# **Bi-weekly Newsletter**

# **MEASURE-BiH**

December 6 - December 18, 2015

#### **Program Evaluation Learning Resources**

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 3ie Working Paper Series: <a href="http://www.3ieimpact.org/en/publications/working-papers/">http://www.3ieimpact.org/en/publications/working-papers/</a>

World Bank Institute (WBI), Evaluation Resources: <u>http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/WBI/0, content/MDK:20396074~pagePK:209023~piPK:335094~theSitePK:213799,00.html</u>

Center for Distributive, Labor and Social Studies (CEDLAS), Publications: <u>http://www.cedlas-er.org/publications</u>

Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy, Related Resources: <u>http://evidencebasedprograms.org/related-resources</u>

Public Health England, Collection of Resources on Evaluation – CoRE: <u>http://www.noo.org.uk/core</u>

#### **Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts**

#### Impact as Narrative

How to design performance measures to better measure impact: An interview with Peter Schochet, Senior Fellow, Mathematica Policy Research

<u>Getting to the goals: What we know and don't know about sustainable</u> solutions for poverty eradication

Does Evaluation Advance Environment and Sustainable Development?



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **December 15**

Enhancing the use of evaluation to support the achievement of gender equality (webinar)

#### September 26

<u>12<sup>th</sup> EES Biennial Conference: Evaluation</u> <u>futures in Europe and beyond.</u> <u>Connectivity, Innovation, and Use</u>

#### **Useful Sites**

http://www.socialimpactassessment.com http://cedre.org.my/home/ http://www.theclearinitiative.org/

#### **Examples of Evaluation Projects**

Independent evaluation of the ILO's strategy for Technical Cooperation 2010 – 2015

What happens once the intervention ends? The medium-term impacts of a cash transfer programme in Malawi

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#### Activities of the MEASURE-BiH staff

During the 4<sup>th</sup> CDESS training (Dec 8-11), Mr. Jacob Benus, founder of the Impaq International, shared his views and opinions, and introduced the attending Research Fellows with features, differences and some practical examples of the experimental and non-experimental design while implementing evaluation projects.

Final Evaluation Report on the Impact of USAID and SIDA Fostering Interventions for Rapid Market Advancement (FIRMA), prepared independently by IMPAQ International under USAID MEASURE-BiH, was published on December 10, 2015. The publication is available at: <u>https://goo.gl/3T2aHT</u>.

The Evaluators' Institute (TEI), that continues its work in its new home at Claremont Graduate University, announced two new programs in evaluation for 2016. The schedules for the upcoming year can be found at: <u>http://tei.cgu.edu/</u>.

#### **Relevant Publications**

## What hides behind extended periods of youth unemployment in Bosnia and Herzegovina? Evidence from individual level data

The paper provides the first empirical analysis on youth unemployment duration in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The study is based on micro data from the Household Survey Panel Series (2001-04). The analyses are carried out separately for young men and women.

## Stimulating Managerial Capital in Emerging Markets: The Impact of Business and Financial Literacy for Young Entrepreneurs

This paper studies the impact of a comprehensive business and financial literacy program on firm outcomes of young entrepreneurs in an emerging post-conflict economy, Bosnia and Herzegovina.



#### **Recommended Reading**

#### Evaluation in the Extreme: Research, Impact and Politics in Violently Divided Societies

The book emerges from an exploratory joint research project between International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) aiming to map some of the most vexing challenges and promising avenues for improving research and evaluation practice in societies affected by violence and conflict. One of the particularly notable elements of the project was the way it unexpectedly created a number of parallel channels for engaging and exploring its core issues, and for expanding the number and diversity of those wrestling with these issues.

#### **Health in Impact Assessments**

This publication aims to provide a detailed and balanced view on "health in impact assessments". Five key types of impact assessment, namely environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, social impact assessment, sustainability assessment, and HIA are presented. This analysis suggests that the potential of impact assessments to protect and promote health is underutilized.