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## **The wait is over! The State of Economic Inclusion Report (SEI) 2024 is now out!**

SEI 2024 explores efforts to scale up economic inclusion programs in the context of overlapping crises. These programs have proven to be transformative, especially for women and youth, who are disproportionately affected by extreme poverty and climate change.

The report features data from 405 programs across 88 countries, benefiting over 70 million individuals either directly or indirectly. This marks an almost doubling in the number of programs and nearly a 50 percent increase in coverage since the SEI 2021 report. However, these programs reach only 10% of the approximately 700 million people living in extreme poverty.

The report highlights how collaborative efforts between governments, non-governmental organizations, and development partners are driving program scale-up, ensuring these initiatives reach and empower the most vulnerable populations. It also emphasizes the importance of improving program quality and impact through evidence-based design and effective monitoring, evaluation, and learning.

The recent launch event brought together over 250 attendees to explore how economic inclusion programs are addressing today's overlapping crises, featuring high-level speakers from the World Bank, government, and NGO community.

Explore more insights from the report below, catch up on the event recording, and stay tuned for more updates!



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## MORE NEWS FROM PEI

### Can we tackle poverty and climate change at the same time?



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How can we ensure vulnerable populations aren't left behind in the fight against climate change? PEI's latest blog highlights how economic inclusion programs can integrate poverty reduction with climate resilience. These programs benefit both people and the planet by breaking silos and promoting collaboration across social protection, agriculture, and natural resource management sectors.

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### Finding a pathway to employment for young women in Benin



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In Benin, young women face significant barriers to employment, including limited access to training opportunities, challenges with childcare, and deeply rooted gender norms. Through initiatives like the Azôli program, supported by the PEI and the World Bank, these challenges are being addressed. This PEI's blog highlights the program's achievements in empowering women to unlock their potential, overcome cultural constraints, and achieve economic independence.

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## A resounding success! PEI Advisory Council & Technical Partners in-person meeting

Over two days in October, participants gathered in Washington, DC, to engage in meaningful discussions on innovative strategies, program delivery, and scaling efforts. Key highlights included PEI’s role in supporting government-led adoption and scaling initiatives and addressing critical evidence gaps. The meeting reaffirmed the power of partnerships in empowering vulnerable populations and charted a clear pathway for turning collaborative ideas into transformative action.

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