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NEW: Open House and In Practice On Economic Inclusion and Market Access



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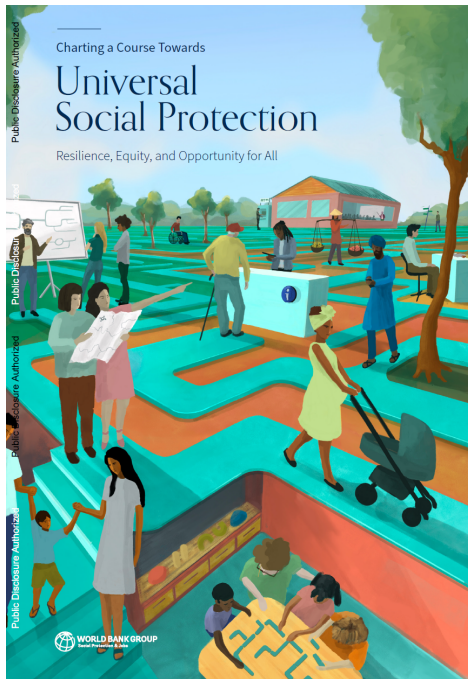
The new season of PEI's Open House series kicked off with a session on **Making Markets More Inclusive**, featuring the Government of Zambia, Village Enterprise, Mercy Corps, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the World Bank.

The event launched PEI's new In Practice publication, "**Enhancing Links of Poor Farmers to Markets**". The report captures experiences from a PEI country grant award in Zambia to inform global learning. Check [here a brief](#) of the report and all other materials below.



[Watch the event](#)[View presentations](#)[Access the report](#)

New vision for World Bank's Social Protection and Jobs unit highlights Economic Inclusion as key strategy



A newly launched report, **[“Charting a Course Towards Universal Social Protection: Resilience, Equity, and Opportunity for All”](#)**, also known as the Social Protection and Jobs Compass, updates the World Bank strategy for the unit amid rapid change. It recognizes that the progressive realization of Universal Social Protection is critical for effectively reducing poverty and boosting shared prosperity.

Five strategic areas of focus are identified to help achieve this goal, including increasing the scale and quality of economic inclusion and labor market programs. For the millions of people working in low-productivity jobs with few protections, these programs can provide much needed support to access better economic opportunities and increase earnings. See also **[this blog](#)** for more.

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Photo source: Cover of the joint report

Village Enterprise Development Impact Bond Final Process Review Report

Instiglio recently released their process review report from the Village Enterprise DIB. Practitioners seeking results-based financing models can learn from the tradeoffs, successes, and limitations of the Village Enterprise DIB by reading the report.

[Read more on the project here>](#)

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Co-Impact: Our approach to Scale

At Co-Impact, we support partners to have powerful as Foundational Fund partners are on track to make real people, and through our Gender Fund we expect to ha people. Our full vision, values and approach are descri We recognize that a powerful way to improve outcomes education, and economic opportunity systems to be m and market systems are meant to serve millions of pe financial, infrastructure, and human resources – but of

Co-Impact Approach to Scale

Take a look at this note by Co-Impact on their understanding of scale, how it informs their grantmaking approach, and how they support their partners to make systems work better for everyone at scale, particularly those who are historically excluded.

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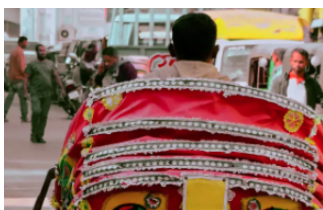


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Graduating Out of Poverty – Can It Be Done?

Listen to this new podcast from Poverty Unpacked by Keetie Roelen celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the Graduation Approach and its ability to achieve long-term impact for people in extreme poverty. The episode features reflections on the learning from Greg Chen and Rozina Haque from BRAC.

[Listen to the podcast here>](#)



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How Entrepreneurship Alleviates Poverty in East Africa

Nancy Chumo, Kenya Country Director for Village Enterprise, spoke with Borgen Magazine for this article on how entrepreneurship has the power to alleviate extreme poverty and help individuals and families build resilience to global shocks.

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Turning Subsistence into Sustainable Businesses

Steps Forward magazine explores inclusive capitalism in action. In this edition, Fundación Capital is featured in an article about social change enterprise and how the organization is confronting extreme poverty through entrepreneurship and putting hundreds of thousands of families on a pathway to economic self-reliance and resiliency.

[Read the article on pages 34-39>](#)



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Building Resilience in the Philippines Through Sustainable Livelihoods and Psychosocial Support

The Padayon Sustainable Livelihood program (Padayon SLP) in the Philippines is a capability-building program for households and communities living in extreme poverty to improve their socio-economic conditions and develop thriving livelihoods. The Padayon SLP program is overseen by the Department of Social Welfare and Development and supported by the Asian Development Bank, BRAC Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative (UPGI), and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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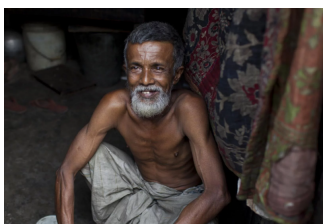


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Why People Stay Poor

Though the reasons poverty persists are complex, much of the literature on this question can be sorted into two broad categories. One emphasizes differences in fundamentals – ability, talent, motivation – while the other emphasizes differences in opportunities. This column tests the relative merits of these views using an 11-year panel of 6,000 extremely poor households in rural Bangladesh. The resulting data support the poverty trap view, and suggest that large asset transfers create better job opportunities for the very poor.

[Read the full note here>](#)



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Two Informative Videos From Our Partners World Vision and BRAC

Watch this informative video from World Vision on Economic Inclusion of youth with disabilities from Honduras, a project funded by BMZ

[can be accessed here>](#)

And in this compelling video, BRAC shows how the Graduation approach can help strengthen social protection programs, enabling them to better meet people’s basic and long-term needs. [Take a look here!>](#)

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