

CLEAR

Covid-19 Learning, Evidence
and Research Programme

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What is CLEAR?

COVID-19 Learning, Evidence and Research (CLEAR) for Bangladesh

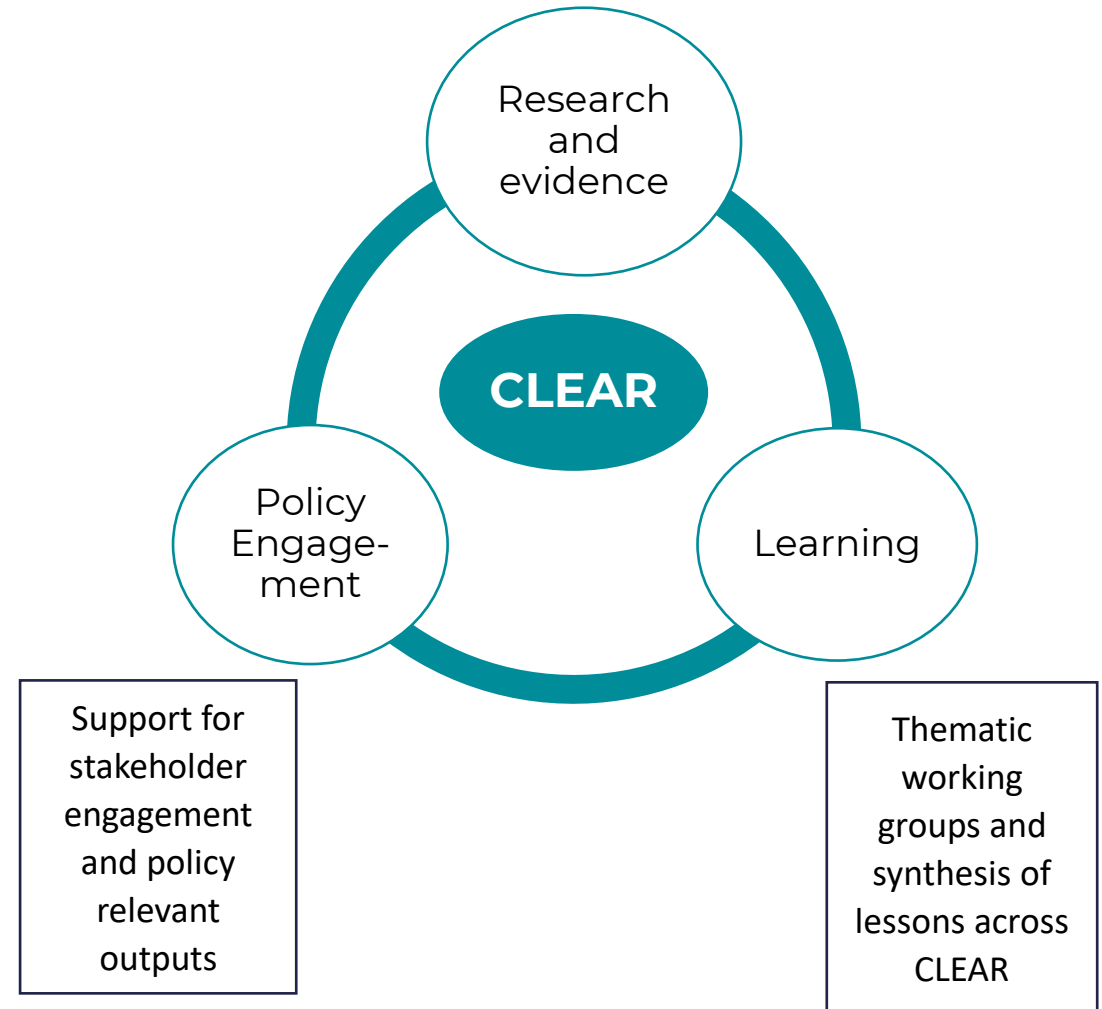
- A **2.5 year long program** to generate new policy-relevant research that will support COVID-19 recovery and increase resilience to future shocks in Bangladesh
- **CLEAR will:**
 - Deliver policy relevant COVID-19 research and evidence tailored to Bangladesh;
 - Promote evidence uptake for policy and programming
 - Learn lessons from the COVID-19 response to better prepare for future shocks.
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CLEAR Components

The core activities of the programme are divided under **three interconnected components**:

- ① multidisciplinary research and evidence
- ① policy engagement
- ① learning

- i. Co-development of the **CLEAR research agenda**
- ii. **Competitive call for proposals**
- iii. **Grant management** and quality assurance



