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Strengthening Social Cohesion: Advancing Operations, Programming and Evidence Conference

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Investing in social cohesion can play a critical role in improving the effectiveness of development and humanitarian programs. This is particularly true in the current context, characterized by a range of ongoing crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and the global economic slowdown, which are exacerbating social fragmentation, fueling tensions within and between individuals from a diversity of communities, and
weakening social contracts.

On December 5, IPA, The World Bank, and Mercy Corps organized a conference on social cohesion. The goal was to disseminate evidence and lessons learned on strategies to measure and reinforce social cohesion while highlighting operational implications for policymakers and practitioners.

*Watch the full conference [here](#).*

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**Session 1: Strengthening Social Cohesion - Welcome and Overview**

During the first part of this all-day event, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers presented evidence about the strategies that have shown promise in strengthening social cohesion, and the measurement approaches they have been using to track progress.

**Session 2: Learning from Social Cohesion Innovators: Promising Practices for Operations and Programming**

**Session 3: Yes, You Can Measure Social Cohesion! Strategies for Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning**

During the second part, panelists and participants collectively reflected on these insights' operational and programming implications, and articulated priorities that could guide future programming and learning.

**Session 4: The Frontiers of Social Cohesion Measurement**
Conference organizers closed the conference with reflections and remarks, highlighting major themes and lessons from the day and directions for future collaboration between implementers, researchers, and policymakers.

**Session 6: Bridging the Gaps Between Theory, Evidence, and Practice**