

Bangladesh Seasonal Income Support Pre-Scale Project Expenditure Update

1. Funds Available

The following contributions are available for the Bangladesh Seasonal Income Support Pre-Scale Project:

- GiveWell: \$250,000
- [Name redacted]: \$10,000
- Evidence Action Core Funds: \$173,279

2. Costs Incurred: \$433,279

Total costs incurred for this project stand at \$433,279 from 15 June, 2014 up to 31 January, 2015 including fringe and overhead costs.

2.1. Travel to Bangladesh

Two trips have been made to Bangladesh for this project at a cost of \$6,700.

2.2. IPA

Innovations for Poverty Action in Bangladesh (IPA-BD) has a total budget of \$299,030 for the Bangladesh Seasonal Income Support Pre-Scale (BSISP) project. The appendix contains a breakdown of this cost.

2.3. Malawi and Zambia Feasibility Exercise and Evidence Action Staff Time

We hired a graduate student ([name redacted]) to conduct a discovery exercise for us in Malawi and Zambia. The purpose of the exercise was to gauge the potential for a migration-type seasonal income support project in the two countries. The total cost for this exercise and the cost of staff time adjusted for fringe costs (Evidence Action has a 23% fringe benefits rate) was \$81,126.25.

2.4. Overhead

Evidence Action has a 12% overhead rate. The overhead on the subtotal (\$386,856.25) is \$46,422.75.

3. Projected Costs: \$170,792

Estimated costs for the project are \$170,792 for the period 1 February, 2015 to 30 September, 2015.

3.1. Research Assistant (Mobarak) and Evidence Action Staff Time

Mushfiq Mobarak serves as Principal Investigator on the project; a Research Assistant has been budgeted for him. An Evidence Action postdoctoral fellow has been assigned to the project to assist in design, development and implementation. Another staff member will work part time to negotiate our partnership with RDRS and support fundraising. The total cost of these staff members adjusted for fringe costs (Evidence Action has a 23% fringe benefits rate) has been budgeted at \$92,493.

3.2. Zimbabwe, Ghana, Bihar Feasibility Exercise

We intend to conduct a similar seasonal income support feasibility exercise as was conducted for Malawi and Zambia for Zimbabwe, Ghana, the Indian state of Bihar and a fourth setting (likely Indonesia). A total cost of \$50,000 has been estimated for this activity.

3.3. Travel to Bangladesh

We anticipate three more trips to Bangladesh (split between [names redacted]) at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

3.4. Overhead

Evidence Action has a 12% overhead rate. The overhead on the subtotal direct costs (\$152,493) is \$18,299.

Appendix: Details of IPA-BD Budget

A.1. Direct Survey Costs: \$90,200

Of this amount, \$90,200 was budgeted for direct expenditures on surveying (High Frequency Origin Survey, High Frequency Migrant Survey and Endline Survey). At this stage we have cancelled the High Frequency Migrant Survey and will use those funds to bolster Endline survey work. Originally we had budgeted for a relatively “light weight” endline survey but we are adding some items to it that may require some extra money. Once the Endline Survey instrument is finalized we will know exactly how much of the High Frequency Migrant Survey budget has been saved.

A.2. IPA-BD Research Costs: \$109,628

Next, \$109,628 was budgeted for IPA-BD’s direct research expenditures including staff time, materials, travel and related expenses.

A.3. Travel Grant Costs: \$69,100

RDRS is the local partner NGO that handed out the travel grants to 3,800 eligible households. This amount included the actual travel grant, which amounted to \$13.5 (BDT 1,000) per grantee, and RDRS’ overheads.

A.4. Indirect Expenses: \$30,102

IPA-BD has budgeted \$30,102 for overhead and contingency.