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Dear CDD Community of Practice Members,

We hope this finds you all well.

This month's newsletter showcases several stories on locally led climate change action at COP27, a resource page on benefit sharing and a recent visit to the Rural Infrastructure Development Project (RIDP) in Uzbekistan. The newsletter also includes highlights from recent CDD events, a preview of upcoming events in December and January and recent project approvals.

As always, we are eager to hear from you! Please share any relevant information and materials that you feel would benefit our community and stay in touch.

With best wishes,

Nicolas, Juliette, Stephen, Helen, and Anastasiia



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[Locally Led Climate Action: Empowering Communities on the Frontlines](#). At COP27, the World Bank hosted a high-level panel on scaling locally led climate action, with insights from senior government representatives from Kenya, Egypt, and Tanzania. SSI Global Director, Louise Cord moderated the panel discussion that focused on putting local communities at the center of climate action. Locally led climate action channels funds and decision-making power to the local level, where communities are more aware of the context and what is needed to drive change. This approach strengthens systems and capacities for locally driven climate action and supports partnerships between governments, communities, and civil society to assess climate risks and identify socially inclusive solutions that are tailored to local needs and priorities.

ECA VP, Anna Bjerde visits rehabilitated school supported by Rural Infrastructure Development Project (RIDP) in Uzbekistan: During her recent mission to Uzbekistan, World Bank Vice President for Europe and Central Asia Anna Bjerde met with residents of Saroy village in the Jizzakh Region and toured a local school, which was rehabilitated with the support of the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) as part of a project improving rural infrastructure in 306 remote villages in five regions of the country. She discusses her impressions of meeting with the teachers, students, and parents, who shared their experience in participating in this transformative project. Video links in [English](#), [Uzbek](#) and [Russian](#). Social media links: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

[Resource page on Benefit Sharing available:](#) Benefit sharing is generally understood as a framework for governments and project proponents to maximize and equitably distribute benefits among stakeholders, with special attention to people who are adversely affected. While impact mitigation efforts try to ensure that projects do no harm, benefit sharing seeks to deliver value to project host communities. A recent paper '[Benefit Sharing in World Bank Operations: Prioritizing Development for Local Communities](#)' is forthcoming in 2022.

RECENT EVENTS

[Community and Local Development in Fragile, Conflict and Violence contexts event on November 22, 2022:](#) The first virtual roundtable of the AFW South-to-South Learning Exchange platform on Community Local Development (CLD) took place on 22nd November 2022. Over one hundred participants joined the event from eight countries in Central and West Africa: Mali, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, and Senegal. Thus, the event brought together staff members of partner PIUs as well as internal bank staff to discuss and share experiences on CLD in FCV contexts. Susan Wong, Lead Social Development Specialist at

the World Bank, shared a captivating experience in Afghanistan on "[Partnering with Communities to Deliver Change](#)". The presentation was followed by panel discussions with PIUs' members from Mali, Niger, Cameroon and Burkina Faso, moderated by Nicolas Perrin, the Lead Social Development Specialist, Social Sustainability and Inclusion for West Africa. The panelists shared opportunities challenges and learning around CLD projects implementation, impact and sustainability in FCV contexts. The next virtual roundtable will be convened in the first quarter of 2023 and will focus on "Climate resilience through community local development". [Video of Event](#).

La première table ronde virtuelle de la plateforme d'échange d'apprentissage Sud-Sud du Centre régional d'assistance technique pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest sur le développement local et communautaire (DLC) a eu lieu le 22 novembre 2022. Plus de 100 personnes, en provenance de 8 pays d'Afrique centrale et occidentale, ont participé à l'événement : le Mali, le Niger, le Tchad, le Burkina Faso, le Cameroun, la Guinée, la Côte d'Ivoire et le Sénégal. Ainsi, l'événement a réuni des membres du personnel des Unités d'Exécution de Projets partenaires (UEP) ainsi que du personnel interne de la Banque pour discuter et partager des expériences sur le DLC dans des contextes FCV. Susan Wong, Spécialiste principale en Développement social à la Banque mondiale, a partagé une expérience captivante en Afghanistan sur le "Partenariat avec les communautés pour apporter le changement". La présentation a été suivie d'un panel avec des membres des UEP du Mali, du Niger, du Cameroun et du Burkina Faso, animé par Nicolas Perrin, Spécialiste principal en développement social, durabilité sociale et inclusion pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest. Les panélistes ont partagé les opportunités, les défis et l'apprentissage autour de la mise en œuvre, de l'impact et de la durabilité des projets DLC dans les contextes FCV. La prochaine table ronde virtuelle sera organisée au cours du premier trimestre 2023 et portera sur "La résilience climatique à travers le développement local et communautaire".

