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WORK EXPERIENCE

International Food Policy Research Institute <i>Research Fellow</i>	1 August 2018- present <i>New Delhi, India</i>
International Food Policy Research Institute <i>Associate Research Fellow</i>	1 June 2015- 31 July 2018 <i>New Delhi, India</i>
Labor Dynamic Institute, Cornell University <i>Research Assistant</i>	August 2011-May 2015 <i>Ithaca, NY</i>

EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Ph.D, Economics	<i>May 2015</i>
Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India M.A., Economics	<i>May 2010</i>
St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, Delhi, India B.A., Economics	<i>May 2008</i>

PUBLICATIONS

1. Chowdhury, S., Md. N. B. Khaled, D. Mallick, **K. Raghunathan**, and S. Rashid (2024). Resilience of Social Transfer Programs to Large Unexpected Shocks. *Journal of Development Studies*.
2. Quisumbing, A., J. Heckert, H. Malapit, R. Meinzen-Dick, **K. Raghunathan**, G. Seymour, S. Faas, and E. Myers (2023). Gender and Food Systems: Avenues for Transformation? Chapter 9 in Ulimwengu, J. M., Kwofie, E.M., and Collins, J. (Eds.) 2023. *African Food Systems Transformation and the Post-Malabo Agenda. ReSAKSS 2023 Annual Trends and Outlook Report*. Kigali and Washington, DC: AKADEMIYA2063 and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
3. Narayanan, S, **K. Raghunathan**, S. Rashid, and A. Winter-Nelson (2023). Lessons from a Time of Upheaval: COVID-19 in South Asia. *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*. 45(4): 2078–2093.
4. **Raghunathan, K.**, M. Alvi, M. Sehgal (2023). Ethnicity, information and cooperation: Evidence from a group-based nutrition intervention. *Food Policy*, 123, 102478.
5. **Raghunathan, K.**, N. Kumar, S. Gupta, T. Chauhan, A. K. Kathuria, P. Menon (2023). Learning together: Experimental evidence on the impact of group-based nutrition interventions in rural Bihar. *World Development*, 168, 106267.
6. **Raghunathan, K.**, N. Kumar, S. Gupta, G. Thai, S. Scott, A. Choudhury, M. Khetan, P. Menon, A. Quisumbing (2023). Scale and Sustainability: The Impact of a Women's Self-Help Group Program on Household Economic Well-Being in India. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 59(4), 490-515.
7. Chowdhury, S. K., M. N. Bin Khaled, **K. Raghunathan**, S. Rashid, H. Dearlove (2022). A major food transfer program in Bangladesh fell short during the COVID-19 pandemic. In *COVID-19 and global food security: Two years later*, eds. John McDermott and Johan Swinnen. Part Three: Nutrition, Health and Social Programs, Chapter 22, Pp. 132-134.

8. Scott, S., S. Gupta, P. Menon, **K. Raghunathan**, G. Thai, A. Quisumbing, V. Prasad, A. Hegde, A. Choudhury, M. Khetan, C. Nichols, N. Kumar (2022). A Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of a Nutrition Behavior Change Intervention Delivered Through Women's Self-Help Groups in Rural India: Impacts on Maternal and Young Child Diets, Anthropometry, and Intermediate Outcomes, *Current Developments in Nutrition*, 6 (6).
9. Quisumbing, A., J. Heckert, S. Faas, G. Ramani, **K. Raghunathan**, H. Malapit and the pro-WEAI for Market Inclusion Study Team (2021). Women's empowerment and gender equality in agricultural value chains: evidence from four countries in Asia and Africa. *Food Security*.
10. Kumar, N., **K. Raghunathan**, A. Arrieta, A. Jilani, S. Pandey (2021). The power of the collective empowers women: Evidence from self-help groups in India. *World Development*, Volume 146.
11. **Raghunathan, K.**, D. Headey, A. W. Herforth (2021). Affordability of nutritious diets in rural India. *Food Policy*, Volume 99.
12. **Raghunathan, K.**, S. Desai (2021). Working with Women's Groups to Improve Nutrition in India. *Economic and Political Weekly*. Volume 56 (5), pp 17-21.
13. **Raghunathan, K.**, S. Kannan, A. R. Quisumbing (2019). Can women's self-help groups improve access to information, decision-making, and agricultural practices? The Indian case. *Agricultural Economics*, Volume 50, pp 567-580.
14. Chakrabarti, S., **K. Raghunathan**, H. Alderman, P. Menon, P. Nguyen (2019). India's Integrated Child Development Services programme; equity and extent of coverage in 2006 and 2016. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. Volume 97, Issue 4, pp 270-282.
15. Kumar, N., **K. Raghunathan**, A. Arrieta, A. Jilani, S. Chakrabarti, P. Menon, A. R. Quisumbing (2019). Social networks, mobility, and political participation: The potential for women's self-help groups to improve access and use of public entitlement schemes in India. *World Development*, Volume 114, pp 28-41.
16. Chakrabarti, S., **K. Raghunathan**, S. P. Scott, A. Kishore (2019). Impact of subsidized fortified wheat on anaemia in pregnant Indian women. *Maternal and Child Nutrition*, Volume 15, Issue 1.
17. **Raghunathan, K.**, S. Chakrabarti, H. Alderman, P. Menon (2017). Deploying the Power of Social Protection to Improve Nutrition: What will it take? *Economic and Political Weekly*. Volume 52, Issue 46.
18. **Raghunathan, K.**, S. Chakrabarti, R. Avula, S. S. Kim (2017). Can conditional cash transfers improve the uptake of nutrition interventions and household food security? Evidence from Odisha's Mamata Scheme. *PLoS ONE*, December.
19. Kumar, N., S. Scott, P. Menon, S. Kannan, K. Cunningham, P. Tyagi, G. Wable, **K. Raghunathan**, and A. R. Quisumbing (2018). Pathways from women's group-based programs to nutrition change in South Asia: A conceptual framework and literature review. *Global Food Security*, Volume 17, pp 172-185.

