



Dear CLD Community of Practice Members,

This month's newsletter highlights a recently published SSI policy research paper entitled *Leveraging Social Cohesion for Development Outcomes* by Shreya Chatterjee, Marine Gassier and Nikolas Myint. It also includes a recent Philippines case study on the social impacts of climate change in high-risk areas and a recent blog on supporting women enterprises in Uganda. There are a few exciting events upcoming in May on benefit sharing, local economic development, and CLD in fragile states.

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,

Juliette, Stephen, Ashutosh, and Anastasiia

PUBLICATIONS & BLOGS

Social Impacts of Climate Change in High-Risk Areas: Philippines Case Study. As part of the Philippines Climate Change and Development Report, the Social Sustainability and Inclusion team prepared a case study on the Social Impacts of Climate Change in High-Risk Areas. The study showcases how communities in vulnerable areas of the Philippines are already experiencing significant impacts of climate change on livelihoods, social cohesion and societal structures. While we already know that social inequality and poverty drive vulnerability to climate change, the case study also showcases how impact is differentiated across different vulnerable groups. Indigenous People have been forced to resettle away from their ancestral domains and have lost access to traditional livelihoods. Women are often the ones to migrate to urban areas or abroad for work when livelihoods are threatened. Despite these vulnerabilities, it is important to recognize that communities hold valuable knowledge and unique experience critical to our work on climate resilience. [PDF Report](#)

Leveraging Social Cohesion for Development Outcomes. A recent publication from SSI, World Bank Policy Research Paper #10417, by Shreya Chatterjee, Marine Gassier and Nikolas Myint was published in April 2023. The paper offers a definition of social cohesion. It highlights three sets of relations: those connecting individuals within a community (bonding), those connecting individuals across distinct communities (bridging) and those connecting individuals to people and structures in a position of power (linking). Together, these three dimensions constitute a framework for diagnosing gaps in social cohesion, assessing trends, and prioritizing interventions and investments. The paper also outlines strategies for diagnosing gaps in social cohesion and tracking trends along these three dimensions, providing concrete recommendations for teams designing social cohesion measurement strategies. Finally, the paper reviews the evidence on what works to reinforce cohesion within community, to build trust across groups, and to strengthen citizen-state relations. [Working Paper](#)

Learning how to support women enterprises in Uganda. A recent blog by Margarita Puerto, Wei Chang and Sreelakshmi Papineni on women enterprises in Uganda shares lessons from ongoing collaboration between the Government of Uganda and the World Bank Africa Gender Innovation Lab (GIL), learning from the GROW Project through impact evaluation. [Blog](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Benefit Sharing in World Bank Operations | Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 8.45am. Though there is no single definition of “benefit sharing”, in development it is generally understood as a framework for governments and project implementers 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 communities. Benefit sharing can help increase social acceptance of projects, enhance their overall socio-economic benefits, help them make a more lasting impact and help ensure a “just transition” in the context of investments in clean energy and low-carbon development. These aspects are particularly relevant at this moment in history where most economies around the world have made pledges to invest in a green energy transition and economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic. Aiming to advance knowledge of benefit sharing and promote its effective implementation across the World Bank Group (WBG), an in-depth study has been conducted to assess how benefit sharing is reflected in WBG policies and guidelines and how it contributes to achieving WBG objectives. The study distills insights from WBG projects in different sectors and regions and provides recommendations for the WBG’s future work. This session will present the results of the Bank-wide study while also sharing two cases included in the assessment to illustrate some of the variations in benefit sharing application across the Bank. [Event Page](#)

Ethiopia Local Economic Development (LED) Webinar | Wednesday, May 17, 4:00 pm at 5:30 pm (Ethiopia time) | 9:00 am -10:30 am (DC time). Local Economic Development (LED) is a territorial approach and is defined as a process by which public, business and non-governmental sector partners work collectively to create better conditions for economic growth and employment generation. This webinar will engage policymakers and development partners to discuss key recommendations from the recently published local economic development (LED) paper “Facilitating an Inclusive and Long-term COVID-19 Recovery in Ethiopia with a Local Economic Development Approach” and how these recommendations could be operationalized through an upcoming LED Pilot in a refugee-hosting woreda in the Somali Region of Ethiopia. The LED pilot aims to build the capacity of the woreda government to lead and sustain an LED approach that will help transform livelihood and income-generating programs from ad hoc, isolated subsistence approaches to a transformative approach that brings together government, the private sector, social enterprises, digital enterprises, development and humanitarian partners around a common vision for longer-term local economic growth. [Register for Webinar](#)

CDD in Fragile States – Institutional Impacts on Service Delivery | May 25, 2023, at 8.30am Cyrus Samii will present on his recent work exploring whether community driven reconstruction (CDR) projects generate any meaningful impact beyond the short run. The paper argues that existing analyses either underplay or miss entirely three extraordinary successes of CDR. First, CDR has stood out relative to alternative strategies in terms of its efficiency and relative invulnerability to corruption. Second, institutions created through CDR initiatives have endured in contexts in which other governance institutions have collapsed. Third, CDR institutions have shown themselves to be adaptable to new service delivery needs that go beyond the original purpose of infrastructure delivery. The paper concludes that CDR is an example of institutional engineering done right and remains a highly appealing strategy for reconstruction and longer-term development in war-affected contexts. The event will occur on May 25, 2023 at 8.30am. [Paper](#)

RECENT EVENTS

Addressing Social Norms For Greater Impact on Women’s Economic Empowerment: Results and Lessons from SSI Operations. Too often our policy and programmatic efforts on Women’s Economic Empowerment (WEE) are hindered by rigid social norms that prescribe the roles women and men can play in their economies. How do we engage with communities and policy makers to weaken the overall culture of acceptance of these norms? World Bank operations in Central Asia, Pakistan and Nigeria on the approaches have evolved to address these social norms and strengthen interventions on WEE. The event was held on March 13, 2023, led by Louise Cord, Global Director SSI; Tatiana Proskuryakova, Country Director Central Asia; Illango Patchamuthu, Director of Strategy and Operations, SARVP; and Shubham Chaudhuri, Country Director Nigeria. [Link to Recording](#)

PROJECT APPROVALS

SPF: Dominican Republic Multisectoral Response to Human Mobility (P179751). The project was approved on 05 April 2023 for \$4.6M trust fund financing and aims to the Recipient’s capacities to inform policy dialogue towards a multi-sectoral and inclusive response to human mobility flows in the Dominican Republic.

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