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As the world grapples with the pandemic, the new State of Economic Inclusion report points to paths out of poverty for the poorest and most vulnerable. Read what WBG leadership has to say about the report and the opportunities it outlines in building back from COVID-19. In this edition, other great contributions featured shed light to various matters including the anticipated findings from the Sahel Social Protection Program, new data sources for practitioners, the power of digital innovation in Social Protection and, among others, the SEI report overview now available in French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. Also, stay tuned for our upcoming Global Learning Event!

SAVE THE DATE: Global Learning Event – Economic Inclusion for the Poorest: Moving to Scale



ECONOMIC INCLUSION
FOR THE POOREST – MOVING TO SCALE
GLOBAL LEARNING EVENT 2021

 

April 27-29 | 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM EDT

  

The [Partnership for Economic Inclusion](#) is pleased to announce the virtual Global Learning Event (GLE) to take stock of the experiences in moving national economic inclusion programs for the poorest and most vulnerable to scale. Join us in this convention of government representatives from over 40 countries and practitioners from over 45 organizations including the World Bank Group, NGOs, UN, private sector, and research community. With English as floor language, the event will feature simultaneous translations into Spanish, French, and Arabic. Follow the link to learn more about globally live-streamed sessions during the [event](#).

Contact PEIMT@worldbank.org if you are interested to attend the full event (by invitation).

STATE OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION REPORT 2021



Economic Inclusion Programs: A springboard out of extreme poverty

Blog by Mari Pangestu, World Bank Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships. [Read more](#)



Building back from COVID-19 - Creating economic opportunities

Blog by Mamta Muthi, World Bank Vice President for Human Development, and Michal Rutkowski, Global Director for Social Protection and Jobs. [Read more](#)



The State of Economic Inclusion Report 2021 - The Potential to Scale

Read the full report and explore other products. [Read more](#)

LATEST NEWS AND RESOURCES



Fresh updates on the Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Program

In this 4-pager brief and the video below you will learn the Productive Inclusion Measures that 50,000 households have received in the Sahel and how they synthesize an integrated approach to promote the economic activities of poor and vulnerable households. Don't forget to also view the case study below, featuring the the program.

[Read more](#)



Pathways out of Extreme Poverty Tackling Psychosocial and Capital Constraints with a Multi-faceted Social Protection Program in Niger

This Policy Research Working paper evidences the importance of psychosocial and capital packages in addition to regular national cash transfers in order to improve the sustainability and cost optimization of poverty reduction programs implemented by governments. [Read more](#)



Emerging Evidence and Lessons on the Ultra-Poor Graduation Approach

This article introduces three food security and resilience activities funded by USAID and highlights their intertwining nature with the Ultra-Poor Graduation approach. The content is derived from primary sources applying this methodology: various field-based staff sharing their experiences in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Uganda. [Read more](#)



Social Protection Goes Digital!

View lessons from an innovative WhatsApp-Driven outreach campaign [in Paraguay](#). Read on to see how small businesses adopted technological tools during the pandemic to comply with the demand and accelerate their digitization process [in Latin America](#).



A big bet on helping refugees build their dreams

In this article, Mercy Corps discusses the Delivering Resilient Enterprises and Market System (DREAMS) program for refugees, a pilot between Village Enterprise and Mercy Corps, that emphasizes the potential of humanitarian partnerships and the possibilities that lie ahead in scaling up successful social protection programs. [Read more](#)



Lessons from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office development (FCDO) impact bonds pilot programme

Engaging with Evidence is a series of interactive webinars aiming to generate a greater understanding on the use of cross sector partnerships focused on outcomes. In this overview, Go Lab overviews the insights from one of the sessions held discussing four Development Impact Bonds (DIBs) across Africa and Asia in partnership with Ecorys and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). [Read more](#)



How an evidence-based program from Bangladesh could scale to end extreme poverty

BRAC calls attention to the urgent need to scale evidence-based solutions for poverty alleviation in this article as COVID forces millions more people into extreme poverty. [Read more](#)



How digital solutions can ease the COVID-19 impact on displaced populations

In this blog, Jana Kuhnt and Kirsten Schuettler illustrate with examples the solutions that digital technologies can bring to support the displaced during the pandemic as well as the essential need to provide them with access to digital infrastructure. [Read more](#)

INSIDE THE STATE OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION REPORT 2021

Case Studies are now live!