Working papers

1. Headey, D., F. N. Bachewe, Q. Marshall, **K. Raghunathan**, K. Mahrt. 2023. Food prices and the wages of the poor: A low-cost, high-value approach to high-frequency food security monitoring. IFPRI Discussion Paper 2174.
2. Narayanan, S., **K. Raghunathan**, A. Christopher. 2023. Beyond the Consumer Food Price Index: A case for measuring the Cost of Healthy Diets using the example of India.
3. Kumar, N., **K. Raghunathan**, A. Quisumbing, S. Scott, P. Menon, G. Thai, S. Gupta, C. Nichols, and the WINGS study team. Women improving nutrition through self-help groups in India: Does

nutrition information help?

4. Ray, S., **K. Raghunathan**, A. Bhanjdeo. 2023. The impact of interventions delivered through farmer producer organizations on agricultural and empowerment outcomes in India.
5. Heckert, J., **K. Raghunathan**, E. Myers, G. V. Ramani, S. Faas, N. Ferguson, et al. 2023. Development of a Women's Empowerment metric for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WE-WASH). IFPRI Discussion Paper 2207. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.137008>
6. Myers, E., J. Heckert, S. Faas, H. J. Malapit, R. S. Meinzen-Dick, **K. Raghunathan**, A. R. Quisumbing. 2023. Is women's empowerment bearing fruit? Mapping women's empowerment in agriculture index (WEAI) results using the gender and food systems framework. IFPRI Discussion Paper 2190. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136722>
7. Takeshima, H, **K. Raghunathan**, K. Kosec (2022). Climate change and women's voice and agency beyond the household: Insights from India. IFPRI Discussion Paper 2148. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136475>
8. Ahmed, A. U., J. Hamadani, Md. Z. Hassan, M. Hidrobo, J. Hoddinott, B. Koch, **K. Raghunathan**, S. Roy. 2021. Post-program impacts of transfer programs on child development: Experimental evidence from Bangladesh. IFPRI Discussion Paper 2090. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.134946>
9. **Raghunathan, K.**, S. Narayanan, D. Headey, S. Saha, W. Qabili. COVID-19 and the evolution of food prices in India.
10. **Raghunathan, K.**, S. Narayanan, D. Headey, A. Christopher. Rising prices and the cost of a healthy diet in urban India.
11. **Raghunathan, K.**, M. Mahmoud, G. Ramani, J. Heckert, G. Seymour. Measuring women's control over income and decisionmaking: A comparison of nationally representative surveys.
12. Heckert, J., M. Mahmoud, **K. Raghunathan**, G. Seymour. Measuring women's ownership of resources: A comparison of survey question construction across nationally representative surveys.

Permanent working papers

1. Hari, S., **K. Raghunathan**. Providing more than just employment: Evidence from the NREGA in India.
2. **Raghunathan, K.**, A. R. Quisumbing, N. Kumar, K. Cunningham. Women's aspirations for the future, and their financial, social and educational investments. IFPRI Discussion Paper 1752.
3. **Raghunathan, K.**, S. Chaudhary, N. Khaled, S. Rashid. The economic impacts of COVID-19 among the poor in rural Bangladesh: Evidence from a large national survey.
4. **Raghunathan, K.**, G. Ramani, D. Rubin, A. Pereira, A. Ahmed, H. Malapit and A. R. Quisumbing. Does Market Inclusion empower women? Evidence from Bangladesh. IFPRI Discussion Paper 2008.

