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# SUSTAINABLE POVERTY ESCAPES: WHAT RESILIENCE AND RISK FACTORS REALLY MATTER?

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Rosemary Nyoka: Rosemary Nyoka

USAID Microlinks: Good morning Everyone! This is Carla from Microlinks and I would like to welcome you all to today's seminar, "Sustainable Poverty Escapes: What Resilience and Risk Factors Really Matter?"

USAID Microlinks: I will be hosting today's online meeting so please take a moment to introduce yourselves! I would love to know who you are, where you work and where you are coming from!

USAID Microlinks: I am Carla, based in Washington D.C.

USAID Microlinks: Welcome Rosemary!

Jackson Langat: Jackson Langat based in Nairobi Kenya

USAID Microlinks: Welcome Jackson!

USAID Microlinks: Thank you for joining us today

Senbeto Funte: I am Senbeto based in Addis Ababa

USAID Microlinks: Hello Senbeto Funte!

USAID Microlinks: Thank you for taking the time to join us today - we are looking forward to it!

USAID Microlinks: Hello everyone! Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to the room - we would love to hear from you!

USAID Microlinks: I am Carla, Washington DC, joining you from Microlinks

Stephen Angudubo: I am Stephen, joining from Kampala, Uganda

USAID Microlinks: Hi Stephen! Thank you! Welcome to you from Kampala!

USAID Microlinks: All please note that I can be found here in red

USAID Microlinks: Please post all and any questions here so that I can relay them to the presenters during Question and Answer time

USAID Microlinks: Hello Everyone! Please take a moment to introduce yourselves and where you are joining us from!

Martial ASSINE: Hi, am Martial ASSINE FROM Senegal

USAID Microlinks: Hello Martial - welcome to you from Senegal!!

Olalekan Paul Akande: I am Olalekan Paul Akande, the Head of Agribusiness & Sustainability at the Institute of Export Operations & Management (IEOM), Nigeria

Abdul Nafeo Abdulai 2: I am Abdulai, joining from Tamale, Ghana

Katie Farrin: Katie Farrin here from the Economic Research Service, USDA

USAID Microlinks: Hello Olalekan - Thank you and welcome from Nigeria! Please take a moment to fill out the polls while we have some time!

USAID Microlinks: Welcome Abdul from Ghana and Katie from USDA

USAID Agrilinks: Agrilinks checking in! Welcome, everyone!

USAID Microlinks: Please take a moment to fill out the polls for us - these are very important feedback for us!

USAID Microlinks: Welcome Agrilinks!

Abdul Nafeo Abdulai 2: Thank you

USAID Microlinks: Our pleasure - we hope you enjoy it

Saeed Mohamed: I am Saeed Sheikh, hello everyone

USAID Microlinks: Welcome Saeed, thank you for joining us today, where are you coming from?

Ezgi Ucaner: Greetings from Nairobi, Ezgi is here

USAID Microlinks: Hello Ezgi, welcome from Nairobi, what entity or organization do you represent today?

Hadjara Shibkau: Greetings from Hadjara Shibkau from Nigeria

USAID Microlinks: Greeting to you Hadjara

Hadjara Shibkau: Thank you

USAID Microlinks: Please take a moment to fill out the polls for us and please forward all your questions to me

Carrie Presnall: Carrie Presnall here from TANGO International in Tucson, Arizona.

Jane Schukoske: Jane Schukoske, Sehgal Foundation, USA

Alex Bekunda: Hi Everyone, am Alex Bekunda from Kaabong, Uganda- Mercy Corps

Syukri Rahmadi: done

Syukri Rahmadi: hello i'm syukri from indonesia

Shahnewaz Karim: Hi everyone, this is Shahnewaz from MEDA, Waterloo, Canada.

Laura Musoke: Laura Musoke from World Renew, Grand Rapids, Michigan, United States

Patti Petesch: Morning all. I am part of a large team of researchers across the CGIAR conducting GENNOVATE, a qualitative comparative study on gender norms and capacities for agricultural innovation in 26 countries.

Carol Stoney: Good Morning - Carol Stoney from Winrock

USAID Microlinks: Hello Carrie!! Welcome

Rick Peyser: Rick Peyser from Lutheran World Relief - working from Underhill Center, VT

USAID Microlinks: Hello Jane! Welcome from the Sehgal Foundation!

