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There is nothing permanent except change - Heraclitus

Dear reader,

I will take over a new position and I therefore would like to use this opportunity to say goodbye. It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you Stephanie Guha, who takes over my position as Policy Adviser for Poverty Reduction and Social Development within the SDC. In the last three years, Stephanie held the position as Deputy Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Mali. She has been back to Bern since the beginning of August and is already fully in action. In her new role, she has facilitated a workshop on Leave no-one behind during the SDC Coordinator Seminar 2018. I wish her all the best and lots of success in her new position.

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Enjoy reading this newsletter!



Anne Moulin, Poverty Reduction and Social Development Adviser, SDC



Beyond access: ensuring equity and inclusion in health

Equity and inclusion are key issues for the SDC, given its strong commitment to the 2030 Agenda principle of “leaving no one behind” and to achieving Universal Health Coverage.

Addressing inequities and inclusion is a very complex process which goes far beyond improving access to quality health services at population and individual level. A Learning Trajectory led by Erika Placella (SDC Health Advisor for Eastern Europe and Central Asia) and supported by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), was designed to increase awareness and understanding of these issues among SDC staff involved in the design, implementation and steering of health projects and programmes in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region.

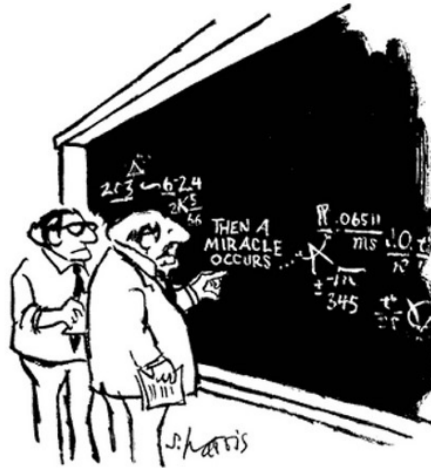
The Learning Trajectory led to the identification of key challenges and principles to be taken into consideration at different points in SDC’s programme cycle.



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"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

Theory of Change: what is it and why should we use it?

Theories of change (ToC) are an increasingly important results-based management tool, for which there is a growing interest within the SDC. In order to unpack what a ToC is and to promote its use at the SDC, the Quality Assurance network organised two learning events in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) in June. In the following, we present the key takeaways, and the reasons why a ToC approach presents many opportunities for the SDC.



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Booming cities – booming food industry, an opportunity for small farmers?

Do fast-growing cities have an impact on agriculture? The Economist compares the effects of booming cities on food production in Bangladesh and Nigeria.

In booming cities, demand for food is growing very fast, because of the increasing number of inhabitants. Such demand can shift agriculture priorities and food production.



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