# **Bi-weekly Newsletter**

# **MEASURE-BiH**

October 26 - November 6, 2015



# BREAKING NEWS: TEI is moving to Claremont Graduate University

The TEI Advisory Board and Founding Director, Dr. Midge M. F. Smith are pleased to announce that the Claremont Graduate University (CGU) is the new home for TEI. This transition should involve little substantive change for TEI Participants. Dr. Ann Doucette will remain as TEI Director and no changes have been made to the 2016 schedule of course.

# **Program Evaluation Learning Resources**

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/Mixed\_Methods\_Evaluations Technical Note.pdf

http://www.iaia.org/publications-resources/iaia-member-videos.aspx

http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/publicationsanddocuments.htm

http://coalition4evidence.org/468-2/publications/

http://www.unevaluation.org/document/guidance-documents

# **Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts**

Working with Parliament's Members to strengthen demand and use of evaluation in public policies

Moving Beyond Microcredit

How UNDP is positioning itself in a growing donor environment

What social media can do for democracy

<u>Executive Order -- Using Behavioral Science Insights to Better Serve the American People</u>

**Upcoming Events** 

# **November 9**

2nd Africa Monitoring and Evaluation Symposium, Nairobi, Kenya

#### **December 9**

AEA Evaluation 2015: Exemplary Evaluations in a Multi-Cultural World, Chicago

**Useful Sites** 

www.alnap.org

http://www.socialimpactassessment.com

http://www.ioce.net/en/

www.bheval.com

**Examples of Evaluation Projects** 

ILO-SCORE Assessment of the Working Time Demonstration in SCORE Program Factories in Indonesia

Final performance evaluation (March-May 2015): agricultural credit enhancement (ACE) program

#### **Activities of the MEASURE-BiH staff**

On October 28-29, members of MEASURE-BiH staff participated at the <u>First WBEN Conference in Sarajevo</u> (announcement of the Conference provided in previous issue of the newsletter). Our CoP, Ms Naida Carsimamovic Vukotic presented a paper "Impact Evaluation of USAID and Sida Fostering Agricultural Market Activity (FARMA)", and our Senior Research Fellow Nermin Oruc presented a paper "Wider Benefits of Investments in Cultural Heritage in BiH", together with one of CDESS Research Fellows Nina Brankovic. Both presentations are available on our shared drive.



#### **Relevant Publications**

# Understanding participation in development: towards a framework

Recent research literature reflects a current high level of interest in understanding the links between participation and development. In particular, there have been attempts to summarize large bodies of evidence about the effects of participation. Much of the theoretical literature on participation and associated development interventions derives from a normative and hierarchical model of change that lacks contextual and institutional insights. A review of the empirical and theoretical literature suggests that a more disaggregated and less normative approach to the analysis of participation is required to create an understanding of the conditions under which participatory approaches may further development objectives, and to aid the design of specific interventions. This perspective has driven the design of a simple analytical framework outlined in this paper, and its proof-of-concept application in the Malawi health sector.

# Recommended Reading

# **Advocating for Evaluation: A toolkit**

The toolkit contains guidance and tools on how to plan, design, implement, monitor and evaluate advocacy strategies to promote national evaluation policies and systems that are equity-focused and gender-responsive. This toolkit helps users understand the role of advocacy in increasing demand for evaluation, and develop operational strategies to promote demand for evaluation services.

# National evaluation policies for sustainable and equitable development

The purpose of this book is to provide guidance on how to integrate gender equality issues into national evaluation policies and systems (NEPSs) that are being implemented in an increasing number of developing countries around the world, with the aim of making them gender-responsive. The document is intended for all of the different public and private-sector agencies involved in the design, implementation and use of evaluations of development policies and programs as well as organizations concerned about ensuring that evaluations address issues such as gender equality, social equity and human rights.