

WORK  
EXPERIENCE

**Research Fellow, Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD) India at LEAD IFMR**

July, 2020 – present

- Overseeing research activities on a portfolio of gender and financial inclusion projects

**Consultant, The Development Research Group, World Bank**

May, 2017 – October, 2018

**Nigeria State Health Investment Project (NSHIP)**

- Estimated the impact of the project using a weighted differences-in-differences methodology and co-authored [Impact Evaluation of Nigeria State Health Investment Project](#)
- Conceptualized and led a five-day *Program Evaluation and Data Analysis Workshop* for Nigerian Bureaucrats to build in-country analysis capacity

**Asymmetric Information in the Household and Child Welfare: Experimental Evidence from Progressa, Mexico**

- Designed the baseline survey on *Survey Solutions*, a computer assisted personal interviewing software and conducted field investigator *training workshop*, and *field pilot*
- Prepared *Research Preparatory Grant Proposal* that raised \$29,965 from the Research Support Budget

**Consultant, The Development Research Group, World Bank**

***Social Observatory for Rural Livelihoods Projects in India***

May-June, 2016

- Evaluated the second phase of the *Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Alleviation Project* showing its *limited impact* on second order outcomes such as empowerment and poverty

**Consultant, The Development Research Group, World Bank**

***Social Observatory for Rural Livelihoods Projects in India***

May, 2012 – July, 2014

**Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Alleviation Project, India**

- Analyzed the impact of the project using propensity score matching which was instrumental in extending project financing to next phase
- Co-authored [A Retrospective Impact Evaluation of the Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Alleviation \(Pudhu Vaazhvu\) Project](#) which was published in The Journal of Development Studies
- Designed and managed a survey of the potential socio-economic outcomes of the project across *20 districts*
- [Trained 200 community professionals to record Grama Sabha proceedings](#)

Authored *Food and Nutrition Security: What Works*, a policy note on the pathways to better nutrition concluding that policy should be tailored to the local context as there is no silver bullet to the problem of undernutrition

Authored *Trends in PDS Consumption in Tamil Nadu*, a policy note showing that despite the success in ensuring access, the nutritional impact of the PDS in Tamil Nadu was limited

EDUCATION	<p><i>Georgetown University</i>, Washington D.C. USA  Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, 2014-present  <i>Frederic and Agnes Maloof Fellowship</i> awarded to the most promising Ph.D. student in the Economics Department  <i>Graduate School Scholarship</i></p> <p><i>Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University</i>, New Delhi, India  M. A. in Economics, 2010-2012  <i>Krishna Raj Summer Research Fellowship</i></p> <p><i>Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University</i>, New Delhi, India  B. A. (H) in Economics, 2007-2010</p>
CURRENT RESEARCH	<p><i>The Precocious Period: Impact of Early Menarche on School Enrollment in India</i>  Media: <a href="#">Brookings</a>, <a href="#">Ideas for India</a>, <a href="#">SheThePeople</a>, <a href="#">Down to Earth (Hindi)</a></p> <p><i>Does Marriage Market Respond to Natural Disasters? The Impact of Flooding of River Kosi in Bihar, India</i> (with Nishtha Kochhar)</p> <p><i>The intra-household allocation of children's time in four developing countries</i> (with Milan Thomas)</p> <p><i>The effect of direct facility financing, autonomy, community engagement, supervision, and performance-based payments in strengthening primary health care: a large scale quasi-experimental trial in Nigeria</i> (co-authored with Eeshani Kandpal, Benjamin Loevinsohn, Elina Pradhan, Opeyemi Fadeyibi, Kevin McGee, Oluwale Odutolu, Gyorgy Bela Fritsche, Emmanuel Meribole, Christel MJ Vermeersch)</p>
PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>2018:</b> <a href="#">SDC</a> (UM, Ann Arbor), <a href="#">SANEM-World Bank North America Discussion Forum</a> (Washington DC)</p> <p><b>2019:</b> <a href="#">WGD</a> (VTech), <a href="#">MEA</a> (St. Louis), <a href="#">WADES</a> (CGD), <a href="#">MWIEDC</a> (UW, Madison), <a href="#">GCER</a> (Georgetown), <a href="#">IDinsight</a> (New Delhi), <a href="#">Brookings</a> (New Delhi), <a href="#">Towson University</a>, <a href="#">EMCON</a> (UChicago), <a href="#">SDC</a> (UM, Ann Arbor), <a href="#">SEA</a> (Fort Lauderdale), IFPRI</p> <p><b>2020:</b> Colgate University</p>
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	<p><i>Research Assistant</i>, Department of Economics, Georgetown University  Project Manager: Garance Genicot (March-May, 2018)  <i>Co-chair</i>, Economics Graduate Student Organization  Georgetown University (2017-18)  <i>Refereeing</i>: Economic Development and Cultural Change, Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations, Journal of South Asian Development</p>
OTHER INFORMATION	<p><b>Computer Skills:</b> <i>Stata</i> (Advanced), <i>ArcGIS</i> (Intermediate), Survey Solutions (Intermediate), <b>Lives Saved Tool</b> (Intermediate), <i>R</i> (Basic), <i>CSPRO</i> (Basic)</p> <p><b>Languages:</b> <i>English</i> (Native), <i>Hindi</i> (Native), <i>Punjabi</i> (Intermediate)</p> <p><b>Field Work Experience:</b> Chhattisgarh (<i>India</i>), Delhi (<i>India</i>), Haryana (<i>India</i>), Odisha (<i>India</i>), Rajasthan (<i>India</i>), Tamil Nadu (<i>India</i>), Uttar Pradesh (<i>India</i>), Campeche (<i>Mexico</i>)</p>