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Dear CDD Community of Practice,

Please find the March edition of the CDD "What's happening" monthly email. This month we are pleased to introduce a lot of information on the videos, reports and events shared by the CoP members from across regions. Also, we have **introduced a new section in the newsletter on "CoP Queries and Responses"** where we will provide a short summary of the questions that routinely come to the CDD anchor help desk and the responses that were given, so that all of you can benefit from that exchange. We will be posting all of these on the CDD sharepoint 'discussion board' where you should feel free to add your own contributions, questions, or comments.

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) or Kaori Oshima (koshima@worldbank.org). We will incorporate those in the future summaries.

 Regards,
 Janmejay

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BLOGS, RESEARCH & REPORTS

[Blog: Creating an Ecosystem for Sustainable Financial Inclusion through Community Institutions](#)

 By Parmesh Shah, Vinay Kumar Vutukuru, Mukesh Chandra Saran and Abhishek Gupta on "End Poverty in South Asia" on the World Bank
[Related story can be found here >>](#)
[Blog: Building communities: how poor people are unlocking their own potential](#)

 What are rural support programs and why have they enjoyed such success in India and Pakistan over the past 30 years?
 By Masood Ul-Mulk on "Poverty Matters Blog", *the guardian in February 2013*
[Learning by doing: The Social Observatory in India connects research with on-the-ground implementation to improve the science of delivery](#)

 By Sonya Fatah on *World Bank Intranet in February 2013*

The Social Observatory in India connects research with on-the-ground implementation to improve the science of delivery. This is an effort to improve the capacity of community-driven development projects to "learn by doing"

[The KALAHI-CIDSS Impact Evaluation: A Synthesis Report](#)

By Julien Labonne, Washington D.C., the World Bank in 2013

Abstract:

A rigorous impact evaluation of KALAHI-CIDSS was designed in 2003, which followed best practices collecting quantitative and qualitative data before, during and after project implementation (in 2003, 2006 and 2010) in a sample of treatment and control municipalities. Cluster analysis was used to select two pairs of control and treatment municipalities in each of four provinces. Comparisons of treatment and control municipalities before project implementation suggest that the municipalities were similar before project implementation started. As a result, differences detected by the impact evaluation can be attributed to the project. Data were collected on a broad range of indicators and the quantitative sample included 2,400 households in 135 barangays (communities) in 16 municipalities in 4 provinces. To complement the quantitative analysis, focus group discussions, key informant interviews, and direct observations took place in a subset of 20 barangays in 4 municipalities in 2 provinces. The evaluation showed that the project led to an average increase of 12% in per capita consumption in treatment municipalities, a reduction in poverty rates by 6 percentage-points and year-round road access improved by 9 percentage points. There is some evidence that individuals, especially women, are more likely to be employed as a result of the project, which could explain how per capita consumption increased.

[IDS in Focus Policy Briefing: Making the Most of Resilience](#)

 By Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, *February 2013*
Abstract:

Resilience is becoming a hot topic. The increasing interest it is attracting in the development community offers an opportunity for designing and implementing more effective forms of intervention. Specifically, a variety of actors are proposing resilience as a framework for fostering deeper integration between humanitarian and longer-term development interventions. However, putting it into practice is not necessarily an easy task and many challenges lie ahead. In this briefing we explore how policy makers can make the most of resilience. This includes: defining the concept to make it more relevant to a wider range of development practitioners; building on the concept's strengths but also recognising its weaknesses; addressing these weaknesses by complementing resilience with other relevant concepts.

NEWS FROM THE REGION

[Multimedia: Rural Communities in the Solomon Islands Set Their Development Priorities](#)

In the Solomon Islands, communities are starting to solve problems that they think are most important with support from the Rural Development Program. The five videos, prepared by the EXT Pacific and the project team, showcase a number of community development projects in the provinces of Malaita and Choiseul, including agriculture trainings, teacher housing, community foot bridges, and water supply initiatives. Since 2007, RDP has expanded to eight of the nine provinces in Solomon Islands, helping communities build local level infrastructure; strengthening extension services and training to rural farmers, and supporting rural business development with better access to finance. The US\$30 million dollar project is supported by the World Bank, AusAid, the European Union, International Fund for Agriculture Development, and the Solomon Islands Government.

