



CDD “WHAT’S HAPPENING”

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Dear CDD Community of Practice Members,

October at the World Bank means Annual Meetings, and with them a chance not only to meet with clients, but also to showcase innovations in development. At this year’s Annual Meetings (AMs), there were several events that touched on the work of the CDD CoP. One we’d like to highlight was the [Technology and Citizen Engagement](#) event on October 12, part of the new World Bank Live series. The animated session featured World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva, as well as other speakers like the Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdullahi, a Budget and Planning Commissioner of Nigeria, and David Sasaki of the Hewlett Foundation. The panelists discussed the fundamental role of civic participation on achieving development goals, and showcased the World Bank’s focus on social inclusion as a central part of its work.

On the sidelines of the AMs, we also co-sponsored a high-level seminar on the interactions between conflict, aid and development in Myanmar. Chaired by EAP VP Victoria Kwakwa with participation by Executive Directors, the seminar introduced a [new study by the Asia Foundation](#) that highlighted the geographic spread and diversity of conflicts in Myanmar, while identifying ways in which aid can support peace and sustainable development. The report noted in particular the contributions of CDD projects, with their ability to adapt to specific local contexts while delivering at scale.

This issue of the newsletter features stories about how community-driven development is supporting rural mountain communities in Afghanistan and improving maternal and child health in Nepal; as well as two fascinating papers appearing in academic journals.

This newsletter is also an opportunity to introduce the newest member of the CDD team. Evan Caplan joins us as the new Communications Consultant for the CDD CoP secretariat. Evan joins us from the Global Facility for

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.

Disaster Risk Reduction (GFDRR) at the Bank. Prior to that, he served in the International Trade Administration at the US Department of Commerce as Deputy Director in the Office of Public Affairs. He has also served in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

Finally, we are getting ready for our first meeting as a Community of Practice this fiscal year. We are holding a CoP/GSG wide meeting on **Thursday, 16 November at 4:30pm in MC4-800**. We will follow this with a happy hour, so mark your calendars! We will follow up with a separate invitation that will also include details to connect colleagues in country offices and on the road via WebEx (though minus the drinks, unless you supply your own).

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

Thanks, and looking forward to seeing many of you next month,

Nik

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 Samuel 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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NEWS FROM THE REGION

Feature Story: [Life Improves for Thousands in Rural Afghanistan with Upgraded Infrastructure in Villages](#)

World Bank

Communities in the mountains of Afghanistan are highly isolated, especially in the winter, when roads are all but impassable. The new Afghanistan Rural Access Project aims to benefit rural communities by improving access to basic services and facilities through all-weather transport linkages. These infrastructural upgrades improved quality of life and boosted local economic growth for more than 20,000 people. Residents themselves participated in project implementation.

BLOGS, RESEARCH & REPORTS

Research Paper: [On the external validity of social preference games: a systematic lab-field study](#)

Matteo M. Galizzi, Daniel Navarro-Martinez, *Management Science*, 2017

The authors conducted a series of experimental lab games to assess the external validity of social preferences elicited in a variety of these. Games. They concluded that the social games do a poor job explaining both results from participants' self-reports, and most significantly, behaviors noticed in the field. Social behaviors are varied and complex, especially in naturally occurring settings, and they caution the use of using lab results to predict such social behavior.

Research Paper: [Radical Decentralization: Does community driven development work?](#)

Katherine Casey, *Stanford Business*, 2017 CDD

The central idea of community driven development is to devolve control over the implementation and financial management of development project to communities. Through randomized control trials, Casey found that CDD does effectively deliver public goods and modest economic returns at low cost in difficult environments, but did not find that CDD transforms local decision-making or empowers the poor in the long-term.

Blog: [Engaging communities in the Golden 1,000 Days in Nepal](#)

Kaori Oshima and Manav Bhattarai on World Bank's *End Poverty In South Asia*

The Government of Nepal's Community Action for Nutrition Project, nicknamed "Golden 1000 Days" about a child's critical first two years of development, aimed to reduce malnutrition of women of reproductive age and children under the age of two, and to provide emergency nutrition and sanitation response to vulnerable populations in earthquake affected areas. The project ran from 2012 to 2017 and was supported by the World Bank. Target areas formed community groups that ensured involvement of women in decision-making processes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event: Community of Practice Meeting and Happy Hour

The CDD CoP/GSG will be hosting a meeting on Thursday, 16 November at 4:30pm in MC4-800 and we would like as many of you to attend as possible. The event will be followed by a festive happy hour to celebrate the holiday season. More information and details to follow.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The CDD Secretariat is looking for a bright, energetic person to join our team here in Washington DC. S/he will help organize innovative knowledge exchange activities and provide overall analytical and operational support to our Community of Practice members. Deadline for applications is Nov. 6. Click [here](#) to view internal job postings [here](#) to view external postings (Job #171874).

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