USAID Microlinks: Hi Alex!

USAID Microlinks: Hello Shahnewaz welcome from Canada!

USAID Microlinks: Hi Laura, thank you for joining us, hope you enjoy the presentation. Please send through all your questions here as I will forward them to the presenters

Julie Peachey: Hi, I'm Julie Peachey, with Innovations for PovertyAction, working from Lancaster, PA.

USAID Microlinks: Also take a moment to fill out the polls - your feedback is important!

USAID Microlinks: Hi Rick, welcome from Vermont!

USAID Microlinks: Hi Julie - great! thank you for joining us today

Winson Tan: Good morning/afternoon to everyone, I'm Winson from London, UK.

Kelsey Jones-Casey: I'm Kelsey Jones-Casey, Gender and Livelihoods Technical Advisor at CARE USA, sitting in Minnesota (USA).

Jackie Baldino: Jackie Baldino from Prosperity Catalyst, based in Cambridge, MA (USA).

USAID Microlinks: Hi Winson welcome from London

USAID Microlinks: I am Carla, I will be showing up here as Microlinks!

David Mbugua: Hi everyone, I am David Mbugua with World Vision Canada, joining in from Mississauga Canada

USAID Microlinks: Greetings Jackie!

Michelle McKenzie: Michelle McKenzie from the US African Development Foundation

Ezgi Ucaner: Thanks, I am an independent consultant on financial inclusion and capacity building

USAID Microlinks: Hello David, welcome from Canada

Martha Piedrasanta: Martha Piedrasanta from Lutheran World Relief

USAID Microlinks: Ezgi - thank you for sharing

Margie Brand, EcoVentures Int'l: This is Margie Brand. I'm in Alexandria VA today and sorry not to make it to the event in person!

USAID Microlinks: Hi Michelle thank you for joining us!

USAID Microlinks: Everyone, we will be getting started soon - please take a moment to fill out the polls!

Jim Yazman: Jim Yazman, Social Impact livestock specialist serving in the BFS Technical Division

USAID Agrilinks: Margie, glad you could join! Hi Jim!

USAID Microlinks: Hello Margie, sorry you could not join us either! Glad you are with online though!

USAID Microlinks: Hello Martha!

EGBE CHRISTIAN: Hi everyone, Christian Tanga from Cameroon

USAID Microlinks: Hello Jim, thank you for joining us

USAID Microlinks: Hi Christian - thank you for joining us from far!

USAID Microlinks: Everyone please take a moment to fill out the polls - we would love your feedback and note that we will be starting soon!

Stephanie Daniels: Good morning, this is Stephanie Daniels from the Sustainable Food Lab

Michelle Harris: Michelle Harris, Associate Director at Global Ministries, working with a hospital in Mtattru, Sierra Leone.

Sarah Durso: Hello everyone. Sarah Luche Durso, Senior Program Manager of the Resilience and Economic Growth in the Sahel - Enhanced Resilience Project i for NCBA CLUSA

Jim Hancock: Jim Hancock with FAO in Rome, working on livelihoods projects and resilience and recovery, largely in Asia.

USAID Microlinks: Hi Michelle - great! Welcome today!

Dorothy Douglas Taft: I am Dorothy Taft with The Market Project. We create trauma-informed workplaces and we have a business in northern Uganda. I am based in Alexandria, VA.

Jessica Grillo: Hello everyone, Jessi Grillo from Rainforest Alliance, based in Vermont

Andrew Patterson: This is Andrew Patterson, Food Security Program Officer at CARE. Greetings from Atlanta!

USAID Agrilinks: Hi all, this is Julie MacCartee, USAID/BFS. I'm behind the Agrilinks name this morning. I'll be collecting your questions and sharing resources.

USAID Agrilinks: We're getting started!

AV Tech (Washington DC): Good morning all and thank you for joining this event. If you have any technical issues please private chat me.

USAID Microlinks: Hi to everyone joining us now - I am Carla, and will be represented as USAID Microlinks. Please feel free to put all your questions here so we can forward them to the presenters

Isabelle Mulin: Hello, the Sahel Regional Office here

Kristi Tabaj: Save the Children, TOPS, calling in from northeast Ohio. Good morning!

