

**M&E Roundtable: Gender, Evaluation and Empowerment Series:  
“Qualitatively Measuring ‘Women’s Empowerment’: Lessons from South Asia”**

**Date:** Feb 16, 2015

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Odyssey Hall, Mayfair Banquets, Worli, Mumbai, India

**Agenda**

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Registration
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	Opening Remarks <b>Urmy Shukla</b> , Capacity Building Manager, CLEAR/J-PAL South Asia
2:40 PM - 3:20 PM	<b>Yamini Atmavilas</b> , Program Officer, Measurement, Learning and Evaluation at Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on <b>“Beyond Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) – Using Qualitative Methods and Analysis for Gender-Focused Evaluations”</b> Q&A
3:20 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Madhu Joshi</b> , Senior Advisor, Gender and Governance at Centre for Catalyzing Change on <b>“Evaluating the evolution of women in panchayats as leaders”</b> Q&A
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Discussion and General Q&A
4:45 PM- 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks <b>Urmy Shukla</b> , Capacity Building Manager, CLEAR/J-PAL South Asia
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Tea & Snacks

## **Speaker Profiles:**

### **Yamini Atmavilas Senior Program Officer Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

Yamini Atmavilas, Program Officer, Measurement, Learning and Evaluation, India. She supports the MLE work of the foundation in India, particularly relating to Ananya, a cluster of interventions in reproductive, maternal and child health that involve working with government, the private sector, and SHGs of women from marginalized communities in Bihar, and to the third phase of Avahan, the foundation's HIV/AIDS prevention program in 5 states with sex workers and their community organizations. In her previous work, she headed the Gender Studies as well as evaluation work at the Administrative Staff College of India, where she lead evaluations of government programs for health, adolescent girls' empowerment, and a maternity benefits cash transfer program, assignments on measuring gender discrimination in social institutions, and developing M&E frameworks for adolescent reproductive and sexual health and rights programs and capacity building for government on gender-budgeting, monitoring and evaluation. She has worked with a range of stakeholders including policy makers across different ministries at the state and central levels, civil society organizations, and multilateral donors and private foundations. Yamini has a PhD from Emory University and over 15 years of professional experience spanning work with civil society, academia, and consulting. Her past research has focused on economic development and women's employment, and on urban women's reproductive health, and young single women's rural-urban migration and marriage choices. She has been a Visiting Fellow at the Poverty Reduction and Social Development Unit of the OECD Development Centre in Paris, and the German Development Institute in Bonn

### **Madhu Joshi Senior Advisor, Gender and Governance Centre for Catalyzing Change**

Madhu Joshi is Senior Advisor, Gender and Governance at Centre for Catalyzing Change (formerly CEDPA India). She has been working on gender and rights for over 19 years, initially with women's organisations and later with international agencies including Oxfam GB at South Asia and national level. Her thematic expertise extends to a range of gender issues, including violence against women, women's political participation, gender and social inclusion.

At Centre for Catalyzing Change, Madhu is leading on its projects on women's political empowerment, preventing violence against women and gender mainstreaming.

Madhu holds a degree in law from University of Delhi.