**Cameron**

**PAGE – Macro implications of female entrepreneurs facing financial frictions to access credit in Cameroon**

This study aims to assess the effects of financial frictions faced by female entrepreneurs on macroeconomic performance in Cameroon, using advanced techniques of CGE modeling. Their analysis shows that such frictions appear because, when borrowing from the banking sector, female entrepreneurs face restrictions related to collateral. Their findings also suggest that, when the female sector (relatively more labor-intensive) is granted loans to the same extent as the male sector (more capital-intensive), it performs better in terms of value-added in GDP; meanwhile, both sectors have complementary roles in sustaining economic activity in the context of economic downturn. Find out more through the following PEP publications:

- **Policy brief 129**
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**Reports and publications:** Project webpage and video | Working paper 2016-02 | Working paper 2016-03 | Project brief 129 | Project brief 130

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**Kyrgyz Republic**

**PAGE – Impact of remittances on youth labor supply: evidence from Kyrgyzstan**

The objective of this study is to investigate the impact of remittances from international migration on the occupational choice and working hours of left-behind youth in Kyrgyzstan. From the analysis of second-wave data from the “Life in Kyrgyz Republic” survey, the researchers find evidence that, when facing difficulties in finding employment, the left-behind youth tend to migrate to work beyond the household, and that this “occupational choice” is mainly influenced by gender differences and education level. The study also highlights that, although remittances do not promote unemployment nor generate dependency amongst left-behind, they are primarily used to finance current consumption expenditures rather than business or entrepreneurial activities. Find out more through the following PEP publications:

- **Policy brief 130**
- **Policy brief 131**

**Reports and publications:** Working paper 2016-05 | Working paper 2016-06 | Project brief 130 | Project brief 131

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**Conference**

**12th CBMS-Philippines National Conference**

February 29 to March 2, 2016 – Manila, Philippines

Around 670 delegates - policymakers and program implementers at the national and local levels, as well as officials and representatives of development partner agencies, private corporations, NGOs and the academe - from across the Philippines were gathered in Quason City, from February 29 to March 2, to share and discuss best practices and strategies in the implementation and uses of CBMS for various development concerns.

In the context of the 25th anniversary of the implementation of the country’s “local government code”, this year’s conference focused on the theme “Pursuing meaningful devolution through CBMS.” The event mainly featured presentations and discussions on the achievements and challenges of governance devolution, and the role of CBMS in empowering local government units (LGUs) and communities in the process. The 3-day plenary also tackled emerging issues, best practices and strategies in generating jobs through entrepreneurship, particularly for the youth, and in providing social protection for the informal sector. Find out more here.

**PEP National Policy Conferences**

Between December 2015 and February 2016, three teams of local researchers in Nigeria, Chad and Senegal, who recently completed projects supported by PEP under the PAGE initiative, organized conferences to present and discuss their PEP findings with key policy actors, including high-level officials from various ministries, and several other stakeholders at the local/national level.

Follow these links to find out more about each of these events:

- **December 18, 2015**: Microcredit and poverty alleviation in Nigeria
- **December 22, 2015**: Education language choice and youth entrepreneurship in Chad
- **February 18, 2016**: Female entrepreneurship, access to credit and firms’ performance in Senegal

In all three cases, the PEP presentations were followed by active discussions with the attendants, including government representatives who eventually confirmed that the findings would serve to inform future policy initiatives. All three events benefited from wide media coverage at the national level, and researchers were later invited to participate in further consultations with key policy actors and organizations.

**PEP participates in the first conference of the STAARS initiative**

December 4-5, 2015 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The first event held in the context of the STAARS initiative – which aims to support high-quality research and capacity building in the fields of African Agriculture and Rural Space – brought together top-tier researchers and high-level policymakers from around the world to advance the dialogue on structural transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The conference was organized by Cornell University, technical leader of the STAARS consortium, of which PEP is also a member. As such, PEP also contributed to the event by extending support to three young researchers from Benin, Ethiopia and Niger, selected through a competitive process, to present papers in the conference, which featured a total of 24 presentations. The selected Niger paper resulted from research carried out under the PEP-PAGE Initiative. Find out more here.
June 4-10, 2014 - Manila, Philippines

2014 PEP Annual Conference and 13th general meeting

Development researchers and practitioners, eminent scholars, representatives of international organizations and policy actors, from at least 30 different countries, will gather to discuss a variety of research and policy issues under the broad theme of "Growth and employment for shared prosperity and social resilience".

The event will feature a series of technical sessions to review evidence from research supported under the PEP-PAGE initiative, training in research communications, and a high-level policy forum for researchers and policy actors to share views on key issues related to “Policies for inclusive growth and reducing inequality and vulnerability in Asia”.

Find out more

PEP findings will also soon be available at the following international events:
- Global Research Symposium on "Labour Market Transitions of Young Women and Men: Innovative research from 30 "school-to-work transition survey" (SWTS) datasets" (ILO, IZA and the Youth Employment Programme) in Geneva, Switzerland, on March 23, 2016.

Other news

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The 9th Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (IEN), led by one of PEP's lead researchers, Maria Laura Alba, will be organized and hosted by CEDLAS, PEP long-time collaborator, in La Plata, Argentina, on March 15-11. Read more

PEP partner in Latin America, GRADE, ranks among the best social policy think tanks in the world. In the 2015 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report. Read more

The December 2015 issue of the CBMS Network Update is now online available. Featuring the following articles:
- Social protection to the informal sector in Burkina Faso
- Second round of CBMS survey conducted in Tandil, Argentina
- CBMS Network organized ROMEP technical workshop
- The CBMS-Kenyan research team completes training of local enumerators
- Evaluation of UNICEF's UCT program

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All members of the PEP team would also like to offer their deepest sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues of PEP researchers Dr. Fernando Gilrzman, and Dr. Divine Kiwelo, who both recently passed away.

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Spillovers from off-farm self-employment opportunities in rural Niger

By Senalpion Dedehouanou, Aichatou Oussenni, Abdouladjale Lacoual Harouna and Mamoumamata Jobe (WP 2016:08)

Dutch disease, informal employment and productivity in Colombia

By Ricardo Arguello, Dora Elena Jiménez García, Francisco, USA, on Jan 20, 2016 (WP 2016:07)

Is microfinance truly useless for poverty reduction and women empowerment? A Bayesian spatial-population-scale property evaluation in Bolivia

By Rolando Gonzales, Joel Mendízabal and Patricia Aranda (WP 2016:06)

Remittances impact on youth labour supply: evidence from Kyrgyzstan

By Kemalbek Karymyshiev, Buruchka Sulamanyova, Kadyrbek Sultikeev and Rashidkhan Abdieva (WP 2016:05)

Impact des politiques fiscales et d’emploi sur le secteur informel et la pauvreté au Cameroun


A static CGE model of the Mongolian economy

By Ragchaasuren Galbadr, Munir-Iheedail Bayargaraj, Naasangtogt Huiranjid, Tulsmaan Tur, Tsalmaa Baatarzorig and Tuvshintugs Batdelger (WP 2016:03)

Macroeconomic implications of female entrepreneurs facing financial frictions to access to credit: A DSGE model approach in Cambodia

By Thierry Kaner Baboliko, Adele Michelle Ngong Ilung, Sandra Kendo and Martin Jouels Ninzaana Bounaud (WP 2016:02)

The impact of a rural microcredit scheme targeting women on household vulnerability and empowerment: evidence from South West Nepal

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