



Strengthening Work in Conflict-Affected Countries Through Research



The International Development Committee have published a report on **'Working in fragile and conflict-affected states: DRC and Rwanda'**. The

report is timely: DFID is scaling up its work in challenging environments with 21 out of 28 (75%) of its focus countries being fragile or conflict affected.



Empowerment: A Journey not a destination



The DFID-funded Pathways of Women's Empowerment Programme has launched the findings and recommendations from five years of

research. The synthesis report draws on the collective works of **60 academic-activists in 12 countries on four continents**.



Dissemination, Communication and the Social Life of Research Impact

There is an ever greater need to think about information and knowledge flow – what works and what doesn't. As the demand for effective research communication grows it is important that we understand more clearly the different concepts attached to this practice.

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Addressing Teacher Shortages

This systematic review aims to find out how effective contract teachers are at imparting learning compared to regular teachers. It also aims to discover to what extent contract teachers succeed in addressing teacher shortages.





Economic Empowerment of the Poorest Programme

The Shiree/Economic Empowerment of the Poorest (EEP) project is a Challenge Fund specifically working with the extreme poor – or those ‘at the bottom of the ladder’ - in Bangladesh.

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Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium

The Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC) aims to provide a stronger evidence base about how people make a living, educate their children, deal with illness and access other basic services in conflict affected situations.

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Increasing Community Accountability and Empowerment to Improve Education Outcomes

This systematic review aims to improve understanding of the links between community accountability and empowerment and education outcomes in low and middle income countries, and to clarify the circumstances in which interventions improve education outcomes, particularly for the poor.

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Land Property Rights Interventions for Increasing Agricultural Productivity in Developing Countries

The review aims to systematically analyse evidence on land property rights interventions to better understand what specific interventions lead to improvements in productivity of the rural poor in developing countries, especially that of women, and what specific factors enable or limit productivity improvements.

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Mobility, Transport and Rural Access in Sub-Saharan Africa: The challenges of travel to key services

G. Porter, PowerPoint Presentation, AFCAP Workshop on Rural Accessibility and Mobility, 2011, 26 pages

This presentation discusses transport service constraint, and the effects on access to services including health care, education and markets. It was presented at the **5th Africa Transportation Technology Transfer Conference** in Arusha, Tanzania.

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Future Health Systems Podcast: A visit to Kabul

A. Agarwal, J. Knezovich, K. Osei-Bosnu and M. Roach, FHS Podcast 2, 2011, play time 20:23

In this podcast from Future Health Systems, Jeff Knezovich visits the FHS Afghanistan team in Kabul to find out what sort of research they're currently undertaking, what challenges they face in attempting research in an insecure environment, and what it's like living and working in difficult security situations.

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Participation and Performance in Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Improving policy and practice

K. M. Lewin, P. Wasanga, E. Wanderi and A. Somerset, University of Sussex, 2011, 67 pages

This paper explores aspects of exclusion from education and how patterns of participation have been changing using national data sets. The first part of the analysis uses administrative data from countries in Sub Saharan Africa to chart enrolments by grade over the last decade and explore how enrolment has been changing in terms of grade, gender, and age.

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The Impact of Transparency and Accountability Initiatives

J. Gaventa and R. McGee, Development Policy Review, 2012, 33 pages



Transparency and accountability initiatives (TAIs) have taken democratisation, governance, aid and development circles by storm since the turn of the century. This issue of Development Policy Review arises from a study of the impact and effectiveness of transparency and accountability initiatives in different development sectors.

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Local Governance and ICTs in Africa: Case studies and guidelines for implementation and evaluation

T.M. Waema and E.O. Adera (eds.), Pambazuka Press, IDRC, 2011 353 pages

This book addresses the lack of evidence on ICTs in local governance in Africa. At its heart lies the conviction that ICT can enable local governments to engage citizens to participate in democratic processes and to engage in public sector management so creating socio-economic developments at local and national levels.

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The Ghana Atlas of Birth

F. Amoako-Johnson, A. Baschieri, P. Nyarko, Z. Matthews, P. Gething, P. Atkinson, J. Falkingham, F. Frempong-Ainguah, F. Dodoo and V. Okine, White Ribbon Alliance, 2011, 30 pages

Improving maternal health has been established as a key development priority and is associated, through the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), with the eradication of poverty. This illustrated map book for policymakers with maternal health, poverty and other related indicators at subnational level.

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International Conference on Evidence-Informed Policy Making

Evidence-informed policy making has become a hot topic in



international development. It is therefore crucial to build the demand for research information from policy makers. This event runs from **27 to 29 February 2012** at the **National Centre for Technology Management (NACETEM)** conference center, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

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Global Forum for Health Research

From **24 to 26 April 2012**, the Council on Health Research and Development Group (The COHRED Group) in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology of South Africa, will jointly host 'Forum 2012' in Cape Town, South Africa.

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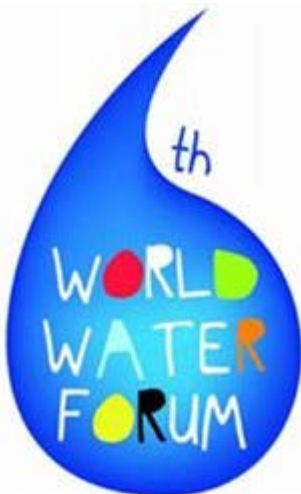


New Young Lives Publication: Multidimensionality Matters

Multidimensionality Matters is the first publication in a series of three books produced by the DFID-funded research programme Young Lives. Topics include the ethics of research, the long-term causes and consequences of childhood poverty, and the resilience and optimism shown by children and their families.

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6th World Water Forum Aims to make Water High on all Political Agendas

A safe water supply remains a challenge in many parts of the world and disparities in urban and rural sanitation coverage remain daunting.

The 6th World Water Forum, **12th to 17th March 2012**, aims to tackle the challenges our world is facing by mobilising creativity, innovation, competence and know-how in favour of water.

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