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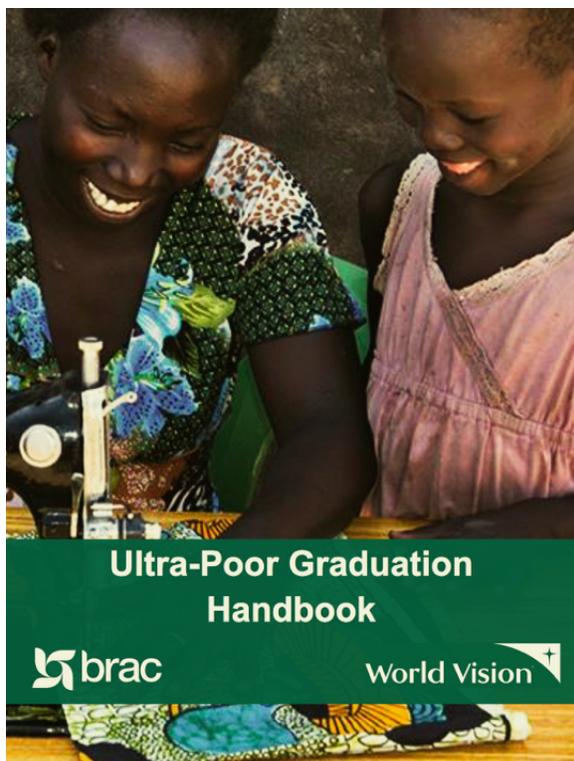
## Four key trends in economic inclusion programs

PEI's 2018 State of the Sector Report surveyed nearly 100 targeted, household-level economic inclusion programs around the world and revealed [four key trends](#). Momentum is strong, particularly among governments, with 34 implementing and/or funding projects, and implementers are testing innovative approaches for new populations and different contexts.



In November, PEI hosted a webinar to discuss the range and variation of economic inclusion programming revealed in the [State of the Sector Report](#). The authors highlighted key findings, global trends, and implications, and UNHCR staff described how they are using the data to inform a new initiative. A [recording of the webinar](#) is now available.

## A new economic inclusion resource



World Vision has launched graduation programs in seven countries, and uses the approach to link their work in livelihoods, education, health, disaster risk reduction, and empowerment to better serve the most vulnerable women and men. They have launched the [Ultra-Poor Graduation Handbook](#), with support from BRAC, to align their existing programs to minimum standards while ensuring they are contextually relevant, and to scale up in new locations and countries.

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## A collective response to poverty in Kenya

Nearly 100 stakeholders committed to poverty alleviation met in October at the [Achieving Graduation from Poverty at Scale in Kenya](#) workshop to shape their collective response to extreme poverty. The gathered policymakers, implementers, researchers, and funders agreed on the need for more evidence-informed programming and for the government to play a leading role in a collaborative, national response. The [workshop summary report](#) outlines the key findings, recommendations, and next steps.

### 2 | Principles & Rules of Graduation in Kenya

- Kenya-led and Kenya-owned
- Common national framework, with county level interpretation and delivery
- Tailored to context
- Maximise existing structures and resources where feasible and leveraging new resources
- Transparent and accountable on data, targeting and implementation
- Learning and evidence building across the system
- 'Do no harm' principle followed, and conflict sensitive
- Seeking value for money / return on investment



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## Designing programs to overcome the poverty trap



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## THE ECONOMICS OF POVERTY TRAPS

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How can events or behaviors help create a poverty trap that affects families for generations? Research suggests that families that cannot reach a tipping point of sufficient assets and capacities may remain in poverty. [The Economics of Poverty Traps](#), from the University of Chicago Press, explores what perpetuates poverty and how policies and programs with a multi-dimensional approach can help push families beyond that tipping point. A [policy brief](#) explores the authors' poverty trap model and highlights their newly launched research with The BOMA Project.

## New ways to measure poverty

### ESTABLISHING A NEW SOCIETAL POVERTY LINE

#### Being poor is relative.

In a poor country, one may only need clothing and food to perform work, whereas in a richer society, one may also need access to internet, a phone, and a vehicle.

In 2015, about 2.1 billion people were poor relative to their societies.



The World Bank's 2018 Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report explores how poverty is relative, multidimensional, and can vary within the household. Read why we need [new measurement tools](#) and explore more great visuals in the [Poverty Puzzle](#).

## 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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