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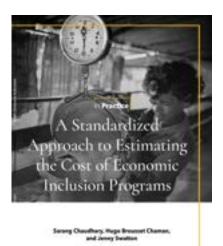**January 2023**

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NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI

NEW PEI InPractice: Estimating the Cost of Economic Inclusion Programs

A Standardized Approach to Estimating the Cost of Economic Inclusion Programs

Sarang Choudhary, Hugo Brousset Chaman, and Jenny Swatton

Without a robust understanding of the drivers of Economic Inclusion program costs, policymakers lack the information required to make the right decisions.

In this new issue, readers can explore an standardized approach to estimating the cost of these programs using the PEI Quick Costing Tool and its real-world application with three case studies.

Download the **brief** or click below for the full report.

Download the full report

PEI soon to launch the Economic Inclusion Program Landscape Survey

The very initial steps of the State of Economic Inclusion Report 2024 are here, and your work could be counted in this next effort.

PEI is soon to begin gathering information on government and nongovernment economic inclusion programs globally. Findings will feed into the second volume **of the series,** which has been downloaded over +40,000 times, and will help update **PEI's Open Access Data Portal.**

As we reach out to partners in the upcoming weeks, feel free to share with us via email any economic inclusion programs implemented or supported by your organization that should be included in the survey.

Contact Ines Arevalo

Register for the next PEI Open House, jointly with BRAC, on Reaching the Poorest and Moving to Scale

Economic inclusion's roots are grounded in approaches that are shown to be effective in reaching people living in extreme poverty. Yet one of the biggest challenges as programs scale up is determining the target groups to be included and how to prioritize those who may need support the most.

Join us on February 22 to explore the evidence, practice, and trade-offs in reaching the poorest as programs move to scale. Stay tuned in our networks for more details to come.

Read more and register

NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS

Village Enterprise's Five-Year Report

From the arid drylands of northern Kenya to the lowland rainforests of Congo-Brazzaville, Village Enterprise impacted the lives of 557,000 women, men, and children over the past five years. Learn more about Village Enterprise's work to end extreme poverty in rural Africa by reading their report

Download the report here>

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Government of Rwanda Integrates National Strategy for Sustainable Graduation

The Government of Rwanda's adoption of the **National Strategy for Sustainable Graduation (NSSG)** represents a notable commitment to empowering people in poverty to develop sustainable livelihoods and establish a pathway out of poverty as part of the Government's broader efforts to eradicate extreme poverty by 2030. As one of the first national-level policies committed to ending extreme poverty through the Graduation approach, the Government of Rwanda demonstrates the potential to adopt evidence-based models to address large-scale challenges like extreme poverty.

Keep reading here the full piece>

Photo Credit: Ministry of Local Government, Rwanda

Social Protection for Climate Adaptation Among Small-Scale Producers

Small-scale farmers in developing countries are among those that least contribute to climate change, yet they are among those that are most negatively impacted by it. Enabling them to adapt to the changing climate is urgent and fundamental for poverty reduction. This blog provides interesting insights into how social protection programs can support small scale farmers in adapting to climate change and offers successful examples in doing so.

Read more in this blog here>

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Trickle Up International Women's Day 2023: Women's Solidarity to End Poverty and Fight Climate Change

To mark International Women's Day, Trickle Up will hold a panel discussing the power of women's solidarity to fight back against extreme poverty, gender inequality, and climate change. Moderated by Trickle Up's President Nathalie Laidler-Kylander, speakers will consider solutions, rooted in community, to address these intersecting issues, and elevate the stories of women on the front line.

Find out more and register here>

Photo Credit: Trickle Up

Building Climate Resilience for Women in Extreme Poverty: Adaptations and Policy Recommendations from the Government of Tunisia's Pilot Graduation Program

In this Policy Brief, BRAC provides policy recommendations for government-led Graduation programs that are adapted to respond to climate change, extreme poverty, and gender inequality based on lessons learned within the IESS-Kairouan Graduation pilot. These recommendations explore how Graduation programming can incorporate adaptations at the national, community, and local level to ensure sustainability and systems-level change.

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Read the full note here>

Considerations for Integrating the Graduation Approach within Resilience Food Security Activities

Given the synergies between the graduation approach and many of the programming interventions typically included in Resilience Food Security Activities (RFSAs), the IDEAL activity under USAID commissioned a study of prevailing practices in adapting and integrating the graduation approach within RFSAs. This report focuses on three activities, two in Uganda, and one in Bangladesh. All three RFSAs in this study implemented all core graduation components, with variations based on local contexts and layering.

Photo source: USAID

Read the report here>

Program Targeting with Machine Learning and Mobile Phone Data: Evidence from an Anti-Poverty Intervention in Afghanistan

Can mobile phone data improve program targeting? By combining rich survey data from the baseline of a "big push" anti-poverty program in Afghanistan implemented in 2016 with detailed mobile phone logs from program beneficiaries, this paper studies the extent to which machine learning methods can accurately differentiate ultra-poor households eligible for program benefits from ineligible households.

Source: World Bank

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