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Introduction

Welcome to the second June edition of the [Livelihoods Resource Centre](#) eBulletin. In this edition we look at the latest LRC news, publications relating to livelihoods and highlight various events, meetings and conferences that may be of interest.

We continue to welcome your reports, comments, suggestions and letters on any livelihoods subject you wish to raise within the Livelihoods cadre or think will be of general interest to readers. Please email lrc@htspe.com with submissions.

NEW! DFID Launch their new Livelihoods News Facebook Page



DFID has launched an exciting new **Livelihoods News Facebook page** linked to DFID's main Facebook page. It is an interactive site designed to inform and bring to life the great work the DFID Livelihoods group is doing to alleviate poverty all around the world.

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LRC News

Policy Briefs on Market Volatility, Vulnerability and Food Security in Bangladesh, DFID Bangladesh

In May 2008, the LRC was commissioned by DFID Bangladesh to manage a range of communication events to promote policy dialogue as well as the preparation and production of five synthesised policy briefs on Market Volatility, Vulnerability and Food Security in Bangladesh. The aim was to detail evidence-based recommendations on adequate policy and programming responses to the likely impacts of food price inflation and hikes in the immediate and longer term.

The Policy briefs on Market Volatility, Vulnerability and Food Security in Bangladesh have been published by the [Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies](#) (BIDS) and are available to view. Please click on the following links:



1. [Implications for Human Development - Impacts of Food Price Volatility on Nutrition and Schooling](#)
2. [Price Support, Domestic Procurement Programme and Public Stock Management](#)
3. [Rice Technologies: Strategic Choices and Policy Options](#)
4. [Input Prices, Subsidies and Farmers' Incentives](#)
5. [Rethinking Food Security Strategy: Self-sufficiency or Self-reliance.](#)

Related articles:

[‘The Impact of Asset Transfer on Livelihoods of the Ultra Poor in Bangladesh,’ BRAC, April 2009.](#)

Implications of Higher Global Food Prices for Poverty in Low-Income Countries: [Livelihoods Connect Brief](#); [Full report](#), World Bank.

[Understanding Chronic Poverty and Poverty Dynamics in Rural Bangladesh: Briefs](#), IFPRI, August 2008.

Publications

Participatory Impact Assessment: A Guide for Practitioners Feinstein International Center, October 2008

‘The Feinstein International Center has been developing and adapting participatory approaches to measure the impact of livelihoods based interventions since the early nineties. Drawing upon this experience, this guide aims to provide practitioners with a broad framework for carrying out project level Participatory Impact Assessments (PIA) of livelihoods interventions in the humanitarian sector. Other than in some health, nutrition, and water interventions in which indicators of project performance should relate to international standards, for many interventions there are no ‘gold standards’ for measuring project impact. This guide aims to bridge this gap by outlining a tried and tested approach to measuring the impact of livelihoods projects. The tools in the guide have been field tested over the past two years in a major research effort, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and involving five major humanitarian NGOs working across Africa.’

To view the report, please click [here](#).

2009 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: Risk and poverty in a changing climate UNISDR, 2009

There is a growing trend towards greater and more catastrophic natural disasters. Of the ten disasters with the highest death tolls since 1975, half have occurred in the five year period between 2003 and 2008; with the developing world witnessing nine of the ten worst. Such terrible natural events are compounded by a range of factors such as climate change and the decline of ecosystems; increasing urbanisation and poor urban governance; and low incomes and fragile rural livelihoods.

This first edition of the biennial Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) aims to review and analyse the natural hazards threatening humanity and seeks to provide new evidence on how, where and why disaster risk is increasing globally.

To view the Livelihoods Connect Summary, please click [here](#).

To access and download the various chapters of the report, please click [here](#).

Please note French and Arabic versions are available as well as a CD-Rom of the report.

Livelihoods, Migration and Conflict -- Discussion of Findings from Two Studies in

West and North Darfur, 2006 – 2007
Feinstein International Center, April 2009

In conflict zones where displacement and insecurity undermine people's ability to pursue livelihoods, links with Diaspora and the remittances they send are an important source of support. This briefing paper discusses findings from a study conducted in Darfur and explores the changing role of migration and remittances in people's livelihoods.

