



Dear CDD Community of Practice Members,

Spring brings some new life to DC with the cherry blossoms blooming. This month's CLD newsletter highlights the women in local self-governance in Kyrgyz Republic who are empowered to play a central role in participatory decision making and planning in the national Village Investment Projects. We also share summaries of recent events, a list of upcoming events and some 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, Ashutosh, and Anastasiia

PUBLICATIONS & BLOGS



Women in Local Self-Governance – Lessons from VIP 3, Kyrgyz Republic.

The Kyrgyz Republic (KG) is one of the poorest and remittance-dependent countries in the ECA region. While gender equality has increased in recent decades, important gaps remain. Women remain excluded from the labor force and political

representation. In 2021, only 52 percent of women were employed, compared to 78 percent of men. Roughly one-fifth of women (22 percent) are currently neither employed nor completing education or training, and they face barriers to self-employment and entrepreneurship like childcare shortages. Women also remain politically underrepresented in the Kyrgyz Republic and generally occupy administrative posts with fewer responsibilities, while men hold more political and senior positions. For nearly a decade, the World Bank (WB) has supported national-level community-driven development (CDD) projects in Kyrgyz Republic – the Village Investment Projects (VIPs) – with the objective of making locally relevant investments based on participatory decision making in a context of centralized decision making. The project has empowered women to play a central role in local needs assessments, decision-making, and monitoring of infrastructure investments including by training community members on participatory planning, budgeting and monitoring, procurement, financial management, and gender equality. This blog discusses the impact of VIP-3 on women’s empowerment including through the perspective of beneficiaries. [Blog](#)

Local level analysis from the Solomon Islands on the Social Dimensions of Climate Change.

The World Bank is supporting efforts to better understand locally led adaptation and social resilience. The Social Dimensions of Climate Change: Pacific Series reports aimed at understanding. Based how different communities perceive and experience climate related risks on a day-to-day basis, how they respond to these risks, and their future plans and aspirations on primary data collection and analysis in Solomon Islands, the Series documents how climate risks manifest at the community-level, including variations across intersecting forms of social difference such as gender, age, marital status, ethnicity or disability. The first report focuses on differentiated climate impacts, climate adaptation and social resilience in Solomon Islands. The second report looks more closely on climate-induced migration/mobility. [First Report](#) | [Second Report](#) | [Blog](#)

RESENT EVENTS



The Africa West Social Sustainability and Inclusion (SSI) team, through its South-to-South Learning Exchange platform on Community and Local Development (CLD), organized the second virtual roundtable on the theme “[Social Cohesion and Community and Local Development](#)” on March 9, 2023. Expert speakers from Mercy

Corps and three seasoned panelists comprising of the PIU Coordinators for Benin, Guinea, and Senegal, shared their extensive experiences, challenges, and best practices. [Video](#) | [Event Page](#)

Ghana SOCO Series: Webinar #2: How Can We Promote Inclusive Local Economic Development (LED) in Northern Ghana? The Ghana SOCO project organized a webinar on the inclusive LED on March 22, 2023. The webinar was attended by 150 people including representatives from the various levels of government, NDPC, NDA, World Bank, IFC, Development partners (UNDP, UNCDF, GIZ, WFP, FCDO, High Commission of Canada, UNICEF), and various NGOs. Here is a link to the [webinar recording](#) and the [Event Page](#)

PROJECT APPROVALS

Guinea Support to Local Governance Project 2 (P177095). The project was approved on 23 March 2023 for \$80.1M IDA financing and aims to improve national and local capacity for (i) efficient and accountable service delivery to communities, (ii) climate-resilient local development, and (iii) inclusive citizen engagement.

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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