

Clara Richards

Biography:

Clara is INASP's senior programme specialist on evidence-informed policy making. She was Programme Director of the VakaYiko Consortium, until March 2017, leading an international team to build the capacity of policymakers to use research evidence in Ghana, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Uganda. Besides designing and implementing interventions to support research use across different regions, Clara contributes to the development of the INASP organisation and programme strategies. She has carried out various consultancy assignments on improving organisations' research-uptake strategies.

Clara previously worked as an independent consultant on policy influence and evidence-informed policy in various contexts, including Africa, Latin America and Asia. She has also worked closely with the Research and Policy in Development (RAPID) programme in the ODI to coordinate the Evidence-Based in Development Network (ebpdn). She was formerly based in Argentina at the think tank CIPPEC, where she spent over five years developing the policy influence and evaluation capacities of Latin American think tanks and coordinating the Latin American network of ebpdn.

Recent publications include: ROMA, a guide to policy engagement and influence, ODI, 2014 (Collaboration on production); A 'light touch' review of the evidence based policy in development network, ODI, 2012; Learners, practitioners and teachers: Handbook on monitoring, evaluating and managing knowledge for public policy influence. CIPPEC/GDN, 2010 (available in Spanish and English); Knowledge Management in Latin America. CIPPEC/GDN, 2010 (research paper only available in Spanish); Conceptual framework for case studies series on policy influence of impact studies. CIPPEC/3ie/ODI, 2011 (collaboration on production).

Education:

2012	MA, International Studies: Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina) – thesis in progress
2012	One semester Sciences Po (Paris, France)
2006	B.A. International Relations (4 years): Universidad Católica Argentina
2005	One semester Universidade de Brasília (Brazil)
2001 – 2002	Diploma in Institutional Communications: Universidad Católica Argentina

Positions Held:

2015 – Present	Senior Programme Manager, INASP, UK
2013 – 2015	Programme Manager, INASP, UK
2011 – 2013	Independent Consultant
2006 – 2011	Policy Influence Coordinator Centro de Investigación de Políticas Publicas para la Equidad y el Crecimiento (CIPPEC), Argentina

Language skills: indicate on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	1	1	1
Spanish	1	1	1
French	4	4	4
Portuguese	3	3	3

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