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10:00-12:00 Japan Standard Time

(28 February 2021, 19:00-21:00 Chicago Time)

Time	Description
09:45 - 10:00 (JST) 18:45 - 19:00 (CT)	Login opens and pre-event chat
10:00 - 10:05 (JST) 19:00 - 19:05 (CT)	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>by Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo, Japan</i></p>
10:05 - 10:55 (JST) 19:05 - 19:55 (CT)	<p>Presentation</p> <p><i>by Anjali Adukia, Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy and the College, University of Chicago</i></p> <p>Abstract: I explore whether the absence of school-sanitation infrastructure impedes educational attainment, particularly among pubescent-age girls, using a national Indian school latrine-construction initiative and administrative school-level data. School-latrine construction substantially increases enrollment of pubescent-age girls, though predominately when providing sex-specific latrines. Privacy and safety appear to matter sufficiently for pubescent-age girls that only sex-specific latrines reduce gender disparities. Any latrine substantially benefits younger girls and boys, who may be particularly vulnerable to sickness from uncontained waste. Academic test scores did not increase following latrine construction, however. Estimated increases in enrollment are similar across the substantial variation in Indian district characteristics.</p>
10:55 - 11:50 (JST) 19:55 - 20:50 (CT)	<p>Open Discussions</p> <p><i>moderated by Peter Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair for Research, ADBI</i></p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Jennifer Orgill-Meyer, Assistant Professor, Franklin & Marshall College</i> 2) <i>Rajeswara Rao, Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog, India</i>
11:50 - 11:55 (JST) 20:50 - 20:55 (CT)	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p><i>By KE Seetha Ram, Senior Consulting Specialist, ADBI</i></p>




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11:55 - 12:00 (JST) 20:55 - 21:00 (CT)	Wrap up and announcements
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Biography

	<i>Last Name</i>	Adukia	<i>First Name</i>	Anjali
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Short Bio

Anjali Adukia is interested in understanding how to reduce inequalities such that children from historically disadvantaged backgrounds have equal opportunities to fully develop their potential. Her research is focused on understanding factors that motivate and shape behavior, preferences, attitudes, and educational decision-making, with a particular focus on early-life influences. She examines how the provision of basic needs—such as safety, health, justice, and representation—can increase school participation and improve child outcomes in developing contexts. Adukia completed her doctoral degree at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, with an academic focus on the economics of education. Her work has been funded from organizations such as the William T. Grant Foundation, the National Academy of Education, the Spencer Foundation, and the Institute of Education Sciences. Her dissertation won awards from the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), and the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES). She completed her masters of education degrees in international education policy and higher education (administration, planning, and social policy) from Harvard University and her bachelor of science degree in molecular and integrative physiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a faculty research fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a faculty affiliate of the University of Chicago Education Lab and Crime Lab. She is on the editorial board of Education Finance and Policy.

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