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Dear CDD Community of Practice,

Please find the May 2013 edition of the CDD "What's happening" monthly email. This month, we would like to highlight two interesting initiatives the Indonesia PNPM team has shared with us:

- One is a comic book (in local language) that explains activities and "how-to" regarding safeguards management at the community level. It demonstrates a good example of a new way of improving understanding and practices around the safeguards. [Please follow the link here](#) to learn more;
- The other is called "Barefoot Engineers", implemented in districts of Papua and West Papua. This is a special program for high school graduates to be trained and given work experience until they were able to perform as local technical facilitators on their own, while addressing the lack of qualified social and technical facilitators in the districts. [Here is the link for you to learn the initiative in more detail.](#)

As always, we are eager to learn from you about any news happening around you as they will enrich this communication among the CoP - so, please share any information or updates you have on CDD (e.g. papers, blogs, project updates, videos, events, etc.) with us, by sending them to either me ([jsingh1@worldbank.org](mailto:jsingh1@worldbank.org)) or Kaori Oshima ([koshima@worldbank.org](mailto:koshima@worldbank.org)). We will incorporate those in the future summaries.

Regards,  
Janmejaya

## CDD "WHAT'S HAPPENING"

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### BLOGS, RESEARCH & REPORTS

**[Blog: Challenges for Community Radio for India's Rural Development](#)**

 By Abhilaksh Likhi on *World Bank Blog People, Spaces, Deliberation* on May 5

**[Blog: Is organic food more expensive to produce? Fact or fiction](#)**

 By Mary L. Gonzalez on *Latin America and Caribbean: Opportunities for All at World Bank*
**[To What Extent Should Beneficiaries Be Included in Rural Infrastructure Projects?](#)**

Rural infrastructure has an incredible direct impact on people's lives. For this episode of The Social Inclusion Newscast with [Jose Vicente Zevallos](#) we interviewed two colleagues who are very passionate about their work and can tell us about the importance of directly including beneficiaries in different stages of a rural infrastructure project.

**[State building at the grassroots: Community-based approaches in conflict-affected states](#)**

By the Conflict Research Unit (CRU) of the Netherlands Institute of International Relations

**Abstract:**

Community-based approaches are in vogue. Operating outside of formal state structures, community-based programmes are increasingly viewed by the donor community as an effective instrument for promoting development in contexts where the reach of the state is weak or non-existent. Yet, in advocating the empowerment of non-state actors, CBA do not necessarily sit comfortably with other, more mainstream, state-building instruments focused on bolstering official institutions. Combining the two is likely to create difficulties that need to be addressed head-on by both donor governments and implementing agencies. Most of all, governments and agencies need to engage proactively with the political challenges of implementing CBA and recognise that they are a political undertaking as well as a technical one. These challenges call for a rethink of the type of support donors bring to local state-building processes. CBA require qualitative forms of support, such as diplomatic assistance, rather than the predominantly financial support that is more commonly provided.

**[Can basic entrepreneurship transform the economic lives of the poor?](#)**

By Oriana Bandiera, Robin Burgess, Narayan Das, Selim Gulesci, Imran Rasul, Munshi Sulaiman in April 2013

**Abstract:**

The world's poorest people lack capital and skills and toil for others in occupations that others shun. Using a large-scale and long-term randomized control trial in Bangladesh this paper demonstrates that sizable transfers of assets and skills enable the poorest women to shift out of agricultural labor and into running small businesses. This shift, which persists and strengthens after assistance is withdrawn, leads to a 38% increase in earnings. Inculcating basic entrepreneurship, where severely disadvantaged women take on occupations which were the preserve of non-poor women, is shown to be a powerful means of transforming the economic lives of the poor.

**[A critical review of community-driven development programmes in conflict-affected contexts.](#)**

 By Elisabeth King on *Dfid Research for Development*
**Abstract:**

This research will provide a critical review of the evidence generated by rigorous evaluations of Community-driven development or reconstruction (CDD/R) programming. The review includes interviews with practitioners, policymakers and academics – and identifies lessons for the design, implementation and further evaluation of CDD/R programmes. The impact of CDD/R on desired outcomes remains unclear. CDD/R has been subject to methodologically sound and rigorous impact evaluations in DR Congo, Afghanistan, Aceh, Sierra Leone and Liberia. The findings have been mixed and this review aims to explore what factors drive the differing results. The review was undertaken by Dr Elisabeth King from the Balsillie School of International Affairs, in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee. The review was managed by DFID's Research and Evidence Division and DFID Somalia.

