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NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI

What's new in our PEI Open House series?

The PEI Open House webinar series is simultaneously interpreted in Arabic, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. Previous editions covering other thematic areas are [available online here](#).

HAPPENING TOMORROW



PEI Open House

**Leveraging Technology
for Program Delivery**

Scaling up NGO Innovations

Join the conversation
March 30
9:30 am - 11 am ET



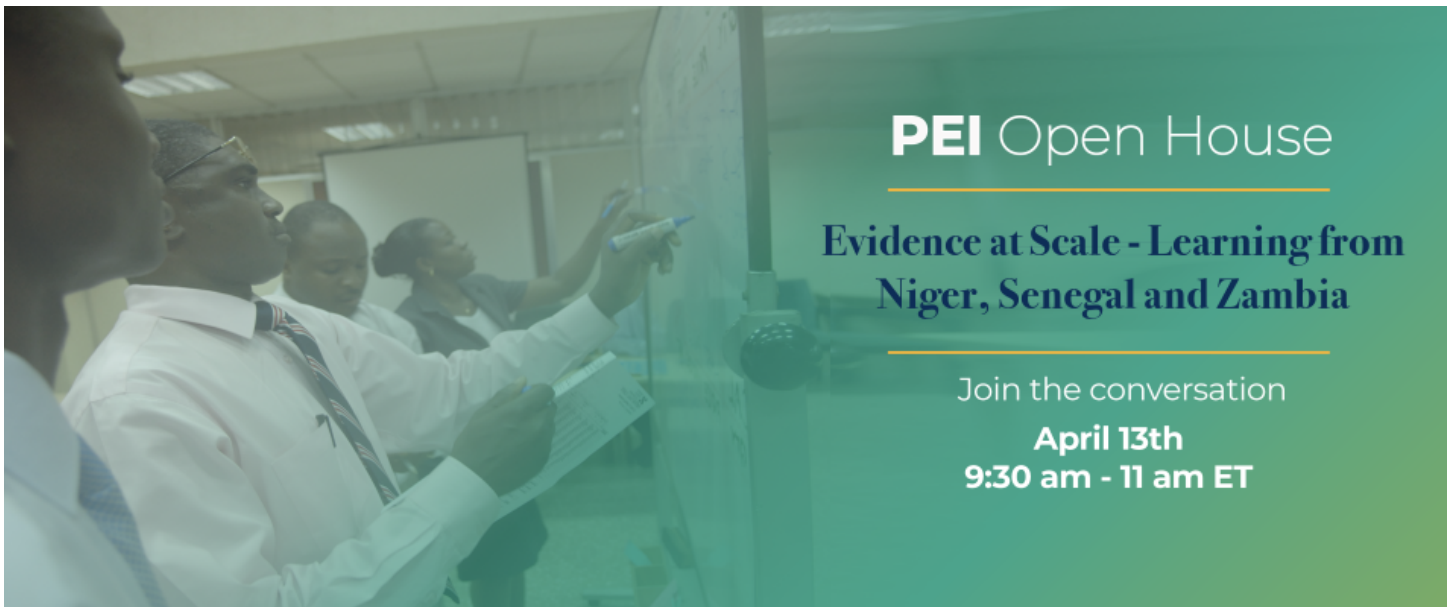




It's not too late to **join us tomorrow** for a discussion on how NGOs are leveraging technology to improve the delivery of economic inclusion. Three case-study presentations - from Fundación Capital, Trickle Up and Village Enterprise - will focus on the use of technology to support beneficiary experiences and outcomes in economic inclusion program. The Open House will then move to a wider discussion on opportunities for scale and replication with government-led programs, learning from the experiences of the Africa Safety Nets Community of Practice and the Digital Innovations for Economic Inclusion Working Group.

