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NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI

Announcing PEI Open House



PEI is excited to announce PEI Open House, a new webinar series where PEI will be joined every month by leading experts and organizations to explore fresh perspectives on economic inclusion programming, country-level innovations, and important intersections in building inclusive economic opportunities. The events will be co-hosted with PEI's technical partners and stakeholders and will include lessons from PEI grant awards' work. The series is open to all and will feature simultaneous translation in French and Spanish. PEI Open House sessions will be clustered as mini-series, anchored across the following themes: economic inclusion in a changing COVID context; innovations in program delivery and assessing the evidence base. **Interested to co-host, participate or simply learn more – drop us an email: ssamaranayake@worldbank.org**

Save the date! - First Webinar of the Open House Series

Interpretation in French and Spanish will be provided.

HOW ECONOMIC INCLUSION CONTRIBUTES TO FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

20th October 2021
9h30 to 11h DC time



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
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What linkages do we need to make between economic inclusion programs and agri-food systems to help countries achieve the SDGs? [Join us](#) for the first webinar in our new PEI Open House series, co-created and hosted with the Food and Agriculture Organization, to explore the intersection of food systems and economic inclusion programs. Our technical partner FAO will lend its extensive expertise in rural poverty reduction, food security, nutrition, and inclusive rural development to our discussion of contributions that foster the necessary conceptual and programmatic linkages between economic inclusion and the transformation of agri-food systems to achieve the 2030 Agenda, and in particular SDG1, SDG2, SDG 8 and SDG10. The webinar will gather global and country experts to discuss linkages, and to better inform, following on the successful high-level [2021 Food Systems Summit](#), how to implement national pathways to transform food systems, leveraging the key role that economic inclusion programmes can play in reducing poverty. This event is open to the public. More details to follow on our [Twitter feed](#)!

[Register Here!](#)

Check out PEI Global Learning Event 2021 Report!



Check out our brand new [Global Learning Event 2021: Economic Inclusion for the poorest – moving to scale Report!](#) The report shares lessons and technical considerations from our first global convention of around 500 people (policy makers and practitioners) discussing the most timely debates around scaling up economic inclusion in more than 20 thematic sessions.

Call for contributions: PEI Knowledge Repository

As part of the Partnership for Economic Inclusion's global knowledge platform objectives of promoting knowledge curation, creation, and dissemination, PEI is working to build an **open access knowledge repository**. This repository is a

one-stop knowledge & learning platform, of global resources on economic inclusion program policy, design, delivery, and evidence.

As the PEI Knowledge Management team works to build this product, we are hereby extending **a call for content to our partners and other relevant organizations who are global practitioners of economic inclusion and graduation approaches** and publish world class content on the subject. We would appreciate contributions of your latest knowledge products which may include research papers, reports, tool kits, technical briefs, other project design, implementation, and evidence related documents. **Please, reach out to us here: peimt@worldbank.org**



NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS



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Responding to Remaining Debates on Graduation: Government-Led Programs and Long-Term Impact at Scale

Read BRAC's response to the remaining debates on Graduation, such as Government-Led Programs and Long-Term Impact at Scale, informed by their two decades of learning and experience. These debates revolve around the question "Are economic inclusion programs a pathway out of poverty?" posed by a recent World Bank blog, citing PEI's 2021 State of Economic Inclusion Report. Their call to action: We must make the case to governments and policymakers by building new evidence, a priority at the forefront of our individual and joint efforts. [Read more here.](#)



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Knowledge Matters – Graduation Approach 2021

Concern Worldwide has published a special edition of their magazine-style publication, Knowledge Matters, focused on the Graduation Approach. Their exploration of Graduation not only provides an opportunity to reflect on the evolution of the approach within Concern but also dives deeper into specific themes like coaching, income generation, risk management, system strengthening, gender transformative programming, and monitoring and evaluation. Read the English and French versions [here.](#)



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Closing the digital gender divide

As the world becomes more digitized and connected, women are being excluded from the opportunities presented by connectivity and on-demand information. Since February 2021, AVSI Foundation Uganda and Trickle Up have been implementing the World Bank EQUALS digital literacy pilot project, which aims to remove barriers to accessing mobile technology and digital literacy skills for women in Uganda. [Explore the project here.](#)

Co-Impact Gender Fund grant applications are open!



At the Generation Equality Forum in June 2021 Co-Impact announced the development of their second fund – the Gender Fund. This Fund commits to raise and grant US \$1 billion over the next decade to advance gender equality and women’s leadership in the Global South. They are now inviting applicants to submit concept notes for the first round of grants made through this Fund. Their open call for applications will be running from 30 September until 20 December 2021. Please visit their [webpage](#) to learn more and to get guidance on concept note submission.



What Will it Take to Achieve Universal Social Protection?

Covid19's severe impact on the poorest communities is unprecedented. While Social protection remains a human right, the international Social Protection Community is now at a crossroads as to how social protection will be understood in a world reeling from pandemic shocks. [This article](#) from BRAC underscores the need for governments to make these systems more inclusive, comprehensive and multisectoral.

Figure 2. Variation in posterior estimates with respect to transfer size and years since last transfer

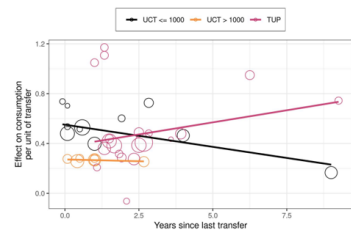


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Do larger cash transfer interventions and graduation approaches improve longer run outcomes more cost effectively?

A [recently published](#) thought provoking study by Development Impact Evaluation Group (DIME) at the World Bank measures the cost-effectiveness of cash transfer and graduation programs. The paper challenges the conventional wisdom that the presence of poverty traps implies larger interventions are more cost effective. The study considers two approaches to increasing intervention size in the context of temporary unconditional cash transfers—larger transfers (intensity), and adding complementary graduation program interventions (scope). The theoretical and empirical results from the study ignites a much needed debate on the “cost-effectiveness” aspect with respect to increasing intervention size.



Balancing Stability and Transition : A First Assessment of Regra de Permanência in Bolsa Familia

Conditional Cash Transfers in middle income countries like Brazil face a daunting task in striking the right balance between promoting graduation through labor market insertion and ensuring stability in the program. Bolsa Familia “Regra de Permanencia” rule allows families to continue receiving the Bolsa Familia benefits for up to 24 months, even if their per capita income goes above the program’s eligibility line. Read more details in [this report](#) commissioned to the World Bank by the Government of Brazil.

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The [Partnership for Economic Inclusion](#) is a global network that includes national governments, policymakers, development partners, and nongovernmental and research organizations. PEI is hosted by the World Bank’s Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice and seeks to formalize partnerships now that will solidify an economic inclusion network that is global and far-reaching. PEI partners help develop economic inclusion programs and contribute to evidence-based good practices that can be adapted to local conditions by governments and local or international agencies. Through their work, each partner is helping build a platform that will refine and enable the sharing of cutting-edge knowledge about what works in economic inclusion.



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