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EVIDENCE TO ACTION: BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH GRADUATION PROGRAMS

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Building resilience within poor and vulnerable populations is essential for sustainable poverty reduction.



Multi-dimensional “Graduation” programs providing layered interventions that include life-skills training, cash transfers, productive asset transfers, access to financial services and community mentoring have generated impressive development impacts and resilience among the poorest and most vulnerable.

This one-day conference, hosted by the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Assets and Market Access, will discuss emerging evidence on graduation programs from around the region and stimulate discussions with donors and implementing partners on how best to use this evidence to design interventions for significant and sustainable impacts.

I4

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The AMA Innovation Lab’s Index Insurance Innovation Initiative (I4) is pushing the frontier of knowledge and action on agricultural index insurance as a tool for small-scale farmers and pastoralists to manage weather and other risks, increasing their long-term self-sufficiency and resilience.

I4 began in partnership with USAID, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization and Oxfam America. Since then, I4 has grown into a broader AMA Innovation Lab initiative to improve index insurance quality and accessibility for small-scale agricultural households as a tool for achieving self-reliance and resilience.

AGENDA

8:30 am to 9:00 am Registration and Coffee

MORNING SESSION

9:00 am to 9:30 am Welcome from USAID

Resilience and Poverty Traps: Introduction by the AMA Innovation Lab

9:30 am to 10:30 am Do multifaceted graduation programs help the extreme poor?: Evidence from Six Countries

Presenter: Robert Osei, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), Ghana

Commentator; Michael Carter, Feed the Future AMA Innovation Lab and UC Davis

10:30 am to 10:45 am Coffee/Tea Break

10:45 am to 11:45 am Do multifaceted graduation programs help the extreme poor?: Evidence from Northern Kenya

Presenter: Vilas Gobin, Ministry of Finance, Guyana

Commentator: Helen Dalton, The BOMA Project

11:45 am to 12:45 pm Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

12:45 pm to 1:30 pm Resilient Graduation: Why pairing a Graduation Program with Index Insurance Makes Sense

Presenter: Michael Carter, University of California, Davis

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm Panel: Evidence to Action: A Resilient Graduation Pilot in Northern Kenya

Presenters: Andrew Mude, International Livestock Research Institute; Helen Dalton, BOMA Project

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Group Discussion: Ongoing Challenges and Possible Future Directions

Tim Waites, DFID and Adam Norikane, USAID

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The AMA Innovation Lab mission is to conduct and support research on policies and programs designed to help poor and smallholder farmers worldwide to manage risk, adopt productive technologies and take an active part in economic growth.

With core funding from the USAID Bureau for Food Security to support the U.S. government's global hunger and food security initiative, our research agenda focuses on:

- Financial innovations and risk management
- Adoption of more productive agricultural technologies
- Synergies possible by bundling financial and technological innovations



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