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What's New in the CEDARS Blog?

Check out some of the interesting postings on the new [CEDARS blog on Sustainable Human & Social Development!](#) Some of the stimulating discussion focuses on topics such as:

- The Center for Global Development's Working Paper by David Wheeler: "Quantifying Vulnerability to Climate Change: Implications for Adaptation Assistance"
- CEDARS Fellow, Will Story's discussion on the need for health systems to be positioned to adapt to the changing health needs of the population while ensuring equitable access to services and treatment for all diseases, whether they be infectious, non-communicable, or neglected tropical
- Link to the [Center for Global Development's video of Liberia's President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf](#), in which she announces the intention to lead her country to be free of foreign assistance within a decade. Read Eric's reflection on the transition to country ownership.
- Jennifer Yourkavitch has posted a useful working definition of "Sustainable Health"—

"The concept of health as a sustainable state became part of the health lexicon in the last two decades of the twentieth century. It is related to the idea of environmental sustainability and makes explicit the notion that humans and other living creatures on earth are interdependent. If human affairs are conducted in such a way as to sustain life-supporting ecosystems in a stable state of equilibrium, then humans will survive and flourish. If, however, a local, regional, or global ecosystem is degraded beyond the point where it is sustainable, then the health and survival of humans in that ecosystem cannot be sustained."

Save the Date

The Power of 1% Speaker Series: How 1% of the U.S. federal budget builds stronger economies, saves lives, and protects our borders, October 3, 2011, 3–5 p.m., Newseum, Washington, DC (RSVP to speakerseries@psi.org by September 26)

Welcome New Member

Sudhir Wanmali, the newest member of CEDARS, has joined ICF as **Senior Advisor for Food Security**. Sudhir has been working in and publishing on international development for the last four decades in agriculture-driven rural development and planning, including work at the International Food Policy Research Institute. Within CEDARS, Sudhir will work on factors that influence food security at the level of smallholder agriculture with particular emphasis on rural infrastructure, marketing, and livelihoods, decentralized rural development, and their implications for local economic development. He will help link these issues with our work in health and human development. We are thrilled to have him on board!

Projects

 For more info, email info@cedarscenter.com.

ICF CEDARS is currently working or starting to work on a number of exciting projects focusing on PEPFAR **CDC Transition Monitoring**, including:

- Strengthening Systems for Monitoring and Evaluation of PEPFAR support to the Health System in South Africa in the Context of Transition
- CDC Mozambique Transition Monitoring External Assessment
- Technical Assistance for Documenting Sustainability of Global HIV/AIDS Efforts through the Transition of Programs to Local Ownership—this will include 13 African countries.

CEDARS has also been asked to provide technical assistance in the application of the **Sustainability Framework (SF)** for two projects:

- **World Bank:** CEDARS is preparing an operations research concept note describing a protocol to test an approach evaluating the sustainability of the community response to HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.
- **HealthPartners Uganda:** CEDARS was asked to conduct a training of trainers on the SF methodology and to provide technical assistance in the roll out of the SF.

Shaking the Tree

From our [Resources](#)

Social Capital: Go to our [Resources](#) page to access useful resources focusing on social capital at the community level and how to measure it.

