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The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global partnership that supports the adoption of economic inclusion programs for the extreme poor and vulnerable households at scale and creates a cutting-edge platform for global learning and knowledge.



PEI announces inaugural country engagement award grantees

Ten World Bank operations were selected to receive PEI Country Engagement Awards following a competitive review of proposals from 45 operations across six World Bank practice areas. The awards are designed to catalyze the adoption and implementation of scaled economic inclusion programming for the poorest, led by the governments. To read more about the country engagements and our award grantees, visit our updated website at peiglobal.io.

PEI also launched its first [Annual Report](#) for activities conducted in the first year of operations, which was a critical period of transition for the PEI. During this reporting period, efforts focused on strengthening partnership and collaboration arrangements with organizations in the partnership network, revamping knowledge-sharing priorities, and supporting deeper country engagements, particularly with World Bank operations.

PEI to launch a webinar series

In March 2020, the PEI will launch a webinar series to synthesize and disseminate knowledge of operational experience with economic inclusion, drawing on case studies from PEI's forthcoming *State of Economic Inclusion 2020 Report*. The Social Protection for Employment (SPEC) Community of Practice on



In remembrance of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed

The PEI team would like to pay tribute to Sir Fazle Hasan Abed for his unparalleled work in fighting poverty over five decades. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed's vision and practice on combating extreme poverty have influenced millions of lives. He was instrumental in shaping the focus of policymakers, practitioners, and researchers on the poor and the marginalized. He will remain an inspiration to so many of us working in development.

Updates and Resources:

- The [Poverty Alleviation Coalition](#), led by [UNHCR](#) and comprised of the PEI and 12 INGOs, issued a joint pledge at [UNHCR's Refugee Forum](#) to implement Graduation Approach programs with 160,000 households in 26 countries by 2023.
 - [Trickle Up](#) developed a [graduation standards guide](#), an [M&E Guide and Toolkit](#), and a [graduation design mission facilitation guide](#) for the implementation of graduation-type economic inclusion programs in forced displacement contexts.
 - Lessons from [integrating graduation programs into government cash transfer programs](#) were shared by [Fundación Capital](#), drawing on experience in four countries in Latin America.
 - Customized [mobile technology](#) is being utilized for monitoring, learning, and decision-making to prompt economic inclusion program delivery improvements by [BOMA](#), [Trickle Up](#), and [Village Enterprise](#).
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- Transforming children’s development with economic inclusion programming takes shape in [six case studies](#) from Haiti from the [Institute of Development Studies](#).

Positions Open:

- [Associate Director, Social Protection](#), Innovations for Poverty Action
- [Technical Officer](#), Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative, BRAC USA
- [Economic Inclusion Specialist](#), The Norwegian Refugee Council

Want more information, guidance, and resources?

Visit PEI’s website at peiglobal.io. We are in the process of migrating the resources onto our new website, for more information on research, guidance, and manuals on economic inclusion, visit the Graduation Community pages on [FinDev Gateway](#) or socialprotection.org.

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