



## STATE OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION - REPORT PREVIEW AND DATA PORTAL

### The Potential to Scale: Economic Inclusion for the Poorest – State of Economic Inclusion Report Preview

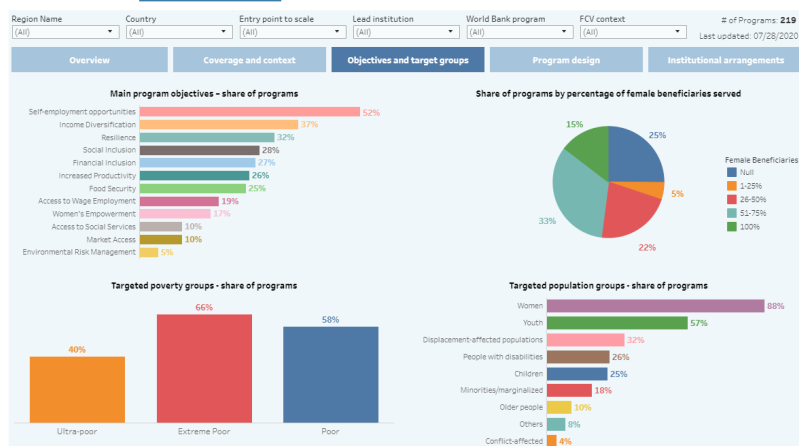
In several months, the State of Economic Inclusion (SEI) Report will shed light on one of the most stubborn challenges in development: transforming the economic lives of people in extreme poverty and vulnerability. The full report will emerge at a moment of global crisis, amid the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, which looks set to push more than 80 million people into extreme poverty. The report will feature contributions from over 100 organizations, reflecting the collaborative effort and spirit that shapes the Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI).

Given the urgency of the ongoing crisis, we are pleased to share the SEI Report Preview, which highlights experiences from over 75 countries and 200 programs. The Report Preview provides an overview of the full report, introduces a framework for economic inclusion at scale, and identifies 10 key findings from the full report. [Read more](#)



#### PEI Data Portal

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### PEI Open Access Data Portal

The dynamic [PEI open access data portal dashboard](#) is housed at [peiglobal.org](#) and contains fresh data from the country and costing surveys conducted as part of the SEI report. This data platform allows users to explore the evidence, open-access data, and country experience, all of which will serve to inform ongoing debates on program sustainability and feasibility. The data platform is dynamic and we encourage users to [upload data](#) on programs not currently featured to ensure we are reflecting the full spectrum of economic inclusion programming.

The PEI Open access data portal also introduces the [PEI Quick Costing Tool](#), which can be used as a starting point to unpack debates around cost optimization and cost efficiency. An open-access approach to data is devised to encourage debate and new evidence generation over time.

# THE LATEST IN COVID-19 RESPONSES



## Economic Inclusion for the Poorest and COVID-19: Adaptation and Early Priorities for Medium - and - Longer Term Recovery

In this note, PEI considers initial adaptations and early priorities in economic inclusion programs to support medium and longer-term recovery efforts. The note is intended to be a resource for policy makers and practitioners faced with the dual challenge of adapting existing social protection programs in response to a pandemic and ensuring the readiness of recovery efforts. [Read more](#)



## Savings Group Risk Mitigation, Support, and Engagement in Relation to COVID-19

Savings groups are one of the most consistent and sustainable platforms for community programming across many sectors and contexts. COVID-19 poses crucial health and economic risks for Savings Groups as markets falter and mobility is restricted. This note provides a tip sheet to working with savings groups. [Read more](#)



## COVID-19: Emerging Practices on Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

The COVID-19 pandemic is upending millions of people's lives and have devastating health and socio-economic consequences on humans and societies. This document by UNHCR provides a snapshot of emerging practices on livelihoods and economic inclusion to respond to the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

## NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS AND MORE



## Learning from Emerging Markets Entrepreneurs During COVID-19: What Lockdowns teach us about Resilience

COVID-19 has profoundly impacted communities around the world. Any effective solution will need to explicitly boost the resilience of its participants. In this article, Wendy Chamberlin of BOMA Project writes that poverty graduation has taught us that learning from the people your program benefits is the best approach. [Read more](#)



