

Associate Partner and U.S. Director

Professional profile

As an Associate Partner and Itad's US Director, Stefanie Wallach has two focus areas. She leads on a portfolio of work in the Governance and Organisational Strengthening Practice and heads up our office in Washington, D.C.

Stefanie has high-level experience developing cross-cultural country platforms for international development organisations, leading organisational change and restructure, and establishing and improving organisational systems. Her technical areas of expertise at Itad include capacity building, evidence informed decision-making, policy advocacy and organisational strengthening. Having previously managed country platforms for health-focused international development organisations, she has a particular interest in MEL work with a health focus.

Since joining Itad, Stefanie has led and supported a number of evaluations, including her role as the Organisational Capacity expert for an evaluation of the Hewlett Foundation's strategy to apply human-centred design to improve family planning and reproductive health services in sub-Saharan Africa. She was also Team Leader for developing and implementing a MEL framework for the International Decision Support Initiative (iDSI). She has worked closely with the Global Policy and Advocacy Division at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's to provide MEL support to a number of its advocacy portfolios, including Global Fund Advocacy Program (GFAP), Global Health Research and Development advocacy portfolio, and the TB India advocacy portfolio.

Stefanie brings to Itad over 20 years' experience managing health programmes with 8 years based in Latin America and Asia. Whilst at Marie Stopes International (MSI), she spent three years as Country Director of MSI's platform in Cambodia managing a programme focused on increasing the supply of high quality health services through MSI/Cambodia's clinic network, building the capacity of government and private health providers, and increasing demand for services. Whilst based in Honduras for PSI, she oversaw a regional HIV/AIDS and family planning social marketing and behaviour change programme.

Nationality British

Languages English (mother tongue), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate), French (intermediate)

Country experience Bangladesh, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Uganda, Ukraine, USA

Education

2002	MA, International Affairs/International Economics Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies
1995	BA, Mathematics/Spanish Language and Literature Binghamton University
1992	Diploma, Estudios Hispanos Universidad de Salamanca

Employment

2019 – Present	Associate Partner Itad Ltd, USA
2016 - 2019	Principal Consultant Itad, UK
2015 - 2016	Head of Team Contracts and Agreements International HIV/AIDS Alliance, UK
2014	Asia Health Markets Advisor Marie Stopes International, Cambodia
2012 – 2014	Country Director Marie Stopes International, Cambodia
2010 - 2012	Associate Director, Executive Projects Marie Stopes International
2007 - 2010	Executive Project Manager Marie Stopes International
2006 - 2007	Programme Officer Latin America and the Caribbean International HIV/AIDS Alliance
2005 - 2006	Deputy Regional Representative for Central America Population Services International, Honduras
2003 - 2004	Technical Advisor Population Services International, Honduras

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2002 - 2003 **Associate Program Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean**
Population Services International, USA