USAID Microlinks: Hi Andrew!

USAID Microlinks: Hi Kristii!

USAID Microlinks: I am Carla

Kristi Tabaj: HI Carla!

USAID Microlinks: Thank you so much for coming everyone!

Sandrine Chetail: Mercy Corps, agriculture tech support unit, greetings

Susan Yiapan: Hi, am Susan Yiapan

USAID Microlinks: Please let me know if you can hear us as we get started

Susan Yiapan: @IFDC

USAID Microlinks: Hi Susan

Susan Yiapan: sounds good

USAID Microlinks: Great - thanks!

Amanda Lewis: Amanda Lewis, regional agriculture and livelihoods advisor with CRS, based in Dakar

Hadjara Shibkau: yes we can hear you

Ana Pantelic - Fundacion Capital: Hi there, I'm Ana Pantelic from Fundación Capital currently dialing in from Montenegro

USAID Microlinks: Hello Amanda and Ana! I am Carla here

Joel Patenaude: Good morning.

USAID Microlinks: Welcome All - Good Morning and Afternoon! Getting started now

USAID Microlinks: Hi Joel

USAID Microlinks: I am Carla here

Michael Nicholson: Hi, I'm Michael Nicholson, Kenya, and I'm passionate about sustainable poverty escapes

Lanre Rotimi: International Society for Poverty Elimination / Economic Alliance Group. Akure Nigeria. Greetings. Sorry as I did not get response to earlier mail, I took alternative appointment. I wish to make some comments and send some questions. Note that not all questions can be taken but answers will shed light on way forward.

USAID Microlinks: Hi Michael! Carla here and thank you for bringing your enthusiasm!

USAID Microlinks: Hello Lanre! Greetings, please do send your questions! I am Carla here

Sajia Mehjabeen: can you please ask the speakers to come close to the mike?

USAID Microlinks: Yes Sajia

Doudou Ndiaye: Regional Agriculture Specialist, SRO/USAID/Senegal

Sajia Mehjabeen: Thanks Carla!

Lanre Rotimi: 5 Challenges need to be simultaneously tackled. 1 - How to improve on past and current Agricultural Development and National Development Policies, Programs and Projects successes as well as How to correct past and current Agricultural Development and National Development Policies, Programs and Projects flaws and failures at Community, Local Government, State Government, National, Sub-regional, Regional and Global levels

Stephanie Daniels: the sound is perfect, thanks!

USAID Microlinks: Thank you for your feedback Stephanie!

Lanre Rotimi: 2. How to design and deliver new Human Centered Public Policy Solutions Framework that can effectively break sectoral and territorial silos and provide social protection to each of the over 170 million Nigerians Life Cycle. The Framework should recognize that Part of the responsibility lie with Government: Executive, Parliament, Judiciary at Local, State and Federal levels; that Part of the responsibility lie with International Institutions especially UN System – UN Organizations, World Bank Group and IMF and that Part of the responsibility also lie with our Citizens, to the extent that it is absolutely necessary to build a culture of resilience and prevention in each household community in each of 193/306 UN Member States.

USAID Microlinks: Enjoy the presentation everyone!

Lanre Rotimi: 3. How to select a Common and Systemic Approach that is acceptable and agreeable to all Community to Global Stakeholders. It is self-defeating to keep working HARDER doing the same old things in the same old ways that is continuing with multiple approaches while parroting need for Holistic Approach, Comprehensive Approach etc

USAID Microlinks: Thank you Lanre!

USAID Microlinks: we welcome your participation!

Lanre Rotimi: 4. How to design and deliver Data Revolution that works to effectively support Policy, Program, Project Interventions 3PIs and 3PIs Training as One in (1) – (3) above.

Lanre Rotimi: 5. How to align and harmonize implementation of each of the 17 Goals of the SDGs to Community Development Plans, Local Government Development Plans, State Government Development Plans and National Development Plan in each of 193/306 UN Member States.

USAID Microlinks: Thanks everyone! Carla here, please feel free to send through your questions here, we will get to as many as possible

Sunil Regmi 2: Sunil Regmi: Echoing, Can you make sound clear?

