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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.



The PEI Team is pleased to announce the appointment of Colin Andrews as its new Program Manager. Colin was selected following a competitive process open to candidates from within and beyond the World Bank Group, and will start in his new role on April 15. Currently, Colin is a Senior Economist at the Social Protection and Jobs practice and has worked in Africa, South Asia, and at the global level. Most recently, he led World Bank lending operations on social protection and service delivery in the Africa region, including Malawi and Ethiopia. He has been engaged in various multi-stakeholder partnerships at the global and country levels including the Inter Agency Social Protection Assessment initiative and social protection secretariats in Ethiopia. Prior to joining the World Bank, Colin worked at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, the European Commission, and Concern Worldwide. He received his master's degree in Economics from Trinity College, Dublin.

We take this opportunity to offer our thanks to Kate McKee for her work as interim Program Manager and to wish her well in her future endeavors following her retirement at the end of May.



Pakistan launches new ministry and expands commitment to National Poverty Graduation Programme

The Prime Minister of Pakistan [announced](#) the creation of the Ministry of Social Protection/Poverty Alleviation this week and, as part of the plan, committed increased funding to the [Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund](#) and the National Poverty Graduation Programme. This is a significant achievement for a [program that started in 2008](#) as one of the original CGAP-Ford Foundation graduation pilot projects, and it offers the potential to put hundreds of thousands more of the poorest Pakistanis on a sustainable, long-term trajectory out of poverty.

Co-Impact launches new round of funding



Funding collaborative [Co-Impact](#) has announced an open call for concept notes for their second round of grants, which is focused on two themes:

- Early Childhood Development
- Jobs, Skilling, and/or Livelihoods

[Applications](#) will be accepted through April 30, 2019



Seeking economic promise for refugees and Ugandans

An innovative new project seeks to find new ways to sustainably address poverty in long-term refugee communities and build bridges with the host community. [AVSI](#) leads a consortium with [Trickle Up](#) and [IMPAQ International](#), funded by USAID Food for Peace, to work with 13,200 extremely poor households, half from Rwamwanja Refugee Settlement and half from the host community. [Periodic project updates](#) highlight specific features, including an adaptive management approach and the targeting process. [Research is underway](#) with a four-arm randomized controlled trial to test variations on the approach.



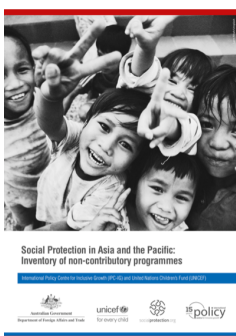
Ask the Experts:

[How can we foster child-sensitive programming in our economic inclusion projects?](#)

Keetie Roelen, Co-Director of the Centre for Social Protection at the Institute of Development Studies, drawing on recent research from Haiti, says a comprehensive package of support offers potential for achieving positive change for children but women's engagement in livelihoods poses potential risks to quality care for children.

The [research and her recommendations](#) can be found with other [Ask the Experts](#) guidance. Keetie will also co-host a research and policy roundtable on Child-Sensitive Graduation in London on May 2nd. See Events below for more information.

Resources:



Knowledge of specific social protection programs being implemented across developing countries can be fragmented or inaccessible, so UNICEF and the International Policy Center for Inclusive Growth have published [Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific: Inventory of non-contributory programmes](#) as a resource.



New research on multidimensional poverty, [Who Are the World's Poor?](#) by Gisela Robles Aguilar and Andy Sumner, finds that rural poverty is characterized by deprivations in education and access to infrastructure (water, sanitation, etc.) while child mortality and malnutrition are more frequently observed within urban poverty. More insights in their [blogpost](#).

Events:

- **April 8-9: [Skills, Employment & Disability Summit](#):** PEI will moderate a session at the Harkin Summit organized by Humanity and Inclusion in Paris, on the design and delivery of economic inclusion programs that include people with disabilities.
- **April 11: [Poverty Graduation Programs and Women's Economic Empowerment](#),** Skoll World Forum Ecosystem Event: speakers from BOMA, BRAC, Concern Worldwide, Fundación Capital, PEI, Trickle Up, and Village Enterprise explore a collective way forward that could significantly impact the collective ability of the graduation community to reach and impact Ultra-Poor women.
- **May 2:** The Institute of Development Studies, Save the Children, and PEI will host a research and policy roundtable on Child-Sensitive Graduation in London. Places are limited and the event will not be live-streamed. Contact [Keetie Roelen](#) if interested.

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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