[Follow the link here to watch the video >>](#)
[Climate Change Adaptation in Coastal Communities in the Philippines](#)

This documentation provides stories, analysis and insights on climate change adaptation using CDD approaches, in the case of the Philippines. The report has seven chapters: The country context; The project; Mobilizing stakeholders for CC Adaptation; The local adaptation initiatives and experience; Initial impacts of adaptation actions; lessons learned and challenges, and; Conclusions and recommendations.

[Please find the report from here >>](#)

[Here is another set of materials on Community-Based Climate Adaptation in the Philippines >>](#)

Innovations in Development: Community-Run Centers Improve Nutrition for Women and Children - Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Project

Although India has seen strong economic growth over the past 20 years, childhood malnutrition rates have remained very high. The prevalence of malnutrition in children under five in India continues to be among the highest in the world – higher even than in Sub-Saharan Africa. A pilot program carried out under the World Bank-supported Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Project has shown that community-managed Nutrition-Cum-Day Care Centers (NDCCs) can make a difference. Although it is too early to measure overall reductions in malnutrition levels, early indicators show that the NDCCs display promising potential to improve the nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women and their children in the long term. This note summarizes the innovative story from the project. [Learn more about their experience from here >>](#)

From Evidence to Policy: Do Grants to Communities Lead to Better Health and Education? (February 2013)

In Indonesia, the World Bank worked with the Government of Indonesia on a community grant program to boost the use of health and education services. The impact evaluation built into the program found that cash transfers to rural communities led to positive impacts on average across health and education indicators, with a strong decline in malnutrition. Communities whose grants were linked to performance-based incentives did even better than those whose grants weren't linked to incentives. This suggests that conditioning grants can produce positive results. Because of the measured impacts, the Government of Indonesia is expanding the community grant program to eight provinces from five and focusing attention on combating malnutrition. And a portion of all grants will now be based on performance. [Find the summary note from here >>](#)

PAST EVENTS

CDD related sessions during the SDN Forum

We have uploaded the materials from the CDD related sessions during the SDN Forum. Please follow the link. The highlighted ones are: CDD Community of Practice (March 1) and CDD Core Course (March 7).

[Please follow the link here to download the materials >>](#)

[For external members, the materials for the CDD Core Course in May 2012 are available here >>](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Fiduciary in CDD in EAP" VideoConference on April 8 (DC time)

As a follow-up to the peer-learning workshop in Jakarta and based on requests received from several of the CDD teams that were not able to attend the event in Jakarta, EAP, OPCS and SDV are jointly hosting a **VC on April 8th that will discuss the paper "Building on Community Institutions: Managing Risks to Achieve Results - A New Paradigm for Fiduciary Support of CDD Projects in EAP"**. This is meant to be both a de-briefing of the workshop in Jakarta, and also an opportunity for feedback/discussion among the EAP teams working on CDD programs to resolve any emerging fiduciary issues and see how they can put into practice this "new paradigm".

Mosaic.net International, Inc: Providing Innovative Solutions to Development Issues

Mosaic.net International, Inc. is a private consulting firm based in Ottawa, Canada offering innovative solutions to development issues. Development is a complex process requiring a wide range of skills and experience. Mosaic's network is comprised of partners from Latin America, Africa and Asia. We work locally & internationally. There are workshops organized by the organization, that would be relevant to the CDD operations such as Result-based Management, Participatory M&E, or Gender, all in July 2013.

[For the internal members, please follow the link here for more information >>](#)

[For the internal/external members, please check the organization's website here >>](#)

COP QUERIES & RESPONSES

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

Query from the CoP: Is there a reference to methodology and some good examples of cost-benefit analyses for CDD projects??

Answer from the CoP: We have actually received the same question several time. There are several resources available. For example, there is a brief note summarizing the economic analyses of three CDD projects. The Philippines KALAHI, Indonesia KDP also had..... [Please follow the link to see the rest of the answer from the CoP here >>](#)

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