## Livelihoods, Coping, and Support during COVID-19 Crisis

According to the results of a rapid response telephonic survey in Bangladesh, led by PPRC and BRAC-BIGD, the poverty impact of Covid-19 has been both dramatic and system-wide. Three indicators of vulnerability underscore this impact: a steep drop in income, extreme uncertainty of livelihoods and a contraction in consumption. The report expands on such and other impacts of COVID-19 in Bangladesh. [Read more](#)



## Our Approach: From Economic Empowerment to a Gender Transformative Focus

In this article, Fundación Capital's new approach towards gender-transformative initiatives is discussed, which continues to promote individual empowerment but also influences social norms and collective responsibilities by changing the way other members of the family and society think and act. [Read more](#)



## The Informal Economy Revisited - Examining the Past, Envisioning the Future

This landmark volume brings together leading scholars in the field to investigate recent conceptual shifts, research findings and policy debates on the informal economy as well as future challenges and directions for research and policy. [Read more](#)

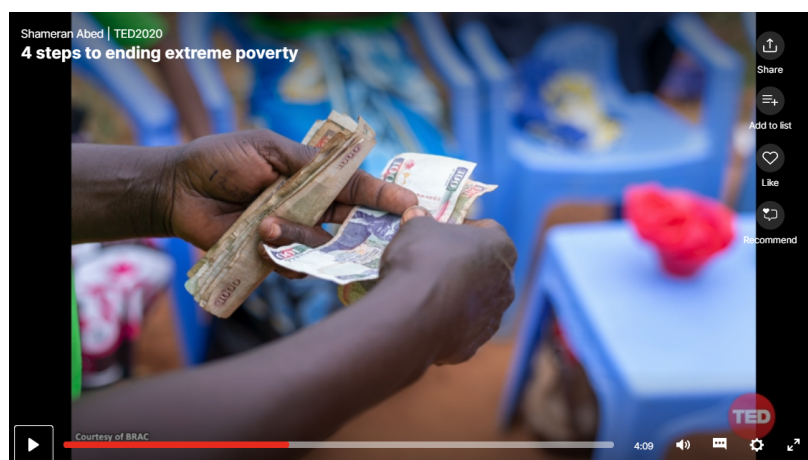
## Why Do People Stay Poor?

This paper empirically tests the existence of a poverty trap, using data collected to evaluate BRAC's Targeting the Ultra- Poor Program. Findings imply that large one-off transfers that enable people to take on more productive occupations can help alleviate persistent poverty. [Read more](#)



## 4 Steps to Ending Extreme Poverty

In this video, Shameran Abed, Senior Director at BRAC expresses that Graduation is the first scalable solution proven to break the poverty trap. It combines a sequenced and time bound set of interventions customized to meet multidimensional needs of those in extreme poverty within the local context. It comes down to a set of four core “pillars” for success, suitable for diverse contexts that can also be built into and complement existing government programs: meeting basic needs, income generation, finance & savings, social empowerment. [Watch here](#)



## EVENTS

PEI is proud to support [socialprotection.org](https://socialprotection.org) in its upcoming e-conference “Turning the COVID-19 crisis into an opportunity: What’s next for social protection?”, running from October 5-8, 2020. Please register at [Socialprotection.org.sched.com](https://socialprotection.org.sched.com) to access the following sessions supported by PEI.

### Economic Inclusion for the Poorest in times of COVID-19: The Potential to Scale through Social Protection Systems

A Roundtable Discussion – Oct 6th, 2020  
11:00 AM EST | 3:00 PM GMT

[Register](#)

PEI, together with an expert panel from BRAC, FAO, and the Government of Malawi will discuss the changing landscape around economic inclusion – featuring safety net plus, graduation and productive inclusion initiatives. The panel will take stock of recent trends and innovations, country experiences in scaling up economic inclusion via existing safety net systems and experiences in linking these investments to the local economy as part of the COVID-19 response.

### Linking Social Protection, Employment and Economic Inclusion in times of COVID-19 and Beyond

Expert Q&A Clinics – Oct 6th, 2020

Clinic I: 2:00 AM EST | 6:00 AM GMT  
Clinic II: 7:00 AM EST | 11:00 AM GMT

[Register](#)

The thematic clinics will provide an opportunity to ask - and answer - questions on the topic of linking social protection responses to employment and economic inclusion initiatives, in the short and medium/long term, best practices and evidence generated in economic inclusion space. You can submit your questions by visiting the linked website.

## About PEI



[Partnership for Economic Inclusion](https://partnershipforeconomicinclusion.org) 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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