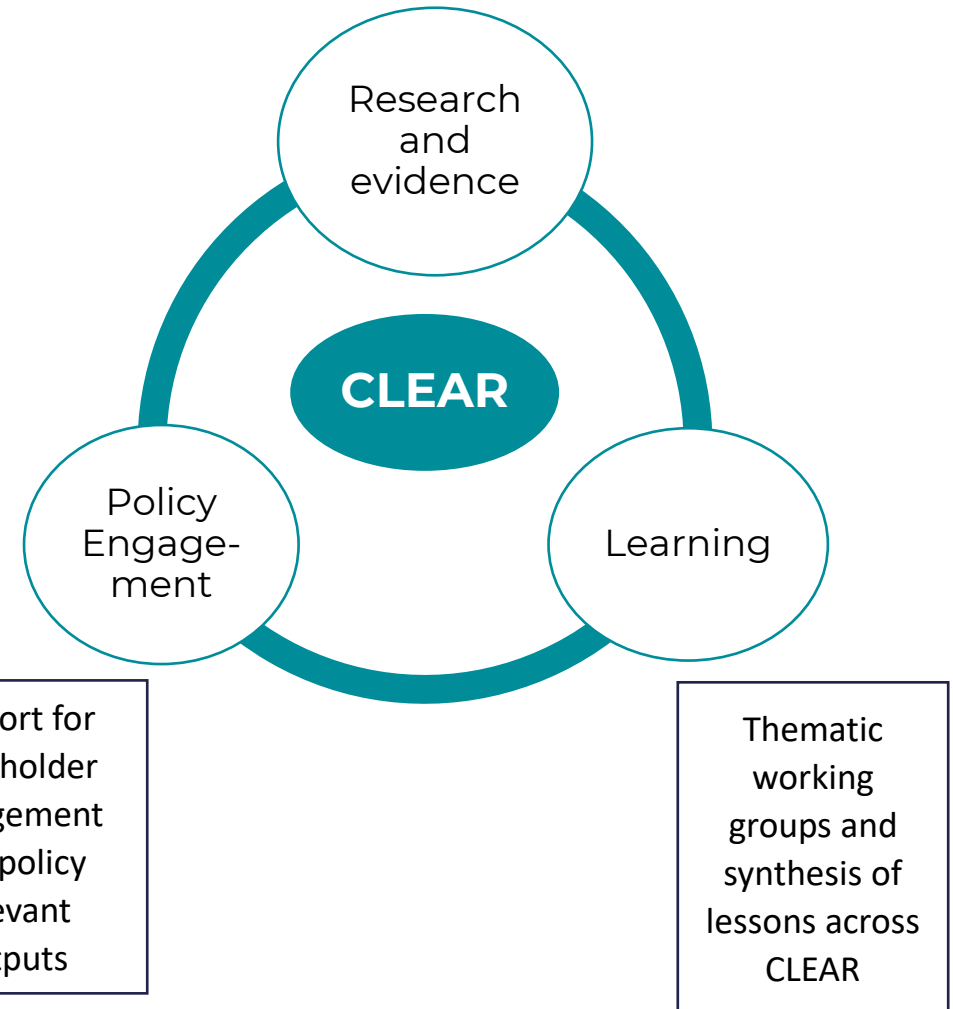
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Component 1: Multidisciplinary research and evidence

Core Activities

- ③ **Co-development of the research agenda**
commissioning seven thematic scoping papers on the impact of COVID 19 on education, social protection, labour rights, Violence against women, health, nutrition, and migration
- ③ Establish a **competitive Call for Proposals** and put in place processes for grant management
- ③ Support **quality assurance** of research processes and outputs
- ③ Open and transparent governance

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Types of Grants:

Agile grants for supplementing on-going projects that match the priority themes

Grant size: max grant size up to GBP £50,000 with a total amount of £200,000

Large grants are competitive open calls on priority themes

Grant size: 8 large grants of GBP £100,000 each

Small grants focused/ niche work on emerging themes

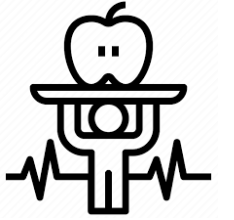
- **Grant size of GBP £20,000-25,000**

Priority themes

CLEAR will focus on **social and political impact of Covid 19** (so beyond focus on the economic)

4 broad thematic areas:

- Poverty and vulnerability
- Service delivery, accountability and governance
- Rights of marginalised population and disadvantaged groups; and
- Innovations- technology and various policy/ programmatic



Timeline for call and process

The **call for proposals** will be issued in **April 2022**

The **closing date** for competitive grants will be **May 2022**

Final selection and **award of large grants** (8 grants of £100,000) will be done by **July 2022**

The **small grants** will be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout 2022

IDS will provide grantees with guidance on –

- a) reporting formats; b) ethical review process ; c) safeguarding; d) dispute resolution between IDS and grantees.

The **criteria for selecting of partners** will include: an assessment of expertise, networks, credibility and ability to manage substantial funds and shared values.

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Policy engagement and learning

Core Activities

- Support stakeholder engagement and production of policy relevant outputs
- Establish thematic working groups to facilitate learning between grantees working on similar themes and support methodological innovation
- Synthesis of lessons emerging from the body of evidence generated by the CLEAR programme

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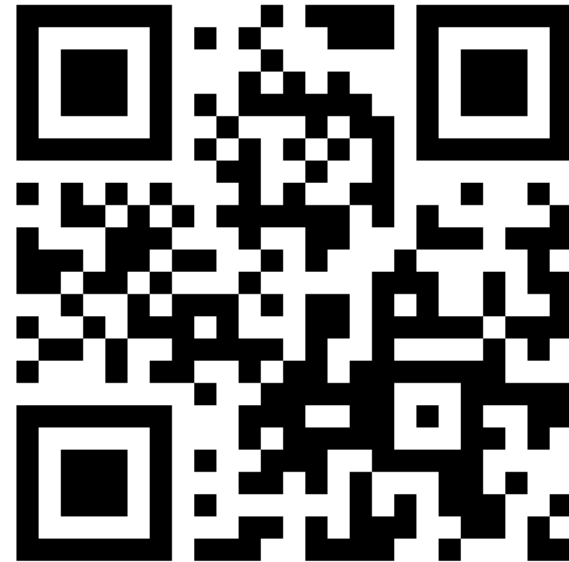
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