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NEXT UP IN APRIL



PEI Open House

**Evidence at Scale - Learning from
Niger, Senegal and Zambia**

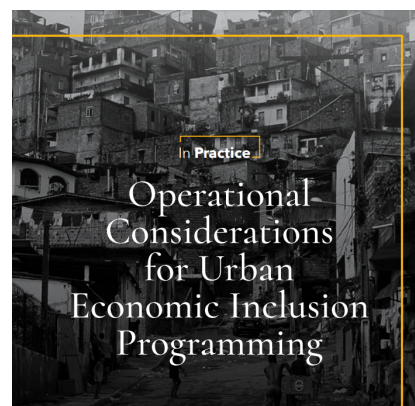
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April 13th
9:30 am - 11 am ET

“Evidence at Scale – Learning from Niger, Senegal and Zambia” PEI Open House is taking place on the **13th of April at 9:30 am ET**. This session – co-hosted with DIME and IPA – will consider how recent impact evaluations are shaping country operations and setting the pace for broader learning and replication. The event will also launch the Economic Inclusion Impact Dashboard, an online data tracker of planned and ongoing evaluations. Read more and register below!

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PEI In Practice publication series keeps expanding its resources

After launching the paper [“A Path to Jobs for the Urban Poor”](#) under the PEI In Practice initiative, the partnership has released a second note on urban settings with an operational focus. This second note follows up the previous to offer [“Operational Considerations for Urban Economic Inclusion Programing”](#) and addresses the critical question of how can these programs be operationalized in urban areas at scale.



By Puja Vasudeva Dutta, Timothy Clay, and Jorge Avalos



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[Check out the series here](#), a note on Behavioral Interventions and Economic Inclusion with Ideas42 will be published soon!

Economic Inclusion at the Fragility Forum 2022



On March 10th, the Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) convened various partners at the Fragility Forum 2022 to share both country experiences and practitioners’ lessons on [“Advancing Economic Inclusion for forcibly displaced people”](#). This mainstage session gathered representatives from Nigeria and Uganda, as well as from the AVSI Foundation, Concern Worldwide, and the World Bank.

Additionally, [a PEI podcast released in the same context](#) featured five case studies of impact evaluations of ‘graduation’ programs



implemented across FCV contexts in Afghanistan, Uganda, the DRC, Nigeria and Mozambique.

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NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS



Screens over shovels: Using digital technology to modernize public works

As people move from rural to urban areas, expanding cities are pressed to consider new ways of managing labor-intensive public works, such as building and maintaining roads, drains, streetlights, and solid waste-management services. This blogs comments on the report ["Digital Works for Urban Resilience: Supporting African Youth"](#), a deep dive into how local governments can use digital technology to maintain public works in more efficient, cost-effective, and gender-inclusive ways.

[Read more here >](#)



Do not transform food systems on the backs of the rural poor

In this article, Davis et al reflect on the need to explicitly include the livelihoods of poor rural people in food system transformation modeling approaches, and also to improve the measures that ensure that the nature and scale of the envisioned changes will improve these livelihoods. The paper argues that unless socioeconomic inclusion more broadly are brought to the center of such approaches, there is much risk in transforming food systems to reach environmental and nutritional objectives on the backs of the rural poor.

[Read more>](#)

Social Protection and Labor : A key enabler for climate change adaptation and mitigation



This paper reviews the role of Social Protection and Labor in supporting both climate adaptation and mitigation efforts. It discusses, among others, how – even without explicit environmental objectives – Social Protection and Labor strengthens resilience against climate shocks. The discussion paper also mentions how resilience can be further enhanced when cash transfers are reinforced with economic inclusion and labor services such as behavioral change interventions, savings and livelihoods support, financial inclusion, and skills training and coaching.

[Read more>](#)



Compelling evidence that the graduation approach promotes economic and social integration in displacement settings: The case of Mozambique

Market-oriented skills and vocational training are core components of graduation programmes through which UNHCR works to strengthen the livelihoods of displaced persons and members of their host communities. To date, no evidence has been published measuring the impact of the graduation program on refugees. In this article, UNHCR fills this gap with results from an impact evaluation of a graduation programme in and around the Maratane Refugee Camp in rural Nampula, Mozambique. Early results show a positive and lasting economic and social impact on program participants compared to non-participants.

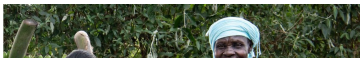
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REGRADE Programme: REsilience / GRADuation / Evidence in Ethiopia

From 2017–2021, Concern Worldwide implemented an Irish Aid funded Graduation Programme entitled REGRADE, with the goal to ‘build livelihood security and improve nutritional outcomes among the extremely poor households living in South Wollo, Amhara and Wolaita Zones, SNNPR Ethiopia’. A wealth of resources and a final evaluation with positive results can be found online.

