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Introduction

Welcome to the November edition of the [Livelihoods Resource Centre](#) (LRC) eBulletin. Since the last issue the World Bank has published their World Development Report (WDR) on Agriculture. The report draws attention to quality and coordination of donor investment into rural development, a topic also picked up by the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD). In this edition, we summarise the WDR and the findings of the GDPRD. We also highlight an interesting workshop organised by DFID Kenya through the LRC.

Welcome from John Barrett, Head of Profession (Livelihoods), DFID



I'm delighted to see the launch of DFID's new Livelihoods Resource Centre. This will be valuable in helping our advisers to access reliable information and technical assistance services quickly and efficiently. I commend you to look at what is available through the LRC and look forward to hearing your success stories!

LRC: The Big Picture

The Livelihoods Resource Centre

The [Livelihoods Resource Centre](#) is managed by [HTSPE](#) in association with the [Institute of Development Studies \(IDS\)](#), the [Overseas Development Group \(ODG\)](#) and [Coffey International Development](#). It builds on the successful Programme of Advisory and Support Services (PASS) which was also managed by HTSPE.



Through the 5 years of PASS over 400 projects were commissioned, using over 690 experts from 380 service providers, working throughout the world. The services available under PASS have been expanded under the new LRC, and split into two areas: core and commissioned:

- **Core services:** we will be launching the first phase of the LRC website at the beginning of October 2007. Once fully launched at the end of November it will be regularly updated with latest livelihoods news and developments. The website will also provide details of relevant service providers from around the world through its built in organisational database and will enable users to make targeted internet searches of online livelihood resources. The [PASS website](#) will continue to be available, as will the highly rated [PLOW website](#).
- **Commissioned services:** enables DFID advisers to source livelihoods and rural

development expertise for research, studies and reviews or straight forward technical assistance. For more details on how to commission work please contact us on lrc@htspe.com or visit our website www.livelihoodsrc.org.

Bringing our Services to Life Some Success Stories from PASS

Formulating Strategic Plans: An Example from Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is emerging from a period of flux following a decade of civil war. The large stocks of fish present in Sierra Leone waters have the potential to provide employment, food security and access to global markets. DFID Sierra Leone asked PASS to manage the development of a strategy for Fishery Sector Support in Sierra Leone. As part of this service, PASS ensured that: timeframes for inputs and deliverables were met, [a briefing note](#) summarising important findings was published and that the [final strategy document](#) was available on-line. Quality assurance was an important part of this service.

DFID Retreat

Earlier this year, PASS was commissioned to conduct a review of DFID Professional Development retreats, producing a 'What Works Best' guide. The guide captures views from across DFID and was used as part of the planning process for the 2007 Environment, Infrastructure and Livelihoods Retreat, held in July at Wyboston Lakes. All of the sessions from the 2007 retreats are documented in a summary report which is available with a summary of the take home messages from the HoPs, session papers and presentations [online](#).

Briefing Notes

The Financial Services Team commissioned PASS to prepare a series of short briefing papers that illustrate how DFID's support to financial institutions around the world really works for poor people. They focused on three thematic areas: [gender](#), [climate change](#) and [health and education](#), bringing to life the positive impacts that DFID is making on the lives of individuals and communities. The briefs also drew attention to the high level of collaboration with other international donors and local agencies in pioneering innovative mechanisms to make access to financial services easier.

What's New?

The [International Food Policy Research Institute \(IFPRI\)](#) has produced a study on global poverty that seeks to establish whether advances in the knowledge and understanding of economics and social structures have any perceivable impact on the lives of the very poor. [Research, Livelihoods and Poverty: Studies of Economic and Social Impacts in Six Countries](#).. Also available on the IFPRI website are case studies used in the research: [Impact of Agricultural Research on Poverty](#).

One of the first economists to investigate the impact of global warming has published a potentially seminal text on the impacts of human induced climate change on developing countries. William Cline, a senior research fellow at the [Peterson Institute for International Economics](#) and the [Center for Global Development](#), used the most recent long-term predictions on changes to climatic patterns to produce a categorical analysis of potential impacts on agricultural production in the poorest countries around the world. To find out more about: [Global Warming and Agriculture: End of Century Estimates by Country](#).

[Livelihoods Connect](#) has produced a 'Hot Topic' on [Food Security](#), with links to online resources related to food security, hunger and social protection.

Events & Training

8-9th October 2007

DFID Kenya are organising a workshop on Social Protection and Management Information Systems in Nairobi in October for practitioners from across Africa. The LRC are helping to facilitate this workshop through a team of local experts

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