Explore four unique economic inclusion programs in the Sahel, India, Bangladesh, and Peru, and learn about innovative program approaches, implementation strategy, and impact.

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CASE STUDY 1
Productive Inclusion Measures and Adaptive Social Protection in the Sahel

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CASE STUDY 2
The State of Bihar's Approach to Economic Inclusion: JEEViKA and the SJY Program

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CASE STUDY 3
Adapting BRAC's Graduation Program to the Changing Poverty Context in Bangladesh

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CASE STUDY 4
Haku Wiñay: An Economic Inclusion Program in Peru

SEI 2021 overview in different languages!

Read the overview of the State of Economic Inclusion Report in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Russian](#), and [Arabic](#).

WOMEN FOR WOMEN INTERNATIONAL'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
 MAIN OBJECTIVES

Financial inclusion	Technical assistance	Financial inclusion	Self-employment
Market access	Skills training	Financial inclusion	Women's Empowerment
Entrepreneurship management	Financial inclusion	Social Inclusion	Financial inclusion

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE(DESCRIPTION)

Supports the most marginalized women to earn and save money, improve health and well-being, influence decisions in their home and community, and connect to networks for support. By utilizing skills, knowledge and resources, she is able to create sustainable change for herself, her family and community.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- TRANSFERS
- COACHING
- BUSINESS CAPITAL
- FINANCIAL SERVICES FACILITATION
- WAGE EMPLOYMENT FACILITATION
- MARKET LINKS
- SKILLS TRAINING
- NATIONAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS (NARMA) CHANGING AGENTS & TOOLS

AVERAGE PROGRAM DURATION FOR PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES

Between one and three years

DO PARTICIPANTS ACCESS COMPONENTS IN A SPECIFIC SEQUENCE?

YES NO

DIGITIZATION
 COMPONENTS DELIVERED DIGITALLY

Financial inclusion	Technical assistance	Financial inclusion
Market access	Skills training	Financial inclusion
Entrepreneurship management	Financial inclusion	Social Inclusion

PARTICIPANT PROFILE
 TARGETED POVERTY GROUPS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
 Age

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION METHODS

BASIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

COUNTRY: Afghanistan
 REGION: South Asia
 LEAD IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Women for Women International
 TYPE LEAD IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Nongovernmental organization
 START DATE: 05/01/2002
 END DATE:
 PRIMARY ENTRY POINT: Livelihoods and Jobs
 P-CODE (WB PROGRAM): DNA
 GLOBAL PRACTICE (WB PROGRAM): DNA

COUNTRY INFORMATION

LENDING CATEGORY (WB ONLY): IDA
 FCV COUNTRY (WB FY20 LIST): Yes
 TOTAL POPULATION (MILLION): 34.66
 POVERTY HEADCOUNT (NP): 54.50%
 POVERTY HEADCOUNT (SLR/DKAY/FWSS/L): N/A
 POVERTY HEADCOUNT (MP): 55.90%
 NO. ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY: 3
 NO. BENEFICIARIES (DIRECT & INDIRECT) OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY: 4,000,000

Program Factsheets: PEI's Data Portal New Feature

All 219 programs mapped through the Landscape Survey can now be viewed through individual, program level

factsheets. Accessible through PEI's Data Portal, Program Factsheets provide a snapshot of each program, highlighting key design and implementation features, such as main objectives, core components, target groups and institutional arrangements. Visit PEI's website (peiglobal.org) and click the tab "PEI Data Portal" to access the factsheets for each program in either HTML or PDF. [Read more](#)

About PEI



[Partnership for Economic Inclusion](#) is a global network that includes national governments, policymakers, development partners, and non-governmental and research organizations. PEI, hosted by the World Bank's Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, seek 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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