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NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI

Launching PEI InSight – An Open Access Resource Center on Economic Inclusion.



PEI InSight is a new open access knowledge platform with curated research and literature on economic inclusion programming, policy and evidence. Developed in collaboration with PEI Technical Partners, this new platform allows customizable searches across a variety of themes. Click below to discover all its possibilities, or watch [a brief tutorial](#) first to see how to navigate the tool.

And if you have material to share, please feel free to submit your own content to:
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Let's explore!

Stay Tuned: Impact Collaborative Workshop on Economic Inclusion

From May 23-27 PEI hosted an Impact Collaborative Workshop featuring 9 government delegations and over a dozen of international and local researchers. The event was co-hosted with the [World Bank's Development Impact Evaluation Group](#), with engagement from several PEI stakeholders including [Innovations for Poverty Action](#).

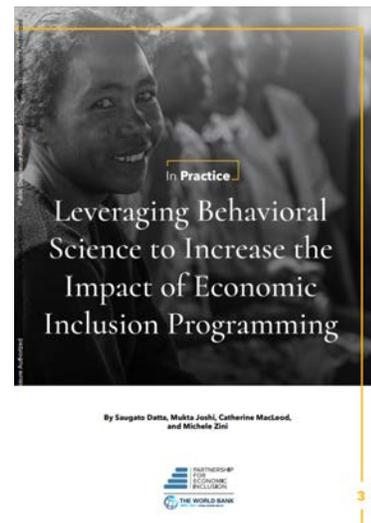
The workshop kicks off a multi-year learning effort on moving economic inclusion to scale through government led programming. For more background on this initiative [see this recent blog here](#).



NEW: PEI in Practice on Behavioral Science

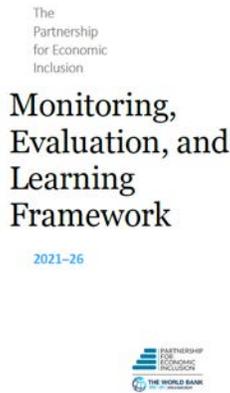
A new [PEI In Practice](#) has been published in partnership with ideas42, on how Behavioral Science can optimize Economic Inclusion programs' outcomes.

[Check it out here](#) and explore how governments and NGOs seeking to bring millions out of poverty with limited resources can ensure that their programs' design account for human behavior. To watch the Open House event held on the same theme [click here](#).



NEW: PEI Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework

Following a consultative period to partners and stakeholders, PEI's MEL is now finalized! [This document](#) outlines PEI's



theory of change and defines the scope of its key activities, outputs, intermediate and long term outcomes and the understanding of PEI's impact.

It also provides a revised Results Framework with an improved set of indicators to be used in tracking the achievement of these results and defines the MEL plan that PEI will undertake to collect evidence of progress and how it will be used.

NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS

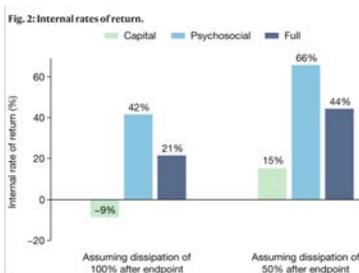


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New Nature Publication on Economic Inclusion

This report shows that a multi-faceted intervention can open pathways out of extreme poverty by relaxing capital and psychosocial constraints. Check out how the study was conducted and the positive results on the cost-effectiveness of psychosocial interventions in Economic Inclusion programming.

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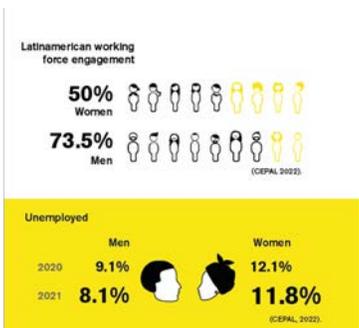


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How digital strategies can be great allies for gender equity and economic inclusion?

Economic, social, and gender inclusion programs can and should take advantage of digital solutions to increase their efficiency and amplify their impact. To make this possible, it is required, among others, the joint efforts of various actors and sectors that seek to guarantee coverage of the Internet and mobile networks in the most disadvantaged contexts (especially in rural areas) and strengthen digital capacities with special attention to women.

[Read more>](#)

Social Protection in Zambia: A Hand Up Not A Handout

The Girls Education and Women's Empowerment and Livelihoods (GEWEL) Project results story and a new World Bank-produced photobook, A Hand-up, not a Hand-out are both out and a really beautiful and



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compelling compilation of pictures and stories from beneficiaries, bringing GEWEL to life.

[See more>](#)



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Leveraging Local Capability to Build Climate Resilience among African Women in Extreme Poverty

The climate crisis most severely impacts women in extreme poverty due to a combination of factors including social, economic, and cultural, something experts have termed a “threat multiplier.” Women are more likely to experience extreme poverty than men, which often means they lack access to the resources and knowledge that would enable them to build resilience to shocks such as those caused by the climate crisis. Explore this and other insights in this joint blog by BRAC and BOMA, that also discusses the related work being done by our two partners in different regions.

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The Impact of a Graduation Program on Livelihoods in Refugee and Host Communities in Uganda

Evidence from multiple contexts suggests that the Graduation Approach, which provides holistic livelihood support for ultra-poor households, has lasting positive impacts on a range of outcomes. However, graduation programs are relatively expensive because of the intense level of support they offer. The costs pose a challenge for governments that want to implement the approach at scale. In Uganda, researchers worked with Innovations for Poverty Action to conduct a randomized evaluation to better understand the effectiveness of several variants of a graduation program focused on improving nutrition and self-reliance among populations in and around a refugee settlement. The program had significant positive impacts for both program participants and their households on key outcomes, including food security, nutrition, and self-reliance. All variations of the program also had large positive returns on investment.

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[Explore the study here>](#)

Big push or hard pushed: livelihoods support in protracted crises

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Evidence of cash-plus programmes often shows that a substantial number of participants graduate with lasting impacts in income, savings and food security, with varying outcomes on other indicators. However, this evidence rarely comes from contexts of protracted crises. This article consolidates the findings of a review of 42 cash-plus programmes in 17 fragile and conflict-affected countries.

[Read the full note here>](#)



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How Female Farmers in West Pokot are Building Resilience to Climate Change:

This article explores from a beneficiaries perspective an adapted version of the Village Enterprise graduation program, called the Women Economic Empowerment through Climate-Smart Agriculture Project. Funded by Korea International Cooperation Agency and in partnership with UNWomen and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the project aims to enhance the capacity of West Pokot county officials to develop gender-sensitive and climate-smart policies and to increase household income for

women in the agricultural value chain using modern farming technologies that are climate-smart.

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