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Dear CDD Community of Practice Members,

We hope that all of you found time to spend with your friends and families over the holidays, got some rest, and are enjoying a good start to 2021!

This month's newsletter showcases several stories from the field, from ['Leaking Pot' exercises in Afghanistan](#) to the [lessons from the community and institutional response to COVID in India](#).

Last month saw a fascinating discussion on the role of communities and the future of CDD programming in the context of a high-level panel organized as part of the 2020 Social Sustainability and Inclusion Forum. Dr. Paul Collier, Alka Upadhyaya, and Rowlands Kaotcha reflected on issues ranging from the role of the state, responsibility of communities and potential leadership of women for an audience of some 200 people. If you missed it, you can watch a recording [here](#).

We also organized a well attended LED Series webinar on [The Power of Savings Groups: An Underutilized Platform for Local Economic Development in Africa](#). This webinar was co-hosted by the CDD GSG, Rural Livelihoods and Agriculture Employment GSG, Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and SEEP Network. You

can watch a recording [here](#).

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,

Susan, Nik and Ashutosh

[http://]FEATURE STORY

[Leaking Pot Practice Helps Boost Financial Literacy in Afghanistan](#)

Community-driven “Leaking Pot” exercises are helping impoverished Afghan households plan their spending better by identifying excess expenditures sometimes spent on traditional practices, such as weddings and funerals. The success of the exercise has led many communities to reduce bride prices and other ceremonial expenses, which previously left households in debt. The “Leaking Pot” exercise is part of a series of participatory, community-driven exercises carried out under the Citizens’ Charter Afghanistan Project to help community members understand the economic and social relations and underlying causes of poverty within their communities.



[http://]BLOGS

[What gets in their way? A closer look into why so few women work in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon](#)

Less than 15% of women participate in the labor market in Iraq and Jordan, and only 26% do in Lebanon. In this blog, Miriam Muller and Matthew Wai-Poi share some insights on why so few women work in the formal sector in these countries.



[Machine learning in Uganda brings the power of risk financing to strengthen refugee and host community resilience](#)

In this blog, Chris Mahony, Barry Maher and Zewditu Haile talk about how Displacement Crisis Response Mechanism (DCRM) under the Uganda Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (DRDIP) seeks to develop a new approach to displacement shocks using data modeling and artificial intelligence.



[Woman SHGs roped in for maintenance of community toilets](#)

This article highlights how 58,000 women self-help groups are being linked with employment as they will be entrusted with the management of community toilets being constructed in all gram panchayats in Uttar Pradesh in India.

[\[http://\]](#)PROJECT APPROVALS

[NIGERIA: COVID-19 Action Recovery and Economic Stimulus Program \(P174114\)](#)

The project was approved on December 14, 2020 for \$750 million IDA financing and aims to expand access to livelihood support and food security services, and grants for poor and vulnerable households and firms.

[Second Additional Financing for Citizens' Charter Afghanistan Project \(P173213\)](#)

The project was approved on December 11, 2020 for \$35 million IDA and \$158 million Trust Funds financing and aims to expand access to improve the delivery of core infrastructure, emergency support, and social services to participating communities through strengthened Community Development Councils (CDCs).

[Support for resilient livelihoods in the South of Madagascar \(P171056\)](#)

The project was approved on December 10, 2020 for \$100 million IDA financing and aims to expand access to improve access to basic infrastructure and livelihood opportunities and strengthen local governance in southern Madagascar with a primary focus on youth and women.

[\[http://\]](#)RESEARCH, REPORTS, BRIEFS AND PRESENTATIONS

[Community and Institutional Response to COVID-19 in India: Role of Women's Self-Help Groups and National Rural Livelihoods Mission](#)

This report highlights lessons from ground-level action taken by SHGs and State Rural Livelihoods Missions for crisis response during Covid-19.

[Effective prevention of intimate partner violence through couples training: a randomized controlled trial of Indashyikirwa in Rwanda](#)

Between 2015 and 2018, three civil society organizations in Rwanda implemented Indashyikirwa, a four-part intervention designed to reduce intimate partner violence (IPV) among couples and within communities. Couples recruited from VSLAs received either a 21-session curriculum or VSLA as usual. This paper describes the results.

[http://]RECENT EVENTS

[The Power of Savings Groups: An Underutilized Platform for Local Economic Development in Africa](#)

December 2, 2020

(Local Economic Development – Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery Series)
Co-hosted by the CDD GSG, Rural Livelihoods and Agriculture Employment GSG, Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and SEEP Network.

[Sustainable and Inclusive Communities: Next Generation CDD for SSI](#)

December 8, 2020

(Social Sustainability and Inclusion Forum 2020)

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To share papers, project news, interesting blogs, or upcoming events on CDD and other relevant themes with the CDD CoP, please email the [CDD email](#).

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