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PEI PUBLICATIONS

The potential role of economic inclusion programmes to respond to those affected by COVID-19

This note is jointly penned by UK AID, GIZ and PEI, and explores the opportunities and challenges of economic inclusion approaches alongside social assistance responses in the COVID-19 context. It shows how evidence can inform the design of measures to help people recover from the impacts of the pandemic over the medium- and longer-term through the lens of government-led economic inclusion programmes which leverage national social protection systems.

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PEI Annual Report 2020

Find out about PEI's operational activities in FY 20 where PEI engaged a dynamic network of partners and affiliates, and executed a robust workplan with shared goals, clear results, and accountability. Given PEI's focus on intertwined results—the adoption of scaled, government-led economic inclusion programs and the creation of a cutting-edge platform for global learning and knowledge—the workplan leveraged the partnership, addressed important knowledge gaps, and enhanced program communications.

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NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS



Policies and practices to enhance the gender transformative potential of multi-faceted social protection programs

This scoping paper commissioned by Fundación Capital, with support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), documents current practices used by Graduation Program practitioners to produce meaningful and sustainable improvements in women's wellbeing. It explores ways in which such programs attempt to also affect non-economic outcomes in recognition of the need to challenge traditional gender norms to maximize the potential and sustainability of anti-poverty initiatives. [Read more](#)



Opinion: The long shadow of COVID-19 on extreme poverty

In this blog, Shameran Abed, Director of Microfinance at BRAC, stresses that to drive systems change and truly move the needle on ending poverty, we must view poverty through a human rights lens and work together to commit significantly more resources. We must reach the most vulnerable and marginalized in response, recovery, and resilience efforts. Access to social protection is a human right, and it is our moral imperative to ensure that no one is left behind. [Read more](#)



Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Program (SASPP)

The SASPP was launched in 2014 to support the design and implementation of adaptive social protection programs and systems in six Sahel countries. These programs aim to help poor and vulnerable households become more resilient to the effects of climate change. Check out their new website which includes a series of useful materials, for instance an overview video, a policy brief, and a summary of promising impact evaluation results from Niger. [Read more](#)

LATEST NEWS AND RESOURCES



Long-term effects of the Targeting the Ultra Poor Program

Banerjee, Duflo, & Sharma study the long-run effects of a “big-push” program providing a large asset transfer to the poorest Indian households. In a randomized controlled trial that followed these households over 10 years, the authors find positive effects on consumption, food security, income, and health. These effects grow for the first seven years following the transfer and persist until year 10, consistent with the alleviation of a poverty trap. [Read more](#)



Supporting women through the Coronavirus emergency response and economic recovery

The brief highlights evidence from the Africa Gender Innovation Lab and other promising research on mechanisms that can help protect the lives and livelihoods of women and girls—at the household level, in firms and farms, and during adolescence—in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)



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Social protection amidst social upheaval: Examining the impact of a multi-faceted program for ultra-poor households in Yemen

Social protection programs are needed more than ever during periods of social upheaval, but are also likely to be even harder to implement successfully. Furthermore, social upheaval makes measuring the impact of such policies all the more difficult. This report studies the impact of a multi-faceted social protection program, often referred to as a “graduation” model program, in Yemen during a period of civil unrest. [Read more](#)



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Impact Evaluation of the National Rural Livelihoods Project

This report presents an evaluation of the National Rural Livelihoods Programme (NRLP) under the aegis of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NLRM). The programme drew on the vast experience of the central government, as well as several state governments, in promoting financial inclusion and livelihoods through support for women’s self-help groups (SHGs). [Read more](#)



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Youth opportunities project in Liberia helps young people increase their earning potential

The Youth Opportunities Project helps empower poor and vulnerable youth to improve their income-generating potential. As of December 2019, over 10,000 youth have received life-skills and business training, agro-inputs and tools, in addition to labor subsidies to engage in communal farming. This support allowed them to have productive employment, engage in other income-generating activities, and contribute to the development of their communities. [Read more](#)



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Cause for celebration! How Kenya's first ever county poverty graduation policy was born

Read some compelling insights into how Kenya's first ever county poverty graduation policy was conceived, designed and approved in just nine months! The process demonstrates collective leadership, makes explicit the legislative priorities to realize the results, presents new ways for government and development partners to meaningfully collaborate, and establishes an important model for other county governments to emulate. [Read more](#)

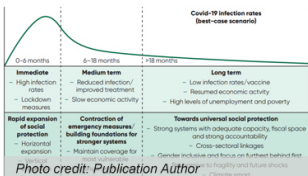


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Social Protection and building back better

This paper considers how Social protection can offer support and be supported in short, medium- and long-term responses, under different scenarios for how the pandemic might unfold. Planning must anticipate the possibility of an enduring pandemic, one stretching over many years if not decades. Covid-19 presents an opportunity to establish firm foundations for more comprehensive social protection systems for years to come. [Read more](#)

PODCAST

Poverty Unpacked: Behavioural science, a cure for poverty?

In this episode 7 of the series 'Poverty Unpacked,' Saugato Datta, Managing Director of ideas42, explains what behavioral science can bring to social policy, elaborates on positive impacts that ideas42 and partners have achieved in various countries around the world, and reflects on some of the pitfalls and challenges. [Listen here](#)



EVENTS

New Directions in Graduation Research

December 03, 2020 - December 04, 2020
10AM - 2PM EST

[Register](#)

Innovations for Poverty Action, the Trinity Impact Evaluation Unit, the Gender Innovation Lab at the World Bank, and Concern Worldwide are organizing a two-day virtual conference which will cover the latest findings in research on multifaceted poverty reduction programs.

The Power of Savings Groups: An Underutilized Platform for Local Economic Development in Africa

December 02, 2020
9AM - 10AM EST

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Join the discussion with the World Bank, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, CARE, Hand in Hand International, the International Rescue Committee and World Vision on leveraging Savings Groups as a platform for local economic development in Africa.

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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