“EASST is a network of East African universities and research institutions, with a mission to promote rigorous evaluation of social and economic development programs in the region”
The EASST approach

- Matchmaking
- Funding Research
- Capacity Building

Evidence
EASST Visiting Fellowship

- 4 month “sabbatical” at UC campus
- Design collaborative research projects
- Present at conferences, seminars, and symposia
- 17 fellows selected from pool of 450+
- IE expertise leveraged:
  - Consultancies,
  - International economic research conferences,
  - Research funding
  - Workshops

Dr. Fredrick Manang (Tanzania), Hailemariam Ayalew (Ethiopia), and Dr. Saint Kizito Omala (Uganda) at UC Berkeley, Fall 2016
Training and Research Funding

- Seed funding to incorporate IE training into East African institutions
- Curriculum Development and online resources, such as the EdX course on Applied Impact Evaluation
- Annual Research Grant Competition awards up to $50k to support rigorous intervention analysis
  - $500k awarded
  - 14 projects

EASST Fellow John Bosco Asiimwe is pictured here conducting formative work for an EASST funded study on using VHT workers to increase ORS uptake in Uganda
Dissemination and Network Development

- Evidence Summit:
  - Share latest research
  - Exchange ideas
  - Build linkages
- Engaging in discussion:
  - Research design
  - Results
  - Translation
  - Scalability
- Disseminating evidence through online platforms:
  - EASST website
  - EASST Blog
  - Funding and research opportunities

The EASST Impact Evaluation Learning Series, held at Makerere University and Uganda Christian University
Strengthening the Quality of Social Sciences

- Given that research findings can be used at scale to affect millions...
- Open, reproducible, replicable research practice is essential to research credibility
- Research Transparency workshop tomorrow

Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences
EASST is helping bridge the gap in African Research

- Investing in next generation of high-impact African leaders
- Funding collaborative research studies
- Facilitating linkages and fostering engagement between governments, NGOS, civil society organizations, and research institutions
- Utilizing best tools and practices to promote open, replicable, transparent research
- Promoting the use of locally generated and credible evidence to influence policy and programs at scale
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