## The art and science of using evidence in LMICs

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## The why: lots of activities and evidence on EIPM in LMICs little cross-learning, synthesis, and transfer of practice

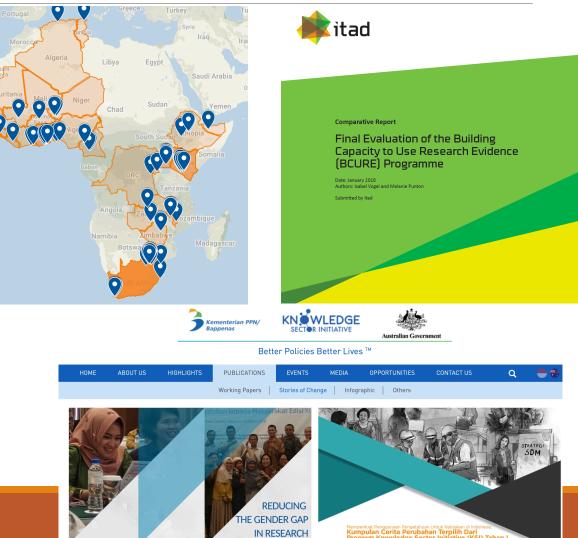
Proliferation of practice of EIPM in LMICs

 Proliferation of research (incl evaluation) on EIPM too

But often:

- Based on single cases / contexts
- Sectoral and geographical silos
- Knowledge organized within professions and entities

As a result, little shared practices and approaches despite shared problems reoccurring contextual issues.





# What we are trying do about it?

To systematically collate, organise, and synthesise the existing knowledge on EIPM in order to develop *evidence-informed* guidelines for strengthening evidence-use in LMICs.

**Piloting** of guidelines in 4 contexts

Evidence-informed guidelines on supporting EIPM

6 **rapid evidence synthesis** on different EIPM interventions

**Evidence map** of empirical evidence on interventions to support EIPM in LMICs How can the evidence-base on EIPM in LMICs be used to inform improved practical guidance for policy-makers that supports strengthened individual and institutionalised evidence-use?

Which interventions are effective in supporting EIPM and in what contexts?

What is the size and nature of the existing evidence-base on EIPM in LMICs?



# What's different? Methods innovation in translating and synthesising evidence on EIPM in LMICs

#### Innovation in translating evidence on EIPM

- 3-step sequencing approach to developing evidence-informed guidelines
  - Beyond small n (cases, studies)
  - More transparent
  - Unpacking evidence chain and transferability

#### Innovation in synthesizing evidence on EIPM

- Much broader EM not focused on gaps but on areas for rapid synthesis (context of timeliness & large exclusion of local evidence)
- Joining the science and art of using evidence



# How this fits within the wider CEIDL agenda?

**CEDIL**: Evidence translation gaps **/** Enhancing the use and usefulness of evaluation findings / Promote the uptake and use of evidence from impact evaluations and evidence synthesis

Arts & Science of Using Evidence firmly focused on the demand-side of EIPM. It starts with the evidence user.

In this, we are hoping to contribute:

- 1. Process innovation—with EIPM as a process advancing
- 2. Practical tools to guide this process innovation
  - Evidence Map
  - Evidence-informed Guidelines
- 3. An approach to rapid and responsive evidence synthesis



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