



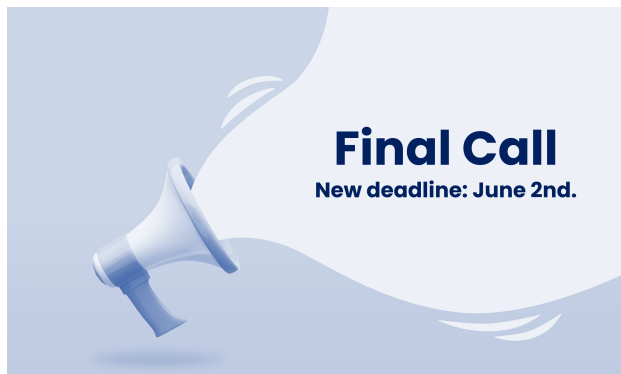
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## NEWS FROM PEI

### Your last chance to showcase your programs!



As we develop the State of Economic Inclusion Report 2024, we need your insights to create a valuable and comprehensive public good.

We have gathered a great number of responses but... are we missing yours?

Read the [criteria](#) and submit your responses today!

The survey is available in English, French, and Spanish.

[Take the survey](#)

### PEI's Open House on productive inclusion in the Sahel is now available



On April 25, PEI co-hosted an event with the [Sahel Adaptive Social Protection System](#) and the World Bank's [Development Impact Evaluation \(DIME\)](#).

The session, conducted entirely in French, convened representatives from the governments of Niger and Senegal, the NGO Trickle Up, and the Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice of the World Bank to explore how economic inclusion approaches are being scaled up in the region.

[Watch the recording](#)  
[and find the materials in French](#)>

## Resilience and Economic Inclusion at Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection

On June 13, PEI is hosting a parallel session *Realities of Scale: Maximizing resilience outcomes through Economic Inclusion* as part of the Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection.

Government representatives from Bangladesh, Egypt, and Niger will discuss the realities of scale and early observations on their impact on cross-cutting policies, including resilience to climate-related shocks and women's economic empowerment.

[Stay tuned for post event materials](#)>



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## Financing adaptive social protection for drought in Malawi



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To protect the vulnerable, evidence shows that mobilizing finance before a shock can reduce the negative economic impact and loss of livelihoods. Check out this thought-provoking blog exploring PEI Grantee Country, Malawi, and their work at the intersection of social protection, disaster risk finance, and climate shock responsiveness. A policy brief and technical note can be found [here](#).

[Read the blog](#)>

NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS



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## DREAMS for refugees from Village Enterprise and Mercy Corps wins Fast Company's World Changing Ideas award

Congratulations to PEI's partner Village Enterprise, which recently won Fast Company's 2023 World Changing Ideas Award for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Through DREAMS, Village Enterprise and Mercy Corps are creating a sustainable, long-term solution to support refugees, inspire hope, and alleviate extreme poverty.

[Read the press release here >](#)



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## Introducing IPA and J-PAL's new Displaced Livelihoods Initiative

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) and the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) have launched the Displaced Livelihoods Initiative, a new research fund supported by the IKEA Foundation that will generate new and rigorous evidence on livelihoods programs for displaced populations and host communities. The inaugural call for proposal for innovative impact evaluation and related research on livelihoods in displacement is now open and the expression of interest deadline is June 2nd.

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## Pathways for improved nutrition outcomes for the ultra-poor

The BOMA Project's Rural Entrepreneur Access Project (REAP) is an adaptation of the poverty graduation approach, tailored specifically to the unique needs of the ultra-poor in the drylands of Kenya, where it has been implemented and rigorously tested since 2009. [USAID Nawiri's](#) approach to REAP Adaptations for Nutrition aims to incorporate positive nutrition outcomes into the graduation approach and catalyze community-level effects for the nutrition resilience of ultra-poor households in the wider community. Check the insights and implications of this work.

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## Men as co-pilots: transforming cultural norms with a gender perspective in Mozambique

What are the challenges and opportunities for gender equity in diverse socioeconomic and cultural contexts such as those found in Mozambique? How do certain traditional cultural norms limit the role of women in society and reinforce gender stereotypes, hindering the empowerment of local development? Read more on these questions and what Fundación Capital has learned from working in the country.

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### DIME Development Impact Week

Early this month, DIME hosted its **Development Impact Week** to launch their flagship report, "Driving Revolutionary Ideas into Practice". The report authors reflect on four key domains, infrastructure for climate change; poverty reduction 2.0; human development on mobile, and government disruption. Economic inclusion enthusiasts might find the following chapters of great interest:

- [Scaling Effective Economic Inclusion Programs](#)
- [Targeting the Ultra Poor in Extremely Fragile Contexts](#)



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### Trickle Up's Refugee Affairs team hosted an event in Uganda on self-reliance in displaced contexts

From 2-4 May in Kampala, Trickle Up convened implementers, funders, and researchers working on economic and social inclusion programming in East Africa to share lessons from program implementation, discuss challenges and opportunities of working in displacement contexts, and reinvigorate the graduation approach community of practice in the region. The **story of Susan and her coach Jane** premiered during the event detailing their story from the Imvepi refugee settlement.

[Read this summary of the event >](#)



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### BRAC on Mother's Day 2023: The world's most underpaid job has the most epic payoff

"Being a mom is the world's most underpaid job—but it also has the most epic payoff in terms of its benefits to the well-being of children, families, and society." Check out this engaging read from BRAC in light of Mother's Day, as they explore the story of Patience, three big benefits of investing in mothers and highlights on the work BRAC does on women's economic empowerment.

[Read more here >](#)



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### Discussion on governing effectively during challenging times at the World Bank Spring Meetings

Replay this session about how overlapping crises, from COVID-19 and debt to climate change and conflict, are challenging many governments to operate differently, prioritizing the delivery of essential public goods and services to their people while protecting the most vulnerable. Shameran Abed, president of PEI's technical partner BRAC, discussed BRAC's approach to addressing economic and social vulnerabilities in different regions worldwide.

[Watch the session here >](#)

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