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### Education

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Department of Economics

10/92-7/94 Economics Tripos with Affiliated Status, Cambridge University  
First Class Degree

7/89-5/92 St. Stephen's College, Delhi, B.A., First Class Degree

### Employment

2013-Present: Lead Economist, World Bank and Visiting Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

2011-2013: Senior Economist, World Bank and Visiting Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

2010-2011: Core Team Member, World Development Report 2012

2007-2010: Senior Economist, World Bank and Visiting Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.

2001-2007: Economist, World Bank

### Publications

1. Das, Jishnu, Tahir Andrabi and Asim Khwaja. 2015. Delivering education: a pragmatic framework for improving education in low-income countries. *Forthcoming*, Handbook of International Education.
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13. Das, Jishnu, Tahir Andrabi, and Asim I. Khwaja. 2012. "What Did you do all Day? Maternal Education and Child Outcomes" *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol.47(4): 873-912. [Lead Article]
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15. Das, Jishnu, Jeffrey Hammer and Carolina Sanchez. 2012. "The Impact of Recall Periods on Reported Morbidity and Health Seeking Behavior." *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 98(1): 76-89.
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55. Das, Jishnu and Carolina Sánchez (2003). "Short but not Sweet: New Evidence on Short Duration Morbidities from India". Working Paper Series #2971. The World Bank.

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60. Das, Jishnu (2006). "Quality of Medical Care in Private and Public Sectors." Featured Article, Human Development and Public Services Group.
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### **W e b s i t e s**

[www.risepak.com](http://www.risepak.com): (Now inactive and archived) Set up after the earthquake in Pakistan to aid in relief and recovery. Awarded Stockholm Challenge Award for best project in Public Administration Category, 2006.

[www.leapsproject.org](http://www.leapsproject.org): Set up as a resource for work on education in Pakistan. Shares data and findings from the LEAPS project in Pakistan.

<http://go.worldbank.org/JDO57L7VFO> Website on the quality of medical care in low-income countries. Shares data and findings from a number of medical quality studies.

### **R e f e r e e i n g A c t i v i t i e s**

Economics Journals American Economic Review, AEA: Applied Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Health Economics, *Economia*, Economics of Education Review, Comparative Education Review, Journal of African Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of the European Economic Association

Health Journals: Social Science and Medicine, Health Policy and Planning, Lancet, Lancet Global Health, New England Journal of Medicine, Health Affairs, JAMA, Lancet, , International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, BMJ, BMJ Open, Population Studies, PLoS Medicine, PLoS One, Science, Vaccine, Population Studies, BMC Public Health, Medical Research and Review, International Journal of Quality in Health Care, WHO Bulletin

Foundations: National Science Foundation, Gates Foundation, Spenser Foundation, Care Foundation, European Research Council.

## **O t h e r**

Editorial Board, World Bank Economic Review, 2006-2009

George-Bereday Award for Outstanding Paper in Comparative Education Review, 2006.

Stockholm Challenge Award for Outstanding ICT projects in the Public Administration Category for [www.risepak.com](http://www.risepak.com)

Valued Member, Pakistan Earthquake Recovery Team

## **S e l e c t e d P r e s s C i t a t i o n s**

1. Religious education: *The Economist, Foreign Policy, Al-Jazeera, The New York Times, Washington Times, LA Times, BBC Urdu, Bloomberg Asia, The Dawn, The Jang, The Daily Times, Harvard Gazette, World Peace Herald, Asia Times*
2. Education: *Foreign Policy, Fox News, Christian Science Monitor, The Daily Times, Jang, The Dawn, Times of India, Bloomberg news, TwoCircles.Net, Mainstream, Indian Express*
3. Health: *The New York Times, The Guardian, BMJ News, JAMA News, Hindustan Times, Deccan Herald, The Hindu, Foreign Affairs, Forbes, Livemint, Medical News, Economic Times, The Times of India, Telegraph, Daily Mail, India Today*
4. Aid and Trust: *The Guardian, Financial Times, Newsweek, Christian Science Monitor, Foreign Policy, The Daily Beast, Washington Post, The Globe and Mail*
5. Pakistan Earthquake Website: *The Guardian, The Boston Globe, Boston Review, Foreign Policy, Harvard Crimson, The United Nations, President of Pakistan, ReliefWeb The News, The Dawn, The Daily Times, Nature*
6. Geography of Academic Research: *The Economist*

## **C o u n t r y C o v e r a g e**

Pakistan, India, Nepal, Paraguay, Brazil, Zambia, Kenya

## **M a j o r P r o j e c t s a n d W o r l d B a n k S u p p o r t**

Developed as part of my research program in collaboration with operational teams, the sections below provide a brief overview of the main activities I have been involved in and the resources made available for public use.

1. *Quality of Health Care*: Since 2001, I have been working with Jeffrey Hammer (now at Princeton) and since 2008 with a multi-institutional team to measure the quality of primary care in low-income countries, understand its' determinants and relate the findings to key issues in research and policy. We have developed three measurement tools—medical vignettes, direct patient observation and standardized patients—that have been implemented in various countries. These tools have been made freely available ([www.healthandeducationinindia.org](http://www.healthandeducationinindia.org)) and have been deployed originally in India and in parallel work by Ken Leonard, in Tanzania. In recent years, the use of these tools is expanding and since 2012, numerous projects within the World Bank and outside are using them in Cambodia, Sub-Saharan Africa (numerous countries), Lebanon and Sri Lanka.
2. *The Learning and Educational Achievement in Pakistan (LEAPS) Project*: The Learning and Educational Achievement in Pakistan project is the largest longitudinal data collection and research exercise on rural locations with public and private schools. The project has collected data on 112 villages and its 800-plus schools along with 1800 households, 5000 teachers and 24,000 children. These villages have been surveyed in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2010 and we plan to resurvey the villages again in 2015, 2018 and 2020. The research project has led to several papers, a book and numerous policy briefs. The data for the 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been made publicly available from [www.leapsproject.org](http://www.leapsproject.org) and have been downloaded more than 900 times. Outside the core group of researchers, more than 20 papers have been written using these data.
3. *The Pakistan Earthquake Website*: After a devastating earthquake struck Northern Pakistan in 2005, along with colleagues from Harvard University, Pomona College and Lahore University of Management Sciences, I set up the website [www.risepak.com](http://www.risepak.com), which was the first crowd-sourced website that collated information via text and internet and reposted the information on a public platform. The website was set up within 24 days of the earthquake and remained operational through the relief phase till March 2006. The website was awarded the Stockholm Challenge Award in the Best ICT for Public Administration category and we have provided advice to other websites that have incorporated crowd-sourcing for information. Following from the website, I remained deeply involved in the operational work following the earthquake, working with the Pakistan team to help design a cash transfer scheme. From 2009 onwards, I have worked with Tahir Andrabi at Pomona College to collect data from the earthquake affected regions and examine the reconstruction and recovery efforts in the region.
4. *The World Development Report*: As part of the core team of the World Development Report 2012 on gender, I was responsible for new analytical work and the overall production and dissemination of the report. The report is available at <http://go.worldbank.org/CQCTMSFI40>
5. *Advice to the Africa Chief Economist's office*: From 2011 to 2012, I was part of a team supporting the Africa Chief Economist's office (Shantayanan Devarajan). The team was responsible for overall policy discussions and providing advice on key issues in the region as well as the Bank's analytical and operational programs.