With support from DFID (or UK aid) and IDRC, PEP has recently launched a first call for proposals, in the context of a new multi-country initiative entitled PEP Analysis on Growth and Employment (PAGE). In accordance with PEP’s core mission, this initiative comprises an important “capacity building” component, and thus the selection of a number of developing country research teams (with priority given to LICs, fragile and conflict states), to benefit from the unique and manifold “PEP support program”, in the conduct of high quality research projects.

Deadline: Please note that proposals must be submitted before November 5 for all projects but CBMs. CBMs proposals can be submitted until December 7, 2012.

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A few examples are provided below, but the complete list can be found here: Recent policy findings of PEP researchers in developing countries.

Nigeria

Analyzing the impact of remittances on poverty in Nigeria

In this study, a team of Nigerian PEP researchers analyzes the impact of remittances on poverty in their home country, using data from the 2004 Nigerian National Living Standard Survey (NNLSS). The team finds that both internal and international remittances reduce the incidence, depth and severity of poverty. According to their results, the receipt of internal remittances reduces the poverty headcount by 11.14% and poverty gap by 9.7%, while the receipt of international remittances makes poverty indices almost nil. Find out more about the research outcomes and what the analysts recommend in terms of related policies, through their recently published research paper.

Research Team: Nnaemeka Chukwuone | Ebele Amaechina | Benjamin Okpukpara | Evelyn Iyoko | Sunday E. Enebeli-Uzar

China

Setting up the uniform social security system under huge labour migration in China

Migrant workers have made substantial contributions to China’s urban-economic development in recent years, but have not been provided with access to a corresponding social security system. In particular, the issue of the transfer and continuation of their pension insurance between jurisdictions has not been resolved, resulting in a low participation rate of migrant workers in the current pension insurance scheme. In 2009, two new policies were proposed to safeguard their social security. In this particular PEP study, a team of Chinese researchers assessed the effectiveness of these policies, using modeling and simulation techniques. Find out how limited such effectiveness turned out to be and what complementary policies the researchers recommend to implement to fulfill the said purposes.

Research Team: Yaxiong Zhang | Kun Zhao | Jilong Li

Colombia

Poverty impacts of agricultural policy adjustments in an opening economy: the case of Colombia

In 2007, the government of Colombia implemented a policy package based on direct support measures for the agricultural sector, known as Agriculture Secure Income (AIS from its Spanish language acronym), which aims both to protect farmers’ income and enhance sectoral competitiveness. The researchers supported by PEP in this particular study set out to assess the short run effects of AIS on agricultural production, resource use, wage levels and poverty in Colombia, using a combination of CGE modelling and microsimulation techniques. The researchers’ findings led them to conclude that the AIS policy has very limited potential to achieve the objectives and purposes for which it was implemented. Find out what these specific findings are and the ensuing recommendations to address the related issues.

Research Team: Ricardo Arguello | Daniel Valderrama Gonzalez | Sandra Acero Walteros

policy findings

In recent months, PEP has published the findings and outcomes of several projects that were selected and supported through previous calls for proposals. These projects address a wide range of policy and welfare issues in a variety of countries, e.g. from agricultural policy adjustments in Colombia, to remittances in Nigeria, social protection in China and tax reforms in Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment

NEW PEP CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment

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county initiative, involving the support of (up to) 70 study projects on “Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment” (PAGE) issues, led by small teams of researchers in developing countries, especially in low income countries, fragile and conflict states. The initiative, co-funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom (or UK aid) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, draws on PEP’s manifold expertise in terms of methodological approaches and research capacity building. The fast (2012) of three rounds’ call for proposals was launched in early September. Find out more...
training and workshops

At the initial and core component of PEP’s mission has always been to build/strengthen local research capacities in the South, the organization of intensive training workshops in developing countries has been part of its regular set of activities since its creation in 2002. “PEP School” offer “on-site” and personalized training, provided by world-leading experts, in a variety of cutting-edge research methodologies, tools and concepts of development economics, to help local researchers in developing countries contribute to the design of effective national growth and poverty reduction strategies.

Forthcoming PEP training workshops

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conferences

PEP’s program for capacity building in developing countries also comprises a “policy outreach” component, through which PEP encourages and supports researchers in implementing an effective communication and dissemination strategy, in order to inform the largest possible audience (policy makers, donors, researchers and other stakeholders) of their findings and recommendations. Among other activities, PEP provides funding and guidance for researchers to organize a national policy conference in their home country, or to present their work at a relevant international conferences. For example:


Spotlight on PEP researchers in Asia and Latin America. Several PEP researchers were invited to present their PEP-supported research work and findings regarding the impact of the global financial crisis in their respective countries, during important regional meetings hosting high-level policy audiences.

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso – September 10, 2012 and UNICEF HQ, NY (USA) – September 17, 2012

PEP researchers present the main findings and recommendations from a UNICEF-commissioned study on child welfare issues in Burkina Faso to national and international stakeholders.

PEP Africa hosted the 2012 PEGNet Conference on “How to Make African Economic Lions: Tapping Africa’s Growth and Poverty Reduction Potentials”, which provided a platform for high-level dialogue between development researchers, practitioners and policymakers. One particular panel of the conference was dedicated to the presentation of three PEP impact evaluation projects led by local research teams in Kenya, Senegal and Uganda.

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PEP’s 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!

On October 1st, 2012, PEP celebrated the 10th anniversary of its creation. To mark the event, PEP has not only revitalized its image with a new logo, but also published a brief overview of the organization’s history, achievements, expansion and evolution over the past decade.

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hot peppers

PEP Program Coordinator Jean-Yves Duclos has been appointed as the Director of Université Laval’s Department of Economics.

Thanks in part to the experience gained through his PEP-supported research projects, PEP researcher Jean Claude Nsabimana has been hired as Assistant Professor for the Department of Economic and Administrative Sciences, at the University of Burundi.

Former PEP-affiliated student at Université Laval, Agnes Zabsonre, was awarded with the 2011-2012 Governor’s General Gold Medal for the excellence of her doctoral grades, and especially her thesis “Welfare Comparisons When Populations Differ in Size”, co-directed by PEP Director John Cockbum and Program Coordinator Jean-Yves Duclos.
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