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Strengthening Social Cohesion: Advancing Operations, Programming and Evidence Conference. Mercy Corp, the World Bank and Innovations for Poverty Action are jointly organizing this event which will take place in DC and online on December 5, 2022, from 9am - 5pm. Investing in social cohesion can play a critical role in improving the effectiveness of development and humanitarian programs. The goal of this conference is to disseminate evidence and lessons learned on strategies to measure and reinforce social cohesion while highlighting operational implications for policymakers and practitioners.

Ghana SOCO Webinar Series: The [Ghana Gulf of Guinea Northern Regions Social Cohesion \(SOCO\) Project](#) in collaboration with Ghana's Ministry of Local Government, Decentralisation and Rural Development; National Development Planning Commission, Northern Development Authority, CLD GSG, and various Development Partners is organizing a Brown Bag Webinar series focused on Northern Ghana. The first webinar of this series titled "How Can We Promote a Coordinated Development Approach in Northern Ghana?" will be organized on Thursday,

December 15, 2022, from 9-10 am DC time (2-3:30 pm Ghana time). This webinar will engage policymakers and development partners to discuss challenges and opportunities for promoting a coordinated development approach in northern Ghana. For WB staff, [click here](#) to RSVP and add to the calendar. For non-WB participants, please [click here](#) to register for the webinar.

Smart Village Development: Concepts and Early Lessons on January 11, 2023: The concept of smart villages is a relatively recent introduction to the field of rural development with various meanings in the countries and localities where it has been applied. In the Bank's first publication on the topic, [Smart Villages in Azerbaijan: A Framework for Analysis and Roadmap](#), smart villages are defined as those which "use digital technology, innovation and knowledge to improve rural economic opportunities, infrastructure, services, and governance." Some of the key development challenges this concept aims to address are: depopulation of rural areas due to rural-urban migration; communities comprised of aging, vulnerable populations as young people leave and elderly people have less support; risk to agriculture production as people leave the sector for other jobs and business opportunities; reduced quality of services as local financial resources decline and skilled professionals cannot be attracted to rural areas. Overall, the smart village approach aims to take advantage of new technologies and community-driven solutions to level the playing field and create flexibility between rural and urban quality of life. This session will focus on the core concepts of smart villages to build understanding and equip Bank staff to make use of this concept in their work, including sharing of a Smart Village Readiness Assessment tool. It will also include presentations on smart village activities in a few countries and regions, including a post-conflict recovery pilot in Azerbaijan, an EU-wide smart village network and a country-wide, foundational investment in Niger.

Launch of a Global Report on Forced Displacement and Social Cohesion on January 18, 2023: Stay tuned for the launch event of a Global Report on Forced Displacement and Social Cohesion in mid-January. The report synthesizes new research and provides insights on how inclusive policies and development investments can reduce inequalities and promote social cohesion between displaced persons and host communities.

PROJECT APPROVALS

MOSUL - YOUTH INCLUSION THROUGH CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES (P178770)

The project was approved on 26 October 2022 for 3.15 million in TF financing and aims to increase access by the targeted youth to skills development opportunities, livelihoods and entrepreneurship support in the cultural and creative sectors, and foster community cultural development initiatives in Mosul.

M&E SUPPORT FOR NFWP (P177941)

The project was approved on 14 October 2022 for 2.34 million in TF financing and aims to provide overall monitoring and evaluation support to NFWP to improve the quality of M&E and the Project Management Information System (PMIS). This Project is designed to improve the

effectiveness of the Nigeria for Women Project (NFWP) (P161364) and inform future phases of NFWP, including by providing technical assistance on implementation.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

The Community and Local Development CoP and GSG connects peers, thought leaders, and practitioners across governments, agencies, and academia, to share ideas and experiences on CDD approaches. This CoP/GSG is facilitated by the Global Programs Unit of the Social Sustainability and Inclusion Global Practice at the World Bank, with inputs from around the world.

To share papers, project news, interesting blogs, or upcoming events on CLD and other relevant themes with the CLD CoP, please email the CLD email and we'll incorporate these in the next "What's happening in CLD" newsletter.

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