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The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global partnership hosted by the World Bank's Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice that aims to increase the earning opportunities and well-being of extremely poor and vulnerable people by accelerating systems change to massively scale-up effective household interventions.

Partners Summit draws together Community of Practice

Over 80 stakeholders joined a Partners Summit that was held on December 13, 2018, and organized by PEI, leaders of the Economic Inclusion Community of Practice (CoP), and the World Bank's Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice (SPJ). The [PEI business meeting](#) highlighted the successful transition of the Graduation Initiative from its former host CGAP to now forming the basis for PEI, with SPJ leadership expressing their commitment to the initiative. PEI announced the establishment of a dedicated World Bank Multi-Donor Trust Fund and the formalization of governance, including plans to offer membership and voting rights to institutions in the CoP with substantial economic inclusion programming.



A high-level panel discussed trends, opportunities, and challenges in the field, with observations on government programs in Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Sahel, and other countries. The Summit highlighted the growing demand from governments for assistance with economic inclusion programming for the poorest, and the opportunity to leverage expertise and technical and financial resources from across the World Bank and the more than 1,000 CoP members. Summary notes and a video of the proceeding is available [here](#).

Co-Impact launch brings funding opportunities for the poorest



New funding collaborative [Co-Impact](#) has [announced its inaugural funding round](#), including support for PEI and two economic inclusion partners, to help governments adapt and scale programs to lift millions of people out of extreme poverty.

Grants for Jeevika (the Bihar State rural livelihoods agency) and Fundación Capital (an international development organization that promotes and supports graduation-type programs) will adapt and scale government programs in India and Latin America, respectively. Funding for PEI will enable the Partnership to accelerate the identification and uptake of good practices, policy guidance, and tools, and to mobilize technical expertise, capacity, and financial resources for governments in additional countries.



Co-Impact is a collaborative partnership between individual philanthropists, funding organizations, and social change leaders who share a vision of driving impact at scale for proven health, education, and economic opportunity initiatives.

Ask the Experts:



The Partners Summit elicited a number of questions and comments that could not be addressed on the day. In the next several months we shall select from among them and invite responses from Community of Practice members.

Frank DeGiovanni, a member of PEI's Interim Advisory Council, offers his thoughts on one such question:

[*How can economic inclusion programs foster better markets for the poorest?*](#)

Designing child-sensitive programs

Save the Children has developed guidance for [child-sensitive graduation program design](#) to inform their country offices on how to maximize benefits and mitigate any

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potential harm to children. The guide was created as a practical resource for Save's field offices, but the team welcomes the chance to share it with other practitioners interested in child-sensitive design. Readers are encouraged to test the guide and provide feedback to [Vanessa Self](#) and [Mathew Tasker](#).

Want more information, guidance, and resources?

Visit the graduation community page on the [FinDev Gateway](#) or on [socialprotection.org](#) for relevant research, guidance, and manuals.

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