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What is social cohesion?
Why does it matter?

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**STRENGTHENING
SOCIAL COHESION**

Dr. Aisalkyn Botoeva
Search for Common Ground



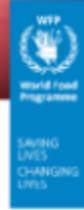
Integration Social Cohesion in a Refugee Recovery Context

Case Study: Homes & Communities in Uganda





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Measuring Impact on Social Cohesion

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL COHESION: ADVANCING OPERATIONS, PROGRAMMING AND EVIDENCE

Kristen McCollum

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Measuring Social Cohesion: The Role of Normative Choices in Indicator Design

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Measuring Social Cohesion among and between Refugees and Hosts in Ethiopia

Strengthening Social Cohesion: Advancing Operations, Programming and Evidence Conference

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USING MIXED METHODS TO ADVANCE LEARNING ABOUT SOCIAL COHESION

Lessons from a Peacebuilding Program in
North Central Nigeria

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Measuring Social Cohesion – and its Multiplier Effects

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Conference | Strengthening Social Cohesion: Advancing Operations, Programming, and Evidence

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](#).

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

Session 5: Filling Evidence Gaps and Advancing Learning on Social Cohesion

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