



**Dear CDD Community of Practice Members,**

This month's newsletter showcases several stories from the field, from Indonesia and Afghanistan to Kenya and Brazil.

We are particularly pleased to highlight in this issue how community-driven development platforms are being used in Indonesia to support the fight against childhood stunting in [a recently approved multi-sectoral P-for-R project](#) that offers one way of thinking about the CDD community's contribution to the human capital initiative.

We are also getting ready for our first BBL this fiscal year, presenting and discussing the findings from a long-term CDD evaluation in Indonesia this Thursday, 11 October from 12:30 to 2:00pm in Room MC 8-736, [so mark your calendars](#) and [click here](#) for more information.

Finally, to respond to some requests we've received of late – yes, please do feel free to share this newsletter with your partners and government counterparts. To sign up for CDD CoP membership and to receive our monthly newsletter, non-Bank staff can [click 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 remember to stay in touch.

With best wishes,

Susan, Nik and Ashutosh

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## FEATURE STORIES



### Indonesia Accelerates Fight Against Childhood Stunting

Despite ongoing process in poverty reduction, more than one out of every three Indonesian children under five years of age -- almost nine million children -- are stunted. Stunting is one of the most urgent challenges in Indonesia and a top priority for the government. The recent US\$400 million loan [Investing in Nutrition and Early Years Program](#) seeks to reduce stunting and enhance human capital by increasing access for pregnant mothers and children under two years old to key services, from health and nutrition to education and sanitation using community-based approaches. This loan, which will link disbursements to specific results, will support the country's US\$14.6 billion [National Strategy to Accelerate Stunting Prevention](#) that aims to benefit 48 million pregnant mothers and children under two years old in the next four years. The program will also benefit from a US\$20 million grant from the [Global Financing Facility](#), a multi-stakeholder partnership that is helping countries tackle the greatest health and nutrition issues affecting women, children and adolescents.



## [Afghan Villagers Stand in Solidarity to Fight Hunger](#)

In a rural community of Balkh province that depends on agriculture and livestock, poor families face hunger in the autumn and winter, when there is no work for them. A new grain bank set up by the village's Community Development Council (CDC), with support from the Citizens' Charter Afghanistan Project, aims to alleviate their struggles. The grain bank is part of a new government initiative to help communities set up philanthropic food reserves for the most vulnerable households, including internally displaced persons and returnees.

## [BLOGS](#)



[Beyond no harm: Addressing gender-based violence in development responses to displacement impacts in Uganda](#)

The [prevalence of GBV](#) is high in Uganda, and violence against children (VAC) also widespread. Since GBV and VAC can be exacerbated in contexts of displacement, the Uganda Development Responses to Displacement Impacts Project (DRDIP) embeds measures to mitigate risks of GBV and promote norms that foster long-term social and cultural change toward gender equality. This includes ensuring that women and girls, along with men and boys, are actively engaged in community-based groups related to the project area or sector.



[Citizens lead Sierra Leone's path to quality service delivery](#)

When was the last time you participated in a community and worked together to reach a common goal? Communities across Sierra Leone are doing just that. Sierra Leone created 19 local councils to deliver services to communities across the country under the Decentralized Service Delivery Program (DSDP) I and II. The DSDP II has established community

monitoring groups (CMGs) to liaise between communities and local councils and are responsible for delivering services to the communities. The CMGs monitor project implementation and help ensure that the services delivered respond to community needs.



### [Engaging citizens in local development: The story of the Tocantins Road Project in Brazil](#)

Miranorte is a small town in northern Brazil, well-known for its pineapple production. During the rainy season, the production cannot reach the markets due to the obstruction of the roads with the water flow. In many places, the roads lack bridges and culverts, jeopardizing both safety and accessibility. In order to address these challenges, the World Bank's Multi-sector Project in Tocantins (2012-2019), which includes a rural road component, decided to hear firsthand from the community about their priorities for development and inputs in the selection of roads that needed improvement. Aside from a practical and transparent approach, the consultations compensated for the lack of information required for conventional planning.



