Dear CDD Community of Practice Members,

We hope many of you were able to enjoy the end-of-year holidays with family and friends, and that you have had a good start to the new year. Here at the CoP Secretariat we are looking forward to an exciting 2018, including many opportunities to engage with you on operations, analytics, and a bit of fun.

First, an enormous congratulations to the CDD Global Solutions Group! We were honored to win the Stories of Impact award for excellence in Practitioner Support to the CDD community. The credit for this award goes to all of you, the many members of the CDD community that actively engage and help us share knowledge and solve problems.

That knowledge sharing was in full swing this month, when Corey Pattison (a Young Professional in the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group) and I co-hosted a discussion and brainstorming session on CDD operations in FCV contexts. The event brought together practitioners from across the Bank to gather feedback and ideas, which will inform an upcoming knowledge note we are writing on this topic.

This issue of the newsletter includes an update from our Territorial Development GSG colleagues, as well as highlights from a panel on the Bank’s engagement in situations of Fragility, Conflict, and Violence. We also wanted to point out two recent reports on work in Afghanistan: a knowledge note from the Citizen Engagement team on monitoring systems in community development projects, and the recent implementation completion report of the third phase of Afghanistan’s National Solidarity Program (NSP3). Finally, you'll also see a paper on ten years of success in the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (BRLP), also called JEEViKA, which focuses on rural poverty alleviation through local economic development.

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.
Finally, for Bank colleagues, we’re excited to announce that the CDD Core Course will be held on March 1-2. Please contact me if you want more information on this course.

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

With best wishes,

Nik

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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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AWARD

Award Notification: CMAD Award
January 22, 2018
The Community-Driven Development GSG was honored with the Story of Impact – Practitioner Support Award on Community Managers Appreciation Day (CMAD). The event recognizes the efforts and successes of community managers and the community of practice that they manage to progress the Bank’s work in knowledge sharing. CDD won the Practitioner Support Award for achieving impact in providing task teams and client
governments in meeting diverse and growing demands, and connecting practitioners with knowledge, evidence and relevant experiences from across the globe. Congratulations!

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**PREVIOUS EVENTS**

**Roundtable Discussion:** CDD Operations in FCV Contexts  
January 11, 2018

Earlier this month, the CDD GSG together with the Stability, Peace and Security Global Solutions Group hosted a roundtable event on CDD operations in situations of fragility, conflict and violence (FCV). The discussion focused on (i) lessons learned from implementation of CDD operations in FCV contexts; and (ii) the role of CDD approaches in preventing violent conflict, as an input to the operationalization of the *Pathways for Peace* study we included in the previous Newsletter. Participants shared their experiences and insights to inform a forthcoming knowledge note to be authored by Nik Myint and Corey Pattison.

**FCV Deep Dive:** Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the World Bank’s Engagement in Situations of Fragility, Conflict, and Violence  
January 16, 2018

Bank team leaders in FCV projects and related units came together for an in-depth, dynamic event on the evolution of the FCV agenda, current work, and future of operations. Discussants included Ingo Wiederhofer and Laura Bailey, among others, and featured Markus Kostner and Maninder Gill. With active participation by a large audience, the event offered great operational insights. The video of the event can be accessed [here](#).

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**RESEARCH & REPORTS**

**Report:** *A Decade of Rural Transformation: Lessons Learnt from the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (BRLP)*

As part of its ICR process, this paper documents a decade of the BRLP (locally known as JEEViKA). The project ended in 2016 and a follow-on project has begun to build on its successes. The booklet shares lessons learned on local economic development through livelihood enhancement, including financial inclusion, value chains, agriculture intervention, data management, and other issue areas. Many of these topics would be useful for teams interested in the local economic development component of project implementation.

**Report:** *Monitoring Systems in Community Development Projects in Afghanistan*

Several decades of protracted conflict have resulted in weakened government institutions in Afghanistan. In development projects, the role of communities in planning, implementing and monitoring is especially important. In response, projects have developed strong monitoring systems and are experimenting with new monitoring tools. The report examines the Bank’s monitoring system started in the National Solidarity Program (NSP) and its successor, Citizen Charter Afghanistan Project (CCAP).

**Report:** *Afghanistan Implementation Completion and Results*

The Implementation Completion and Results Report (ICR) of the third phase of Afghanistan’s National Solidarity Program (NSP3) is now available online. The project is one of the largest CDD projects globally, operating in an exceptionally challenging environment. As the largest development project in the country, it has provided US$703 million in grants for
more than 50,000 subprojects. The ICR finds that in addition to infrastructure-building components, the project also has supported the strengthening of social capital and community governance, as well as women’s participation and involvement in economic activities.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**Territorial Development GSG Update:** Our colleagues in the [Territorial and Spatial Development GSG](#) have had a busy first half of FY18. The core team has placed a focus on areas of potential growth, like transport corridors, special economic zones, and industrial parks. The GSG organized a [Space and Productivity Conference](#) in September, as well as an in-depth workshop on territorial investment strategies and coordination in specific economic corridors for government officials. The GSG is growing across Bank operations, including projects in Kenya, Colombia, Egypt, Senegal, and Turkey.

**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).