Dear CDD Community of Practice Members,

Warm holiday greetings! We hope you are getting ready for a wonderful season, wherever it may take you.

In December, the CoP hosted an informative BBL on the benefits and challenges of utilizing the Program-for-Results (PforR) financing instrument in CDD operations. We heard from Imad Saleh, Operations Adviser at OPCS and PforR team leader, as well as Mohamed Medouar in Morocco, a TTL who led the first PforR operation at the Bank.

This issue of the newsletter also highlights a forthcoming joint study by the UN and the World Bank on new approaches to preventing violent conflict, which includes an emphasis on the impact of more inclusive and participatory programs in reducing conflict. We’re also sharing below an opening for a Senior Social Development Specialist position in Honiara that focuses on CDD in an FCV context.

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

With best wishes for a successful last stretch of the calendar year,

Nik

**Resources**

For those with access to the World Bank intranet, the CDD cluster maintains a library of useful CDD resources.

- Operational and knowledge resources
- TORs
- CDD consultants roster
- CDD Project Database

If you have any such materials or resources that you feel would benefit the CoP, please share them with us.
Have a thought? Join the Community of Practice (CoP)!

The CDD Community of Practice (CoP) connects peers, thought leaders, and practitioners from governments, agencies, academia, and elsewhere to share ideas and experiences on CDD, community-based, and participatory approaches. This CoP is facilitated by the Global Programs Unit of the Global Practice for Social, Urban, Rural, and Resilience at the World Bank, with inputs from around the world. Take part in the conversation and join us on our CoP website, welcoming experts inside and outside the Bank.

To share papers, project news, interesting blogs, or upcoming events on CDD and other relevant themes with the CDD CoP, please email the main CDD email (cddgsg@worldbank.org), or if you prefer, Evan Caplan (ecaplan@worldbank.org), and Nik Myint (nmyint@worldbank.org), and we'll incorporate these in the next CDD "What's Happening" newsletter.

To facilitate dialogue and improved communication, the World Bank also maintains the CDD Global Solutions Group, which supports the Bank’s internal community of CDD practitioners. If you are a World Bank staff member who would like to receive CDD-related information more regularly, please join the GSG. Click below to join.

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RESEARCH & REPORTS

Report: Pathways for Peace

World Bank; United Nations

This forthcoming report, the first joint United Nations – World Bank study, explains how development programs and policymakers can better prevent violent conflict. Such steps include increasing access to power, opportunity, and security; and to be more inclusive of civil society, the private sector, and regional and international organizations. There must also be an emphasis on the meaningful participation of women and youth in decision making. This report is especially relevant to CDD, as it places a focus on inclusion and opportunity for marginalized groups and increased local participation in development processes.
**Previous Events**

*Brown-Bag Lunch:* Program-for-Results (PforR) Financing

December 11

The CDD Secretariat hosted an engaging discussion on the merits of utilizing the Program-for-Results (PforR) financing instrument for a CDD project. PforR was introduced at the World Bank in 2012 as an opportunity to both foster institutional capacity building and to put an emphasis on results-focused projects in large country programs. PforR operations directly link Bank disbursements to intended results, and support clients in enhancing effectiveness of development programs. We heard from Imad Saleh, Operations Adviser at OPCS and PforR team leader, as well as Mohamed Medouar, TTL of the Morocco National initiative for Human Development Phase 2 (INDH2), the first PforR operation at the World Bank. They discussed the importance of working inside already-existing government program structure and the opportunities and challenges of partnering with decentralized government structures.

**Additional Items**

FY 18 Focus Area: CDD & FCV

Two billion people live in countries where development outcomes are affected by Fragility, Conflict, and Violence (FCV) – and both low- and middle-income countries are affected by FCV risks. While FCV contexts present profound challenges to development intervention, CDD programs have been viewed as effective in these situations. CDD programs can provide flexibility to respond to the scale and nature of community needs in diverse local conditions, and also work to promote fair resource distribution, inclusion of vulnerable populations, and increased access to basic services. The CDD CoP is therefore working to support the IDA18 scale up, especially in light of an IEG review documenting the value of CDD approaches in fragile states by expanding our knowledge base of what works in these environments. Nik is taking the lead our engagement in this area, so feel free to drop him a line. For more information, read the brief on CDD and FCV.

**Job Posting:** Senior Social Development Specialist, Solomon Islands

We would like to share with you the posting of a Senior Social Development Specialist position located in Honiara, Solomon Islands. This is a field post focusing on community driven development operations and analytics in FCV environments in both the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. Click here to view internal job postings, and look for Job # 172261.
Call for Photos

We know that images can speak louder than words. As many of you are based in the field or travel with frequency, you can help us deepen our ability to document the work of CDD. We kindly request that when you are in the field, take photos of project implementation, anything from construction to inaugurations. When you send them, please include background and credit information (name, date, location). Thanks in advance!

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