USAID Microlinks: Sunil thank you we will see what we can do

Lanre Rotimi: Again, sorry I have to get out now. Glad to see facilitators and sponsors come up with practical ways and means of tackling the 5 challenges in ways that deliver sustainable solutions. The future of our fragile planet greatly depends on these sustainable solutions.

USAID Agrilinks: We recognize that some people are distracted by the chat box. To make the presentation full screen, hover at the top of the main presentation pod and click on the four little black arrows. Click on that icon again to return to this view with the chat.

Anjali Dharan: Anjali Dharan here, Economist at Louis Berger in Washington D.C.

USAID Microlinks: Anjali, welcome to you from Louis Berger, Beth is currently introducing the presentation

USAID Microlinks: I am Carla here, please funnel any questions to us here and we will forward to the presenters and get to as many as possible

Aerial Emig: Thank you for hosting this forum. I am Aerial from FINCA International, calling in from our DC headquarters

USAID Microlinks: Hello Aerial welcome to you from! We are happy to have you

Stephen Greiff: Hi Steve here from FSDA in Kenya

USAID Microlinks: Hello Stephen! Welcome!

Abhijit Mohapatra: Thanks USAID Microlink for arranging such a discussion over webinar, This is Abhijit Mohapatra, from ICCo India office in Guwahati, India.

USAID Microlinks: Abhijit - I am Carla - welcome to you! Thank you for joining us!

USAID Microlinks: Everyone please feel free to forward your questions to us! We will send them through to the presenters to answer!

Lusike Wasilwa: Thank you for hosting this discussion. Lusike Wasilwa Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization

USAID Microlinks: It is our pleasure to share important information in the development world, thank you for joining us!

## SECOND PANEL

USAID Microlinks: Welcome back everyone!

USAID Microlinks: We are going to get started with the second panel now

sarah tisch 2: sound disappeared

Adam Schreck: We have a different sound setup for this portion, you may need to raise your levels

Anjali Dharan: and there is no video

USAID Microlinks: Folks can you see the video?

Elizabeth Adams: yes

Matt De Kam: video and audio working here in Honduras

Elizabeth Dunn: have you started back? I am not seeing or hearing anything.

Anjali Dharan: No, I cannot. And I cannot hear anything

sarah tisch 2: no sound (even with max speaker vol), no video

Anjali Dharan 2: Refreshing did not work. Same browser I used for the first session. Mozilla

USAID Microlinks: Ok. Can you try using the Chrome browser just to give it a try?

Jennifer Karsner: Using Internet Explorer here. Sound is still not working. Presentation is not on either. I closed out Internet Explorer completely and restarted it, and logged in again, and none of that worked.

USAID Microlinks: Ok. We are working on it.

Jennifer Karsner: I have the YouTube Pod logo in the middle of my screen checking on licensing information.

Anjali Dharan 3: Trying it in Chrome worked for me

AV Tech: Thanks all for hanging with us as we roll out our first webstream

USAID Microlinks: Thank you Anjali - @Jennifer do you want to give that a try?

Sharon Czarnek: Can they change the video to also show the graph he referenced?

AV Tech: As you've noticed, the audio is a bit lower than our prior session and I've raised levels as far as I can from my end ... so please raise the audio on your system as needed

AV Tech: Otherwise, the webstream DOES take more bandwidth. We are recording and will share out the session in case you're not able to see it live

Susan Yiapan: session is now live! nice

Jennifer Karsner 2: Same thing in Chrome. No video, no audio. Just the YouTube Pod logo in the middle.

USAID Microlinks: Hi Jennifer, give this external link a try - <https://www.youtube.com/user/Agrilinks/live>

M Schweisguth: I am participating from Chrome and the video and sound are great. Thanks AVTech and Microlinks for the great job.

USAID Microlinks: I am going to see if we can show the PPT presentation @Sharon

Anjali Dharan 3: Just to clarify, we can see the speaker but not the slides. Although the camera is zooming out now

Jennifer Karsner 2: External link is working.

M Schweisguth: Thanks for backing up to show slides! Can't see left side of them though

Maria Pugliese: Now it is working by youtube, thanks!!

Jennifer Karsner 2: Slides showing in top left now.

USAID Microlinks: Great thanks Jennifer - all good now?

USAID Microlinks: Great Maria

M Schweisguth: Ok, I see slides on left side of Adobe Connect. Awesome thanks. The quick expert tech is amazing!