### NEWS FROM THE ANCHOR

**Decision meeting for the paper "Designing CDD Operations in Fragile and Conflict Affected Situations: Lessons from a Stocktake" on May 30th at 8 am in MC4-401**

There will be a review meeting for the paper - *Designing Community Driven Development (CDD) Operations in Fragile and Conflict Affected Situations (FCS) - Lessons from a Stocktake* on May 30th at 8:00 am in room MC4-401. The paper looks at the designs of 17 CDD projects that have been implemented in FCS contexts to take stock of patterns and trends and try to reverse engineer some of the key design options that CDD task teams in FCS contexts and provide preliminary guidance on how to navigate between these. The paper is a synthesis of a broader stocktaking study undertaken as part of the overall knowledge product (P125628) on developing an operational toolkit for CDD design in FCS contexts. The broader stocktaking report will also be shared as a background reference. The **peer reviewers** for the paper are: Scott Guggenheim (Social Policy Advisor, AusAID), Susanne Holste (Lead Social Development Specialist, EASID), John Elder (Operations Advisor, AFTDE), and Marcelo Jorge Fabre (Senior Operations Officer, OPCFCG).

## NEWS FROM THE REGION

### In Madagascar, Natural Resource Management is a Community Affair

The island of Madagascar is famous for its rich biodiversity. Thanks to an awareness-raising campaign, local communities now work toward protecting this valuable asset. [Read the featured story from here >>](#)

### Morocco: Improving inclusiveness, accountability and transparency of decision making at the local level

The [National Initiative for Human Development \(INDH\) Support Project](#) (2006-2010) made significant progress in improving inclusiveness, accountability and transparency of decision making and implementation processes at the local level in Morocco. [Read the featured story from here >>](#)

## PAST EVENTS

### Independent Technical Review and Moving Forward: Indonesia PNPM Rural on April 29

#### Description

The National Program for Community Empowerment or Program Nasional Pemberdayaan Masyarakat (PNPM), which was launched in 2008, is the Government of Indonesia's (GoI) flagship poverty alleviation program. PNPM's development objectives are for villagers in PNPM locations to benefit from improved socio-economic and local governance conditions. PNPM covers both the rural and urban parts of Indonesia; each was built on a World Bank-financed community-driven development (CDD) project: the Kecamatan Development Project (KDP) series and the Urban Poverty Project (UPP) series. The rural area program or PNPM-Rural is one of the world's largest community-based poverty reduction programs, implemented nationwide in over 64,000 villages and reaching 34 million people. PNPM Rural recently completed an independent technical review of over 1,700 sub-projects in twelve provinces. The review focused on technical quality, beneficiary satisfaction, and O&M. Findings were very positive pointing to high levels of satisfaction, good quality and lower costs when compared to infrastructure constructed by line ministries. The consultants used a manual inspection form to collect data and a fairly cumbersome spreadsheet analysis. The team has won support from Microsoft to develop an application that could streamline data entry and analysis. The team would like to hear from participants what are variables that future technical evaluation should consider. The team hopes to then develop a CDD Technical Evaluation App that all projects can use.

[Video Recording and PPT are available from here >>](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BBL: Social Resilience: Churning State Fragility and Climate Change on June 4, MC4-100

Climate change is real, and its effects are particularly severe for the populations of poor countries. This is even truer for the populations of fragile states that often find it even more difficult to adapt to environmental change. Major obstacles mostly include ethnic tensions, corruption, and exclusion. This presentation focuses on fragile regions within countries and argues that regional fragility exists even in politically stable states. It further examines autonomous strategies and assesses bottom-up approaches that can facilitate adaptation at the local level and enhance social resilience. You can download the document "Exploring Social Resilience in State Fragility: A Climate Change Perspective", written by Rajeev Ranjan and Vivek Prasad [here](#).

## COP QUERIES & RESPONSES

**\*\*This section highlights questions from the CoP members and the answers the secretariat and other CoP members provided.**

### REQUEST FOR ADVICE FROM INDONESIA CDD TEAM: Developing a Technical Evaluation App for CDD

This month we feature a series of emails that discussed ICT-enabled application for subproject monitoring. The discussion started from a request from Indonesia PNPM team regarding a technical evaluation application the team has been developing. [Please click here to follow the discussion >>](#)

*If you have anything to share with the CoP (including papers, project news, interesting blogs, or upcoming events) please email me ([jsingh1@worldbank.org](mailto:jsingh1@worldbank.org)) and [Kaori Oshima \(kaori@worldbank.org\)](mailto:kaori@worldbank.org) and we'll incorporate these in the next "What's happening in CDD" email.*

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