GRANTS

- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit. Longer-term impacts of assets built through workfare programs The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in India. €150,000. (*co-PI with Sudha Narayanan.*)

- Walmart Foundation. Applying New Evidence for Women’s Empowerment (ANEW). \$1.6 million. (*co-PI with Jessica Heckert.*)
- The Dutch Research Council’s NWA Dutch Research Agenda grant. Improving food and nutrition security by enhancing women’s empowerment. €2 million. (*Consortium led by Robert Lensink, University of Groningen.*)

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023:** International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS IX), Washington, D.C, May 2023.
- 2021:** Population Association of America Annual Meetings (poster presentations x2). ICAE, New Delhi, August 2021.
- 2020:** Foundation for Agrarian Studies, panel on “The impact of COVID-19 on Food Security in India”, virtual (invited seminar). UKRI panel “The Role of Gender in South Asian Food Systems”, Dhaka, Bangladesh (invited seminar). JPAL CLEAR-SA panel on “Achieving food security and pathways for improved nutrition in India: Insights from Global Evidence”, New Delhi, India (invited seminar). Evidence-informed policymaking for rural transformation: An exploration of the role of women’s collectives and community participation, New Delhi, India (invited seminar).
- 2019:** Seeds of Change conference, Canberra, Australia. ANH Academy week, Hyderabad, India. Sustainability and Development Conference, Michigan, USA. ISI Growth and Development Conference, New Delhi, India x2 (coauthor presentations).
- 2018:** AAEA, Washington, D.C., USA. ICAE, Vancouver, Canada. Brookings India, New Delhi, India (invited seminar). St. Stephen’s College, New Delhi, India (invited seminar).
- 2017:** 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, Cape Town, South Africa. SEEP WEE Global Learning Forum. Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2016:** Ashoka University, Haryana, India (invited seminar). Delivering for Nutrition in India: Learnings from Implementation Research (POSHAN seminar), New Delhi, India.
- 2015:** National Workshop on Cash Transfers for Children, New Delhi, India (invited seminar). UNU-WIDER 30th Anniversary Conference. Helsinki, Finland. 15th EBES Conference. Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2014:** The Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Conference. Washington D.C., USA (coauthor presentation). The MGNREGA in India: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead. Bombay, India (coauthor presentation). Advanced Graduate Workshop on Poverty, Development and Globalization, Azim Premji University (with Columbia University), Bangalore, India.
- 2013:** 8th IZA/World Bank Conference: Employment and Development, Bonn, Germany.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Editor, Special Issue on COVID-19 in South Asia: Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy. (2023)
- Associate Editor: Food Security (October 2021-)
- Referee: Food Policy, Food Security, World Development, Agricultural Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Social Science and Medicine, Global Food Security, BMJ Global Health, PLOS One, Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics.

MEDIA AND OUTREACH

- Inspirational filmmaking to raise women’s voice and agency in the construction of assets for climate resilience in India. IFPRI blog. December 2023.

- COVID-19 in South Asia: Lessons from a time of upheaval. IFPRI blog. November 2023.
- India's double edged nutrition problem (with Derek Headey). 360info. September 2022. (Accompanying video here.)
- Applying New Evidence for Women's Empowerment (ANEW): New Metrics for Agricultural Value Chain Projects. EnGendering Data Blog. November 2021.
- Stemming India's deepening gender inequality during COVID-19 (with Niaz Asadullah). East Asia Forum. July 2020.
- Fighting Gender Inequality in India during the COVID-19 pandemic (with Niaz Asadullah). The Diplomat. July 2020.
- Every Little Step Helps: How SHGs are stepping up to provide relief in times of COVID-19. (with Avijit Choudhury). IFPRI South Asia blog series. June 2020.
- COVID-19: India's response and diets of the rural poor. IFPRI South Asia blog series. May 2020.
- International Women's Day: Self-help groups aid communication, empowerment in India. IFPRI Research Blog. March 2018.
- Lessons from cash transfers. The Hindu. July 2016.

MISCELLANEOUS

Software skills	STATA, SAS, LaTeX, Microsoft Office
Languages	English, Hindi
Citizenship	Indian, with Right of Abode in the United Kingdom