

Conducting Rigorous Impact Evaluations in Humanitarian Emergencies and Conflict Settings

A Research-to-Practice Training Workshop

ISDC - International Security and Development Center is offering free training sessions on 14, 15, and 16 March 2023. Our goal is to provide a general overview of the tools and data needed to conduct Rigorous Impact Evaluations (RIEs) in Humanitarian Emergencies and Conflict Settings (HECS). We will discuss the practical and theoretical solutions to challenges in designing and conducting RIEs in HECS and aim to strengthen the research-practice collaboration on learning in HECS.

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Agenda

For each day, the training session will be divided into three sessions. Each session will last around 15 minutes, followed by another 15-minute Q&A session.

DAY 1: 14 March 2023, 15:00-16:30

Introduction to the rigorous impact evaluation and the challenges in conducting them using conventional research approaches in HECS

Session 1 What exactly is a rigorous impact evaluation? And why are they important in HECS?

Session 2 What are the ethical hurdles associated with doing such impact evaluations in HECS? What are the practical difficulties?

Session 3 What are the major methodological obstacles before and during the impact evaluation? And how do these relate to the ethical and practical challenges?

DAY 2: 15 March 2023, 15:00-16:30

Solutions to the methodological, ethical, and practical challenges to conducting Rigorous Impact Evaluation in HECS

- Session 1** What alternative ways to construct a counterfactual in HECS to attribute causality instead of relying on the traditional control group?
- Session 2** How to improve indicators and measurement accuracy while simultaneously prioritizing the ethical and practical challenges in HECS?
- Session 3** How to incorporate big data and other tools to overcome the lack of good-quality data or measurement disadvantages for impact evaluations in HECS?

DAY 3: 16 March 2023, 15:00-16:30

How to incorporate lessons learnt from impact evaluations into future programming

- Session 1** How can targeting and beneficiary selection be improved through RIEs? And how to incorporate contextual factors in HECS to improve future programming?
- Session 2** How strong research-practice partnerships are key to unlock the learning potential from RIEs in HECS?
- Session 3** How to get best from the impact evaluations in HECS? What role do various stakeholders can play to ensure this?

Participants will gain valuable knowledge of how we approach RIEs in HECS, both through academic approaches and practical cooperation with our partners. The training modules will be mainly based on the CEDIL-funded joint work between the American University of Beirut and ISDC that studies the long-term impacts of [complex interventions in Syria](#), as well as ISDC's long-term experience conducting RIEs with a range of development actors (FAO, IOM, Mercy Corps, OCHA, WFP, UNHCR).

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