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NEWS FROM PEI

How can women build climate resilient livelihoods?



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On March 7, PEI hosted an Open House event on climate resilience and women's economic empowerment that highlighted the experiences of Chad, Kenya, and Somalia.

The discussion centered around three innovations that are fostering women's livelihoods and climate resilience as part of economic inclusion programs: water and land resource management activities in Chad, green entrepreneurship supported by BOMA in Kenya, and drought insurance for women pastoralists in Somalia.

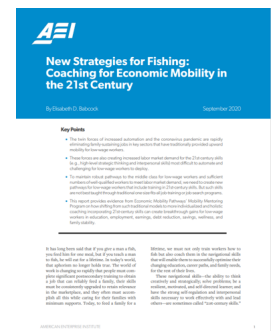
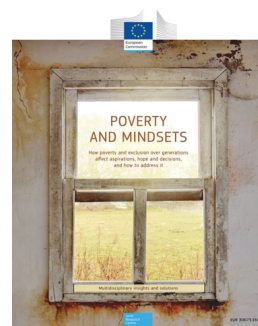
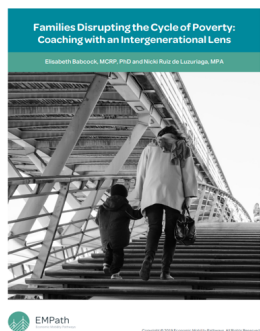
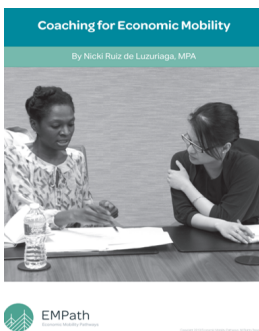
Revisit the discussion and access the event materials in the links below.

News you can use: resources on coaching now available on PEI's InSight

Coaching is key to unlocking the potential of economic inclusion program participants. Coaches provide critical advice and support to individuals throughout their journey to sustainable livelihoods.

These resources from Economic Mobility Pathways, the European Union, and American Enterprise Institute discuss the negative psycho-social effects that poverty has on individuals – from mindsets and aspirations to self-regulation and relationships. The documents highlight the role coaching can play by providing support and helping build the behavioral competencies necessary to address these challenges and break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

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NEWS AND RESOURCES FROM PEI PARTNERS

Strengthening economic inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean



Photo credit: Fundación Capital

Many regional social protection programs have integrated a productive and human development dimension into cash transfers to strengthen people's skills, livelihoods, and resilience. Fundación Capital convened government representatives, academics, and nonprofits in Colombia on February 22 and 23 to exchange lessons, evidence, and experience implementing economic inclusion programs. PEI joined the discussion to share the landscape of economic programs worldwide.



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How saving groups help advance the Sustainable Development Goals

CARE hosted an event in partnership with the Governments of Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda, and PEI. The event convened over 40 people, from governments and civil society organizations, for the United Nation's 68th annual Commission on the Status of Women. The session focused on how government-led savings groups can help transform gender norms, empower women economically, and bolster poverty eradication and social protection.

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The big push African women need to escape poverty

How can African countries address the multiple challenges of poverty, climate change, and conflict? Put African women at the center of development. Research and experience have shown the effectiveness of providing women and girls living in extreme poverty with a productive asset, support to meet their basic needs, and long-term coaching and training. With a multifaceted approach, African policymakers can boost human capital and improve gender equality.

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Female-led households lose 8 percent of income due to heat stress annually compared to male-led households

Heat stress is one of the many negative effects that climate change has on people living in poverty, especially women and youth in rural areas. A recent FAO report, *The unjust climate: Measuring the impacts of climate change on the rural poor, women and youth*, is based on 70 years of data on rainfall and temperatures, and surveys of over 109,000 households across 24 countries worldwide.

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Developing and scaling innovations within government-led programs? Try these 4 steps

This guide from ideas42 provides actionable tips based on a decade of collaboration with governments to develop and scale light-touch behavioral interventions that enhance the impact of cash transfer programs.

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Food insecurity is the greatest threat to women's livelihoods according to the latest 'Women Respond Survey'

CARE conducted a survey of over 3,000 women in Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs) across Burundi, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Mali, Niger, and Vietnam between February and December 2023. The findings also show that members of VSLAs are resilient savers who are adapting to crises by taking collective action and using funds to help individual members buy food and diversify their livelihoods.

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Building partnerships with local governments and the private sector in Kenya

Village Enterprise, with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will pilot the DREAMS graduation program among households living in extreme poverty in Kenya. The program aims to strengthen partnerships with county governments, empower them to independently manage graduation programs, and engage private sector businesses to better link entrepreneurs to markets.

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Coping with extreme heat in India: existing solutions and their limitations

Dangerous levels of heat fueled by climate change imperil the health and livelihoods of poor and vulnerable people and threaten to plunge millions into poverty. In this report, BRAC and Mahila Housing Trust explore how climate-adaptive interventions such as livestock insurance, portable cooling chambers, and cool roofs are being integrated into rural and urban livelihood programs for the most vulnerable people in India.

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