IMPACT EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY BASED PARALEGALS IN PAKISTAN

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Why evaluate?

- The discourse on Legal Empowerment
- Worldwide interest in evidence based research
- An opportunity to showcase a model program
- Methodological drive?

Research Questions

- 1. To what extent the intervention empowers those who were otherwise unable to access a just solution to a problem, to find a solution with which they are satisfied and/or which upholds their rights?
- 2. To what extent it changes the way justice decisions are made by local power holders, *jirgas* etc?
- 3. Whether the intervention acts as a safety valve to prevent escalation of disputes and as such assists towards addressing fragility, and if so, how?
- 4. Whether there is any economic improvement among vulnerable populations as a result of the intervention.

Methodology

- A systematic combination of Randomized Controlled
 Trials (RCTs) and Ethnography
- RCTs as a way of dealing with 'internal' and 'external validity
- Ethnography as a way of understanding:
- The context
- The observed impacts
- What cannot be captured by surveys

Organization of the study

- The research team
- Research Methods
- Research activities
- Timeline and outputs

Questions?