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NEWS FROM PEI

What was PEI's impact this past year? Check out our Annual Report



To date, PEI has reached 4.5 million people and household members in poverty, provided \$4.2 million in direct support to economic inclusion programs, influencing \$1.7 billion in World Bank financing, engaged 50 countries and 600 policymakers, and shared over 2,000 knowledge products on economic inclusion. And we're just getting started!

Read our 2023 Annual Report to learn how PEI is helping governments to adopt and scale economic inclusion programs, building evidence and innovations, and sharing tools and experiences to end extreme poverty, all through a diverse partnership of NGOs, policymakers, practitioners, and World Bank teams.

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SAVE THE DATE: Unpacking the X-factor of economic inclusion programs

PEI Open House
Unpacking the X-Factor:
 Coaching Modalities in Economic Inclusion Programs

Join the conversation
DECEMBER 12
9:30 - 11:00 am ET

LIVE ON ZOOM
 French and Spanish interpretation

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Coaching is widely understood to be a critical component in economic inclusion programs, but there is no one-size-fits-all approach to designing and delivering coaching.

Join us on December 12 at 9:30 am ET to learn more about how parameters like depth and type of support, frequency, caseload, staffing, and tools impact scalability, sustainability, and overall effectiveness of these programs. This event will offer firsthand insights into the challenges, lessons, and adaptations made to scale up government- and NGO-led programs.

[Register here](#)

How can economic inclusion build resilience to climate change? Get started with these resources

Economic inclusion programs can help people in extreme poverty build resilience to climate shocks because they already target vulnerable people, especially women, are designed to tackle multidimensional challenges, and promote livelihoods diversification.

This was one of the takeaways from PEI's recent Open House, held on October 31, which convened more than 180 participants worldwide. The event coincided with the launch of the In Practice publication outlining a Climate-Resilient Economic Inclusion framework that seeks to build climate action into the design of existing and new economic inclusion programs.

[Access the In Practice note >](#)
[Access the recording & resources >](#)

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Economic Inclusion can drive climate-resilient development

- Already targeted at the poorest, mostly women
- Bundled, multi-dimensional interventions focused on increasing incomes and assets
- Promotes livelihood diversification, increasing resilience.

However, most programs do not consider climate change strategically

62 percent of WB-financed EI programs (184 programs) integrate climate considerations

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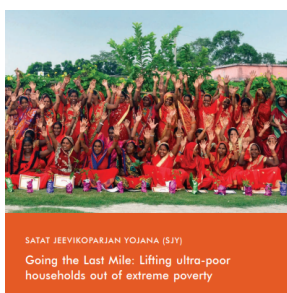
It is a full house: PEI team members in Washington, DC



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In early November, the PEI team convened in the DC office for its annual strategic retreat. It was a great opportunity to meet the new additions to the team, engage in person with colleagues working remotely, discuss the work plan for the upcoming year, and hold an authors' workshop for the State of Economic Inclusion report 2024.

NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS



JEEViKA playbook: insights from the largest government-led graduation program in the world

The Government of Bihar's Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana (SJY) is addressing extreme poverty at scale with a multifaceted livelihoods program, reaching 155,000 woman-headed households. This knowledge product brings together the evidence that informed the pilot stages of the SJY program, with the lessons and best practices from implementation that have been documented over five years.

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USAID Development Innovation Ventures' second largest grant will fund Village Enterprise's graduation model in Rwanda

Village Enterprise has received a \$6.5 million grant from USAID-DIV to empower over 30,000 households in Rwanda to set up, launch, and run their own businesses, as part of their poverty graduation model. Village Enterprise will also work with the Government of Rwanda to catalyze an additional \$28 million in funding to further scale the program.

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Lessons learned in targeting and the use of digital literacy in graduation programs in displaced contexts

Trickle Up shares the challenges, lessons, and best practices of three graduation programs operating in displaced contexts in Uganda and Kenya. The briefs focus on the design and implementation of targeting processes and the inclusion of digital technologies in the graduation approach.

[Targeting brief >](#)
[Digital literacy & technology brief >](#)



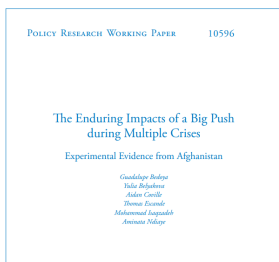
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Village savings and loan associations as a tool to build resilient livelihoods: insights from pilots in Yemen, Syria, and Jordan

Since 2017, CARE has piloted and refined village savings and loan associations in emergency contexts to reduce long-term vulnerability and make humanitarian assistance more sustainable. It now shares end-of-pilot findings from Syria and Jordan as well as results from a sustainability study in Yemen, one year after the first cycle of VSLAs in the country.

[Read the report >](#)

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Can multifaceted programs build the resilience of ultra poor women to crises? Evidence from a program in Afghanistan, a PEI grantee

After severe droughts in 2018 and 2021, escalating violence in the country, and the COVID-19 pandemic, women participants of the “Targeting the Ultra Poor” program, continued to have significantly higher levels of consumption, assets, market-work participation, financial inclusion, children’s school enrollment, and women’s psychological well-being and empowerment, relative to the control group.

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Multiple resources available on the state of gender and women's economic empowerment in El Salvador, Ghana, Honduras, and Timor-Leste

The Women and Girls Empowered (WAGE), a consortium led by the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative with the Grameen Foundation and 43 other partners, shares relevant analysis on the state of gender and economic empowerment in these four countries.

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The 14 most promising emerging innovations with the potential to scale

Innovation for Poverty Action’s experts and academic partners reviewed hundreds of studies and identified the most promising innovations with the greatest potential to scale in terms of the strength of the evidence, impact, and the cost. The report features the Empowerment and Livelihoods for Adolescents as an emerging innovation, and the Graduation approach as an established innovation.

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Insights from innovative practices across the world on multidimensional coaching

This report explores multidimensional coaching practices that support people experiencing persistent poverty and exclusion in building the capability to be self-reliant. It is based on exchanges with leading practitioners of a number of multidimensional coaching practices across the world. It comprehends experiences in low-, middle-, and high-income countries.

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