Project experience

- 2019 - Present External Evaluation of BMGF's Tuberculosis (TB) Advocacy Portfolio in India**
Role: Senior Evaluator/Project Director | Client: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation | Location: India
The purpose of the evaluation of BMGF's TB advocacy investments in India is to inform the next phase of the Foundation's investments to support national scale up of the private provider TB models endorsed by the Government of India (GoI). Stefanie is the main point of contact for the client. She is leading the workstream on assessing the grantees' contribution to TB-related policy and funding decisions and conducting key informant interviews with high-level stakeholders from government, civil society, donors and development partners at the central level in India.
- 2018 – Present MEL Capacity Development for the Global Fund Advocacy Portfolio**
Role: Team Leader | Client: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation | Location: xxx
Itad was contracted by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) to building core organizational capacity for Measurement, Learning and Evaluation across a portfolio of Global Fund advocacy grantees. Stefanie's role includes ensuring methodological coherence across the two sub-teams supporting US and Europe based grantees, ensuring learning from the evaluation is shared with key partners and supporting the development of a grantee-led community of practice.
- 2018 - 2019 AVANTI – advancing knowledge for agricultural impact**
Role: Project Director | Client: IFAD | Location: Multi-country
Itad, in partnership with Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, has been awarded a grant to by IFAD for AVANTI to develop and implement an approach that will enable national governments to self-assess, identify strengths and gaps and develop action plans on how to strengthen capacities to measure Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Stefanie oversees the delivery of the work stream to develop and roll-out the Ag-Scan self-assessment tool including leading and participating in technical teams to apply the Ag-Scan at the country level. She also provides strategic leadership for building stakeholder engagement and relationships. Ensure contractual compliance.
- 2017 - 2018 Evaluation of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Health Research and Development Advocacy Portfolio**
Role: Deputy Team Leader | Client: BMGF | Location: Germany, Australia, EU
The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) commissioned Itad to evaluate its investments during the period 2014-17 in global health research and development (GH R&D) advocacy across five grants (framed as a portfolio) to non-government organizations (NGOs) based in Australia, Germany and the EU which are engaged in highly targeted, strategic advocacy to promote public investment in GH R&D. The purpose of the evaluation was to review the performance, strengths and weaknesses of the portfolio, to understand the grantees' roles and contributions to increased funding and improved policy environment for GH R&D. In addition, the evaluation examined the wider landscape of other organizations working in the same sphere and the G-FINDER project, a data repository of previously unavailable information on investments in global health R&D. Stef was responsible for the technical management of the G-Finder evaluation, and provided support to the Australia case-study and the Landscape analysis; Engagement with evaluations and high-level stakeholders to conduct interviews and focus-group discussions. Led on writing specific sections of the final reports and presentations.
- 2016 - 2018 Evaluation of the Hewlett Foundation's Strategy to Apply Human-Centred Design to Improve Family Planning and Reproductive Health services in Sub-Saharan Africa**
Role: Organisational Capacity Expert | Client: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation | Location: Kenya, Zambia
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has made several grants in Kenya and Zambia to support a partnership between IDEO.org and service delivery provider Marie Stopes International to apply HCD to improve contraceptive uptake and reproductive health services in sub-Saharan Africa. Itad was commissioned to undertake an independent evaluation of this strategy. Stefanie developed and applied the analytical framework for identifying the organisational enablers and barriers to applying HCD; conducted Key Informant Interviews; provided support to the team in the development of the overall

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methodology and analysis; conducted Key Informant Interviews and provided strategic support to stakeholder engagement and informing audiences around evaluation findings.

2016 - Present **International Decision Support Initiative (iDSI) MEL framework**

Role: Team Leader | **Client:** BMGF via National Institute of Clinical Excellence | **Location:** Global with specific focus on Ghana, India, Indonesia, South Africa, Vietnam

Developing and rolling out a MEL framework for iDSI, including conducting country-level capacity development workshops and providing support to iDSI partners to apply the MEL tools. iDSI aims to build effective partnerships at country, international and network levels. These partnerships provide practical support and knowledge products for use in evidence informed decision-making at local, national and international levels. Through the delivery of these support and policy-informed knowledge products, iDSI helps build stronger country level institutions working in health policy. The MEL framework tracks iDSI work at three levels – international, country and network. Stefanie is conducting country-level capacity development workshops and providing support to iDSI partners to apply the MEL tools; supporting iDSI to develop the systems needed for data collection for the MEL including on-line platforms and standard templates; reviewing, analysing and synthesising of the data collected for the MEL framework and facilitating annual learning reviews with iDSI partners to reflect on progress and make evidence based decisions on course correction.

2016 – Present **Post-hoc quality assessment (PHQA) and annual summary report services**

Role: Project Director | **Client:** World Food Programme | **Location:** Multi-country

Following on from WFP's new Evaluation Policy in 2015, Itad was commissioned by WFP to design and apply a new, integrated PHQA system for WFP. The Itad team is applying the customised PHQA template to assess up to 50 evaluation reports annually and provide an annual report to WFP which summarises PHQA assessment findings across centralised and decentralised evaluations, highlights comparability across quality criteria; and provides recommendations for how to strengthen the quality of WFP's centralised and decentralised evaluations. Stefanie is overseeing delivery of PHQA services, including design of the approach, providing strategic leadership for building stakeholder engagement and ensuring contractual compliance.

2016 - Present **Evidence and Knowledge for Development, K4D**

Role: Evaluation Manager | **Client:** DFID | **Location:** Global

The objective of this programme is to strengthen the exchange and uptake of evidence and knowledge for learning within DFID and with partners. It will share evidence and learn from it with partners; develop and maintain a high level of capability and excellence in DFID staff; and support the timely delivery of high quality policy and programme business needs. The K4D consortium also undertakes learning on shared development challenges with DFID's partners and ensures that our evidence and learning products remain relevant to UK priorities. Stefanie has overall responsibility for the monitoring and evaluation of K4D, supporting the Team Leader, and providing technical direction to the team. Direct oversight of the monitoring of the Learning Journeys including designing and applying the technical approach, conducting key information interviews, data analysis and leading on report inputs.