President of Humanitarian Response, Jennifer led the development of CRS response to the war in Syria – including the initiation and expansion of programming in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Syria. Ms. Poidatz holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition from the University of Vermont and a Master of Science Degree in International Nutrition from Tufts University.

Speaker

Stefanie Wallach | Associate Partner, US Director, Itad

As an Associate Partner and Itad’s US Director, Stefanie Wallach has two focus areas. She leads on our portfolio of work on governance, policy and advocacy and research impact, and heads up our office in Washington, D.C. She has over 20 years’ experience in international development programme leadership and MEL across more than 20 countries. Stefanie’s technical expertise is in portfolio evaluation, organisational evaluation, learning partnerships, and training and capacity building. Her work spans a range of sectors and development areas including policy advocacy, evidence-informed decision-making, health and agriculture. She is skilled both in managing teams for complex evaluations and as a senior member of teams delivering evaluations using theory-based and utilization-focused approaches, contribution analysis and case-based evaluation.
Stefanie joined Itad in 2016. She brings to Itad over 20 years’ experience managing health programmes, including eight years based in Latin America and Asia. She has high-level experience developing cross-cultural country platforms for international development organisations, leading organisational change and restructuring, and establishing and improving organisational systems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Briefing by USAID COVID-19 Task Force***
Institutional Member (IM) Event | Online via Zoom | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Duty of Care in the COVID-19 Era**
Chapter Event | Online via Zoom | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**Information, Communications, & Technologies (ICT) for Development Workgroup Planning Meeting**
Workgroup Event | Online via Zoom | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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