The paper looks at two case studies in West and North Darfur where livelihoods systems are closely linked with migration. Rural production systems are predominantly based on sedentary cultivation but households often diversify their livelihood strategies to exploit opportunities within the region and neighbouring countries. These strategies include trade, seasonal employment, and longer term labour opportunities linked with remittance transfer. The conflict has had a huge impact on migration and mobility, restricting and blocking physical movement of people and livestock with negative consequences for livelihood strategies.

To access the Livelihoods Connect brief, please click [here](#).
To access the full report, please click [here](#).

Related Article: [Do Conflicts Create Poverty Traps? Asset Losses and Recovery for Displaced Households in Colombia](#), Microcon, March 2009.

News and Events

Livelihoods Connect is now in Eldis: www.eldis.org/go/livelihoods.

- To keep up to date with the latest livelihoods information, subscribe to our monthly email updates through <http://www2.ids.ac.uk/bns/updates/eldis/>
- To share your livelihoods publications and advertise your jobs and events, go to <http://www.eldis.org/go/contribute> or email livelihoods-connect@ids.ac.uk
- To join the Livelihoods Network of policy-makers, practitioners and researchers, email us at livelihoods-connect@ids.ac.uk

The Livelihoods Connect team also supports online discussions and communities of practice on Eldis Community ('Facebook for the development community') - see for example our face-to-face and virtual ESRC seminar series at <http://community.eldis.org/sla>. We're also happy to facilitate the use of this platform for people/organisations who want to discuss strategy or conduct consultations with a group of invitees only (i.e. not public) as we recently did to feed into the DFID Nepal Livelihoods and Forestry Programme OPR.

Disaster and Livelihood: The Forward Thinking to Reduce Vulnerability
Wednesday 8th July – Sunday 12th July
NIRAPAD, Dhaka, Bangladesh

This course will aim to address the following issues:

- What is livelihood vulnerability?
- Poverty, climate change and vulnerability
- Disaster economics
- Integrating poverty reduction programmes with disaster management sector: some approaches
- Reducing livelihood risk-human capital approach
- The role of local level institutions in reducing vulnerability to natural disasters and in sustainable livelihood development
- Community partnership and behavioral response of warning - community base early

warning system

For further details or to register, please click [here](#).

Managing Sustainable Livelihoods: understanding and applying the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA)
Monday 31st August – Thursday 3rd September
Johannesburg, South Africa

This training course (run by the Centre for Development Studies and The African Institute for Community-Driven Development - Khanya-aicdd) aims to share the latest thinking about how the development system must be transformed in order to ensure that livelihoods of the poor are improved, and how the sustainable livelihoods approach (SLA) can be used to achieve impact in improving people's livelihoods.

This course is targeted at practitioners, consultants and advisers from development agencies and government departments, wanting to understand the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA) and how to apply it in their work.

For further details, please [click here](#).

The LRC

The LRC provides services in two areas: a wide variety of **commissioned services** available exclusively to DFID Advisers and **core services**: facilitating access to the latest Livelihoods and other International Development resources via our website and the monthly [eBulletin](#). For more details on the services we provide or how to commission the LRC, please visit our website www.livelihoodsrc.org or email lrc@htspe.com.

We hope that you have found the content of this eBulletin informative and useful and welcome your comments and suggestions for future editions. Please contact [Matthew Roberts](#) or [Jacqueline Wright](#) with your feedback and ideas for further reading and resources.

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The LRC at Palace Street

The LRC have a representative at Palace Street three times a week. [Matthew Roberts](#), LRC Manager, will be based in DFID every Tuesday, [Jacqueline Wright](#), Project Manager, will be there every Thursday and [Donald Lunan](#), technical advisor will be there every Friday. If you would like to meet with any of the LRC staff to discuss core or commissioned services, please contact them via email.