[See all resources here >](#)



Success of Africa's first development impact bond for poverty alleviation

The Village Enterprise Development Impact Bond (DIB) exceeded its targets, sustainably improving the livelihoods of 95,000 East Africans, over 91,000 of them women and children, and shielding them from the worst of the pandemic's economic impacts. This was the very first DIB for poverty alleviation in Africa, and [results from the randomized controlled](#) trial conducted by IDinsight demonstrated positive and sustained increases in household spending and net wealth despite the pandemic, projecting an increase in lifetime household income of over \$21 million. To learn more, read about the DIB's impacts in [Devex](#).

[Visit their website for more details>](#)



We join in the celebration of BRAC's 50 years of combating extreme poverty - From Bangladesh to the world

We join to celebrate BRAC's 50th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of its flagship Graduation approach. Since 1972, BRAC has directly empowered more than 2.1 million households to escape extreme poverty in Bangladesh alone via the Graduation approach and directly implemented or advised on Graduation programs in 15 additional countries. Their approach to extreme poverty eradication has been guided by four critical principles which underpin BRAC's past success and future ambitions.

[Read the full story and their guiding principles here>](#)

Women's Economic Empowerment in Focus



Social protection and gender equality outcomes across the lifecycle

[This report](#) provides a concise summary of the findings of a rapid evidence assessment, capturing the recent evidence on whether and how social protection programmes in low and middle-income countries can contribute to gender equality. Critically, the paper summarizes evidence with a lifecycle perspective, from infancy through to adulthood. The full report focuses on evidence relating to social protection and gender organized into four key pillars, where the fourth focuses on Economic Empowerment.

[Take a look here to this four chapter>](#)

Unlocking the potential of women entrepreneurs in Uganda

What will it take to help women entrepreneurs reach their full potential in Uganda? A growing body of impact evaluation literature on what has already worked to help empower women across Sub-Saharan Africa and beyond may help unearth some answers. This blog provides an abundance of resources that will also be used to help inform the design of interventions for the new International Development Association (IDA) operation, Generating Livelihoods and Opportunities for Women (GLOW) in Uganda.

[Read more here>](#)

What cultivating resilience means for women living in extreme poverty

In the context of International Women's Day our two partners, BRAC and Trickle Up, shared this blog where they write about the important role social and economic inclusion programs play in building resilience for women in extreme poverty. The piece shares illustrative examples of what it means to implement programs with a resilience-focus design for women.

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Empowering Ethiopian women for climate resilience through the Urban Productive Safety Net

The World Bank is supporting Ethiopia in implementing productive social safety net programs. One of these programs, the Urban Productive Safety Net Project (UPSNP), is providing urban poor households access to employment and livelihood development which also have an impact on their environment. Recently, it has been expanded to up to 84 cities under the new Urban Productive Safety Net and Jobs Project. It supports households to engage in climate and gender-sensitive public works and business development activities to improve their social and economic well-being as well as their communities' environment.

[Have a look at it here>](#)

Tanzania Economic Update: Addressing women's economic constraints could accelerate Tanzania's economic development and poverty reduction

Sustained progress in expanding women's economic opportunities has contributed to Tanzania's success in growth and poverty reduction over the last 20 years. However, persisting constraints hinder women from realizing their full economic potential, such as wage differentials by gender, inequitable access to land and assets and gender disparities in the agricultural sector. Read about the implications of significantly expanding women's opportunities in this economic update.

[Read it here >](#)

Inclusive solutions: reaching the most vulnerable women across Africa

This blog captures some key data and insights featured in the Africa Regional Dialogue BRAC hosted in February, an event in which PEI partnered with BRAC. Have a look at this piece and reflect on how through strengthening existing programs across Africa, the region can gain significant momentum on a pathway into an inclusively economic and social prosperity. In the mission of building a future of safety, dignity, and personal autonomy for every woman across Africa and the world, solutions must prioritize inclusiveness from its design to implementation.

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