

# AGENDA

## ILAB Impact to Action Results Event

The frontiers of evaluation research on child labor, forced labor and human trafficking

National Education Association, 1201 16th St NW, Washington, DC

November 13-14, 2019

**Background:** In 2015, the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) at the U.S. Department of Labor awarded approximately \$11 million in randomized controlled trials to better understand the effectiveness of government and non-government programs and interventions in reducing child labor, forced labor or human trafficking around the world. As these impact evaluations are completed, ILAB is hosting Impact to Action events, where stakeholders and colleagues have opportunities to learn about the studies and interact with the researchers. Please join us as we build greater knowledge base of what works and what does not in our fields, and of successful strategies for influencing policymakers and practitioners to use rigorous research in formulating policies and programs against child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking around the world.

### Day 1 – November 13, 2019

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8:00 – 8:30      **Check In and Breakfast**

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8:30 – 9:00      **Welcome**

Ms. Jill Christianson, International Relations Senior Analyst, Office of International Relations, National Education Association

**Opening Remark**

Ms. Maureen Jaffe, MERL Division Chief, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking (OCFT), Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), USDOL

**Agenda and Housekeeping**

Ms. Lauren Damme, Senior Evaluation Research Advisor, OCFT/ILAB

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9:00 – 10:30      **Session 1: Tackling Child Labor through Livelihoods Supports: What Works and What Does Not**

**Moderator:** Ms. Celeste Lemrow

**The Impact of Village Savings And Loan Associations on Child Labor in Malawi: Evidence from the CLEAR II Program**

Dr. Kajal Gulati, Research Associate, IMPAQ International

**Addressing Child Labor through Livelihood Promotion: An Impact Evaluation of the Government of the Philippines Livelihood Assistance to the Parents of Child Laborers**

Dr. Caroline Theoharides, Assistant Professor of Economics, Amherst College

**Cash Transfers and Child Work in Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia**

Dr. Ashu Handa, Lawrence I. Gilbert Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina

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10:30 – 10:45 **Break**

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10:45 – 12:15 **Session 2: Null Results: Why They Are Important and What We Can Learn From Them**

**Moderator:** Dr. Eric Edmonds, Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College

**Evidence From A Livelihoods Intervention: The Impact of Agricultural Training on Hazardous Labor in Rwanda's Tea Sector**

Dr. Tanvi Rao, Research Associate, IMPAQ International

**The Impact of UNICEF Nepal's Behavioral Change Communication Campaign on Social Norms and Child Labor in Nepal**

Dr. Lila Kumar Khatiwada, Senior Research Associate, University of Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development

Dr. Tushi Baul, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, University of Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development

**Investigating The Effects of Community-Based Interventions on Child Labor Incidence: Evidence from Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation Bal Mitra Gram (Child Friendly Villages) Program in India**

Dr. Sonam Gupta, Principal Research Associate, IMPAQ International

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12:15 – 13:30 **Lunch and Networking**

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13:30 – 15:00 **Session 3: Education Interventions: What Have We Learned?**

**Moderator:** Ms. Deborah Martierrez, Senior Evaluation Specialist, USDOL Chief Evaluation Office

**Examining the Effects of Socio-Emotional Skills Training On Hazardous Child Labor: Evidence from the YPD Program in Ecuador**

Dr. Michaela Gulemetova, Senior Research Associate, IMPAQ International

**Advancing the Agency Of Adolescent Girls: The Effect of Mentoring and Life Skills Training On School Progression, Life Skills and Child Labor (India)**

Dr. Jessica Leight, Research Fellow, IFPRI

Dr. Benjamin Feigenberg, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Illinois – Chicago

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15:00 – 15:15 **Break**

15:15 – 16:45 **Session 4: Disseminating Rigorous Evidence: Challenges and Promising Practices**

**Moderator:** Ms. Yuki Lo, Senior Research & Evaluation Manager, the Freedom Fund

**Lessons from UNICEF Office of Research Innocenti**

Dr. Ashu Handa, Lawrence I. Gilbert Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina

**Co-Creating Evidence: An Experience from Peru**

Mr. Sergio De Marco, Deputy Country Director IPA Peru, Bolivia and Paraguay

**Understanding the Effects of Conditional Cash Transfers on Child Labor in Costa Rica: Evidence from the NNAT Program**

Mr. Jonathan Simonetta, Vice President, International Development, IMPAQ International

**Lesson from IPA Philippines**

Dr. Eric Edmonds, Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College

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17:00 **Thanks and Close Day 1**

Mr. Kevin Hong, Senior International Relations Officer, OCFT/ILAB

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**Day 2 – November 14, 2019**

8:00 – 8:45 **Check In and Breakfast**

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8:45 – 9:00 **Welcome, Agenda, And Summary of Day 1**

Mr. Kevin Hong, Senior International Relations Officer, OCFT/ILAB

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9:00 – 10:30 **Session 5: Awareness Raising: Innovative Approaches to Combating Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking**

**Moderator:** Morgan Holmes, Senior Evaluation Specialist, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)

**Reducing Vulnerability to Human Trafficking: An Experimental Intervention Using Anti-Trafficking Campaigns to Change Knowledge, Attitudes, Beliefs, and Practices among the General Population and Law Enforcement in Nepal**

Dr. Sarah Rich-Zendel, SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, York University

**Decidiendo Para Un Futuro Mejor - The Effect of Information on School Drop-Out, Time-Use and Child Labor (Peru)**

Mr. Sergio De Marco, Deputy Country Director IPA Peru, Bolivia and Paraguay

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**10:30 – 10:45 Break**

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**10:45 – 11:30 Where Do We Go From Here: Global Research Agenda**

Ms. Lauren Damme, Senior Evaluation Research Advisor, OCFT/ILAB

Mr. Kevin Hong, Senior International Relations Officer, OCFT/ILAB

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**11:30 – 12:00 Summary and Discussion: What We Have Learned and What We Need to Know**

Dr. Eric Edmonds, Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College

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**12:00 – 12:15 Thanks and Close**

Ms. Lauren Damme, Senior Evaluation Research Advisor, OCFT/ILAB

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**12:15 – 13:30 Networking Lunch**

*Lunch is provided so please stay awhile and connect with the researchers and colleagues*

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