

## Mr. Bilal Hassan Khan

Mr. Bilal Hassan Khan is a leading and respected social statistician, quantitative researcher, monitoring and evaluation expert, and a renowned survey researcher based in Pakistan. Mr. Khan has demonstrated expertise and a strong passion for survey research and impact evaluation (especially quasi-experimental), with more than 27 years of experience in providing technical assistance in applied statistics, including survey research and impact evaluations. Mr. Khan has strong expertise and experience in survey research design, sampling, instrument design, and data analysis using SPSS, Stata, and R.



In addition, he is also an expert in impact evaluations with experience and expertise in experimental and quasi-experimental evaluation designs. His expertise and experience in quasi-experimental evaluations include the difference in difference, propensity score matching, matching using re-weighting, the combination of the difference in difference with matching, regression discontinuity designs, synthetic control, IPTW regression, fixed effect models, etc.

Mr. Khan started his career as a consultant/pollster with a major political party in Pakistan. Later on, he worked with the Pakistan government as a policy consultant in the Prime Minister's Secretariat during President Musharraf's regime. Bilal Khan was also the Director of the Survey Unit, USAID Monitoring and Evaluation Program in Pakistan from 2012 to 2014, where he served as the focal person for all quantitative/survey research projects. Besides, Mr. Khan has also provided survey monitoring and evaluation technical assistance to various other international organizations such as UNDP, USAID, World Bank, IFAD, DFID, IRC, IRD, NDI, GIZ, OPM, Coffey International, USIP, Ford Foundation, and The Asia Foundation.

Bilal Hassan Khan has a Master of Science degree in Sociology / Social Research Methods from the University of Oxford, UK, a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma, USA, and has been a visiting student at the University of California at Berkeley, USA and Harvard University, USA. He has also attended semester-long advanced post-graduate courses in advanced quantitative methodology at Brown University and Harvard University, taught by world-leading social research methodologist Gary King. In addition, he also has numerous certifications, such as in causal analysis (impact evaluation methods) certificate from the University of Oxford, a public policy analysis certificate from The London School of Economics and Political Science, in addition to various other doctorate-level courses in advanced quantitative research methods from the University of Oxford.

## Dr. Zahid Asghar

Dr. Zahid Asghar is Professor at the School of Economics, Quaid-i-Azam University, where he also served as the Director, and Registrar of QAU as well. His academic and professional journey is marked by work in applied econometrics/applied statistics and forecasting. Professor Asghar is also a member of the Research Advisory Committee for the RASTA Competitive Grants Program. Recently, Dr. Asghar has broadened his expertise to include Impact Evaluation Tools, analyzing unstructured/text data, Quarto, and tidy models, enhancing his capabilities in economics through R and innovative data visualization techniques. Dr. Asghar is committed to leveraging quantitative reasoning and numeral literacy to develop actionable strategies for identifying and combating misinformation.



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## Dr. Babur Wasim Arif

Dr. Babur Wasim Arif is a statistician turned economist with over 15 years of experience in the development sector, including more than five years with the central statistics office of the Government of Pakistan. Specializing in economics and statistics, he has a diverse portfolio in project development, economic and financial analysis, and methodologies for project monitoring and evaluation. He is a prolific author of several international peer-reviewed publications and specialized reports.



Dr. Arif has worked in seven countries on programs funded by various international organizations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, British High Commission, DFID, UNFPA and USAID. His thematic and sector expertise spans agriculture, poverty reduction, education, skills development, women's development, social and living standards, labor force issues, digital financing, and small and micro enterprise development."

## Dr. Shujaat Farooq

Dr. Shujaat Farooq, an economist, holds a PhD in Labor Economics. Currently he is working as Chief of Research at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). Earlier he served in Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) as the Additional Director General Monitoring and Evaluation (on deputation from PIDE) during April 2015 to June 2020 where he designed and strengthened the in-house M&E systems of various operational programmes of social safety nets.



Dr. Farooq has been remained afflicted with research and academic institutes as previously he serviced in PIDE as Senior Research Economist and remained part of faculty in National University of Science and Technology (NUST). He also served in Ministry of Finance and World Bank. Dr. Farooq has extensive experience in research and policy work in the diversified disciplines of economics i.e. poverty, education, health, labor and rural economy. He has been involved in various national policy formulations including rebasing of official poverty line, vision 2025 and National Socio Economic Registry up-dation. He is the part of various national and international think-tanks and policy forums. He wrote several papers, published in well-known national and international journals. He has also supervised numerous students in their MS Dissertations.