

Dear members and partners of the e+i network

Welcome to the second **eiMail** – the newsflash of our network!

eiMail shares with you three times a year (January – May – October) flash news about the e+i network and relevant information and insights on employment and income. It relates to our Shareweb (www.sdc-employment-income.ch) where more extensive information is available.

Vocational Skills Development

- Two new projects have started in Bangladesh. SkillFUL and the Industry-led Apprenticeship Pilot Project are now displayed on the [Shareweb](#).
- Furthermore two additional projects are in the stage to be tendered. The tender for the first one, “Enhancing Youth Employability” in Kosovo is already [published](#), the one for the “Vocational education and training project Mongolia” will be launched in the coming weeks. Please check out the [Simap](#) website for further information.
- Albania: in view of the development of a new Programme in the youth employment sector to start in 2012, late 2011 an identification mission took place. The main objective was to analyze the Albanian context related to youth employment and identify entry points with potential. Please contact [Nathalie Barbancho](#) for further information.
- Asia Brief on the FSkills project: “[Nepal: An innovative franchising model for practice oriented vocational training](#)”
- Have a look at the “[Test Item Database](#)”, developed within the project “Moldovan Occupational Standards, Assessment and Certification”. You can use test content and profiles for your own purpose or use the software for developing your own test item database.
- Evaluation of SCD’s vocational skills activities: [article](#) in LeGes
- Online discussion on labour market orientation: the [synthesis report](#) is now available in French. The next round of discussion starts on 13 February!

Upcoming SDC Events

- 18-21 February in Fada Burkina Faso). Meeting of the network on Education and Vocational Education and Training of the West Africa Division.

Other upcoming Events

- 20-21 March 2012 Berlin, Germany: [Partnerships for Youth](#) *Getting the young into jobs and business for successful working life.*

Private Sector Development

Upcoming SDC Events/Trainings

- 19 March – 4 April 2012: e+i network e-learning cycle 2012 starts with the topic: Women Economic Empowerment and M4P
- 3 May 2012: joint day with the a+rd network at their f2f meeting. Topic of the day: [Rural Advisory Services and M4P approach](#)
- 9-10 May 2012: SDC's [public seminar and workshop](#) on Women Economic Empowerment with particular emphasis on M4P (in collaboration with SDC Gender network)
- 21-29 Mai 2012 in Lima, Peru: Training on M4P and Results Measurement (tentative)

Other upcoming Events/Trainings

- 5-9 March 2012 in Bangkok: [Training on results measurement](#) for sustainable private sector development
- 29-30 March 2012 in the Netherlands: [Training on Value Chain Development](#)
- 10-12 July, 2012 in Berlin: Donor Committee for Enterprise Development (DCED) Annual Meeting
- 15-27 July 2012: the Springfield Centre's annual [2-week M4P course](#) in Glasgow

Information/Publications

- Updated brief descriptions of SDC's [project experience](#) in PSD on four continents
- New [case study](#) on Katalyst intervention in Bangladesh's maize sector
- [Live report, summaries and interviews](#) from the DCED seminar on result measurement in Bangkok (17-20 January 2012)
- [Major messages](#) from the third e-discussion cycle in 2011 on result measurement in PSD (en, fr, sp)

Financial Sector Development

Upcoming SDC Events/Trainings

- Swiss Capacity Building Facility (SCBF): next deadline to [submit proposals](#): 15 February 2012
- 8 March 2012 in Berne: [Savings and Credit Forum "How can we make microfinance more useful to women?"](#)
- 11 May 2012 in Berne: [Savings and Credit Forum "The experiences of Basix, India" \(working title\)](#).
- 28-30 June 2012 in Zürich: [Training on Microfinance: Introduction and State of the Art](#).

Other upcoming Events/Trainings

- 2-5 April 2012 in the Netherlands: [Training on Value Chain Finance](#)
- 11-13 April 2012 in Enschede, Netherlands: [Research Conference on Microinsurance](#)
- 21 -24 May 2012 in Cairo, Egypt: CGAP Annual Conference
- 5-6 July 2012 Karlsruhe, Germany: [International Conference on Sustainable Finance / Greening Financial Institutions](#)

Information/Publications

- [Swiss Microfinance Investments From Early Growth Stage to Maturity](#). Study co-funded by Symbiotics and SDC. January 2012.

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- Check out the **resource boxes** for [Private Sector Development](#) and [Vocational Skills Development](#): you will find practical tools and readily available good practice examples.

We appreciate your feedback on how to improve this **eiMail**. If you would like us to post relevant information concerning employment and income, for instance on conferences, seminars or publications, please let us know: do not hesitate to send us an e-mail (walker@kek.ch or Franziska.huwiler@helvetas.org).

We hope you enjoy this edition of the **eiMail**.

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