Mary Crave: We can't see the left side of the slide but we do see the speaker in the dark.

AV Tech: Oh yes, the YouTube stream is on: <http://youtube.com/user/Agrilinks/live>

Elizabeth Dunn: FYI-I also entered successfully through Chrome browser.

USAID Microlinks: Great - thanks all for your feedback!

USAID Microlinks: Great thanks @Elizabeth

USAID Microlinks: That was helpful

Mary Crave: Great solution to have the slides in a separate window. Thanks.

USAID Microlinks: Absolutely Mary - thank you.

Jennifer Karsner 2: I have both, but it means I toggle back on tabs between the livestream and the presentation. That's ok, I guess.

USAID Microlinks: @Jennifer - try splitting the windows? So that the each tab is in a separate window and each window takes up half the screen on your computer

USAID Microlinks: that way you don't have to toggle

USAID Microlinks: Dear All - thank you for bearing with us! I hope this is working for everyone now!

USAID Microlinks: Please feel free to comment and shoot over your questions and comments through the chat here so that we can continue the great dialogue

USAID Microlinks: we will forward all your questions to the presenters for the question and answer portion after the presentation!

sarah tisch 2: no sound but can see screen

sarah tisch 2: I can do the toggle between you tube and the slides as well.

USAID Microlinks: but you cannot hear?

Jennifer Karsner 2: The slides aren't changing, so toggling isn't a problem.

USAID Microlinks: If you put the tabs in different windows, you can have the windows next to each other and won't have to toggle. And no, I have not changed the slides this whole time so you are seeing what the audience is seeing here

USAID Microlinks: Just so you know!

Jennifer Karsner 2: Oh, and I can hear fine on the youtube video.

USAID Microlinks: Great @Jennifer

USAID Microlinks: Folks, please shoot your questions over to us if you have any and we will collect them and give them to the Presenters

Emmanuel Ocen: The current speaker, mentioned about smallholder agricultural development and sure on the approached adopted in my country Uganda, is trying to promote cooperatives, however often time achieving active members economic participation and patronage of such institutions has been major challenges, this is not to mention the luck autonomy and independence leading to high level of vulnerability, a threat to sustainability

USAID Microlinks: Thank you Emmanuel!

Emmanuel Ocen: True, understanding the contributions of the different development players within the regions are vital to promote synergies complementing effort. Often time there is the big question that management always find themselves, "how do we report to our donor, if we choice to synergize" this is a biig debate in the development interventions by different players

USAID Microlinks: That is a great point Emmanuel, finding ways for partnership and synergy while leveraging your own work

USAID Agrilinks: Please share your own key takeaways from this event - what struck you the most from the first panel?

USAID Microlinks: Yes! We would love to hear what you have to say, remember that this will be shared with you and your colleagues in the next week, so we will be able to see the commentary here in the chat pod and use it as a useful resource moving forward!

Jennifer Karsner 2: Working in Niger here. If we get dependence on humanitarian assistance to three months a year, that's a win. Escaping from poverty is a longer term goal for us here. However, we have noticed thus far with our own data that some of these strongest predictors are also relevant for reducing the humanitarian caseload in the Sahel.

Jennifer Karsner 2: Meaning, the focus on livestock, the level of education, and the ability to diversity into a steady income off the farm.

USAID Microlinks: Folks! Please go ahead and fill out the polls for us! These are a valuable piece of feedback for us in all ways! So please take a moment to fill out the polls.

USAID Microlinks: Also I would like to invite you to another USAID-LEO event on September 27th - the Transforming Market Systems Conference - you can register at [regonline.com/leoconference](http://regonline.com/leoconference)

USAID Agrilinks: Thank you all for joining! Your engagement is appreciated.

Cathy phiri: Thank you!

USAID Microlinks: My apologies - here is the conference link to the LEO Conference: Transforming Market Systems on September 27th - <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1870043&>

USAID Microlinks: Thank you all for participating and take a moment to fill the polls!

USAID Agrilinks: Thank you all!

Rick Peyser 2: Thank you!

USAID Microlinks: THANKS RICK!

AV Tech: Thanks to all for attending and hanging with us while we did our first video stream! Please take a moment to complete the polls!