### [Why community contribution is important in projects and how it is facilitated – the DRDIP Ethiopia Story](#)

The communities that are the intended beneficiaries of projects are too poor to contribute. It is common to hear this sentiment expressed both among task teams, but also clients, when referring to development projects that require community contributions. However, evidence from Ethiopia DRDIP shows that community contribution can be important to not only ensure ownership and commitment from the people supported by the project but also to support the sustainability of the investments.

## **PROJECT APPROVALS**

### [Niger Refugees and Host Communities Support Project \(P164563\)](#)

The project was approved on September 30, 2018 for \$80 million IDA financing and aims to improve access to basic services and economic opportunities for refugees and host communities in select areas in the Republic of Niger.

[Afghanistan - Women's Economic Empowerment Rural Development Project \(P164443\)](#)

The project was approved on September 28, 2018 for \$25 million IDA financing, and \$75 million from the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund, and aims to increase social and economic empowerment of poor rural women in selected communities.

[Senegal Investing in the Early Years for Human Development \(P161332\)](#)

The project was approved on September 28, 2018 for \$75 million IDA financing, and aims to improve delivery of select services that promote early childhood development in underserved areas of Senegal.

[Chad – Refugees and Host Communities Support Project \(P164748\)](#)

The project was approved on September 12, 2018 for \$60 million IDA financing and aims to improve access of refugees and host communities to basic services, livelihoods, and safety nets, and strengthen country systems to manage refugees.

[Benin - Community and Local Government Basic Social Services Project \(P163560\)](#)

The project was approved on July 6, 2018 for \$40 million IDA financing and aims to improve access to decentralized basic social services and social safety nets, and to strengthen the social protection system.

[DRC – Productive Inclusion Project \(P163962\)](#)

The project was approved on June 28, 2018 for \$200 million IDA financing and aims to establish the core building blocks of a safety net system and improve the access of poor households to productive safety nets interventions.

### [Nigeria for Women Project \(P161364\)](#)

The project was approved on June 27, 2018 for \$100 million IDA financing, and aims to support improved livelihoods for women in targeted areas of Nigeria.

### [Myanmar National Community Driven Development Project \(P166734\)](#)

This additional financing was approved on June 27, 2018 and provides \$3 million in grant financing from the Myanmar Multi-Donor Trust Fund to scale up the Myanmar national CDD project, which aims to enable poor rural communities to benefit from improved access to and use of basic infrastructure and services through a people-centered approach.

### [Indonesia - Investing in Nutrition and Early Years \(P164686\)](#)

The project was approved on June 21, 2018 for \$400 million IBRD financing, and \$20 million from the Multi Donor Trust Fund for the Global Financing Facility. The objective of the project is to increase simultaneous utilization of nutrition interventions by 1,000-day households in priority districts.

## **RESEARCH AND REPORTS**

### [Untapping Potential: Household Enterprises in Tanzania](#)

The World Bank in collaboration with the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) conducted an assessment and prepared a report on the constraints and opportunities faced by non-farm household enterprise owners when starting and growing a business. As per the report, the major constraints household enterprise owners face when starting or growing a business are: lack of access to financial resources; weak markets and high competition among themselves; and lack of skills. The report also identified severe weather conditions (i.e. droughts and rainy season) as a risk for their businesses and their communities. Finally, the report concludes with recommendation for TASAF and the Tanzanian government as they move forward towards the next phase of the Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) program.



## [Understanding and Addressing Gender-Based Violence](#)

Recognizing that GBV is a complex and multifaceted problem that cannot effectively be addressed from a single vantage point, the Kenya Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (KDRDIP) seeks to support specific actions within and across the various subprojects. This note introduces and provides background on the sector-specific practice notes developed for KDRDIP subprojects for health; education; livelihoods; labor-intensive public works; and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

## EVENTS

The CDD Global Solutions Group is hosting a BBL ***Findings from a Long-Term CDD Evaluation in Indonesia*** on Thursday, October 11; 12:30-2:00pm in Room MC 8-736.

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