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NEW TITLES IN THE USAID KNOWLEDGE SERVICES CENTER

AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Humanitarian logistics: meeting the challenge of preparing for and responding to disasters. Christopher, Martin and Peter Tatham, editors. London: Kogan Page, 2011.

This volume addresses the logistics of responding to disasters, including the delivery of resources, procurement, and the role of military in disaster relief. Authors specifically discuss challenges in humanitarian logistics, best practices, and disaster planning.

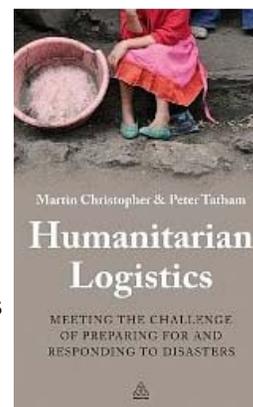


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Yes Africa can: success stories from a dynamic continent. Chuhan-Pole, Punam and Manka Angwafo, editors. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

This volume presents development success stories from across Africa. Country and regional case studies cover the topics of governance, economic growth, agricultural output, infrastructure, conflict resolution, and human development. USAID staff may check out the book or download it from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

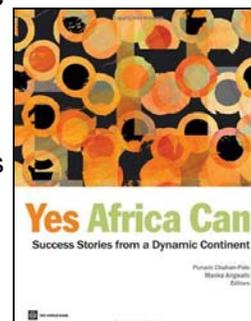


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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Fairness in international climate change law and policy. Soltau, Friedrich. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

Which countries should be responsible for handling the effects of climate change and its mitigation? The essays in this volume attempt to answer this question through examining the issues of fairness in international environmental law and policy.

Success in agricultural transformation: what it means and what makes it happen. Tsakok, Isabelle. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

The author compares country successes in smallholder agricultural production. She outlines 5 conditions which she says directly contribute to agricultural growth, including access to lucrative markets, technology-transfer systems, and macroeconomic and political stability.

Vegetable production and marketing in Africa: socio-economic research. Mithöfer, Dagmar and Hermann Waibel. Cambridge: CABI, 2011.

An e-book, this publication focuses on the socio-economic aspects of vegetable production and marketing systems in Africa. Case studies demonstrate various issues in vegetable farming for development, including agricultural standards, pest management, and value chains. USAID staff may download this book via the [CABI database](#).

Contracting

Handbook of procurement. Dimitri, Nicola, Gustavo Piga, and Giancarlo Spagnolo, editors. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Originally published in 2006, this handbook addresses procurement design and management. Topics include risk, purchasing systems, incentives, pricing, e-procurement, and innovation.

Transforming wartime contracting: controlling costs, reducing risks. Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, August 2011.

This report to Congress examines contract waste and fraud in Iraq and Afghanistan. It reveals problems of the Department of Defense, Department of State, and USAID contracting in conflict zones. The Commission makes several recommendations for reforming the contracting process. The report may be checked out from the library, or downloaded for free [online](#).

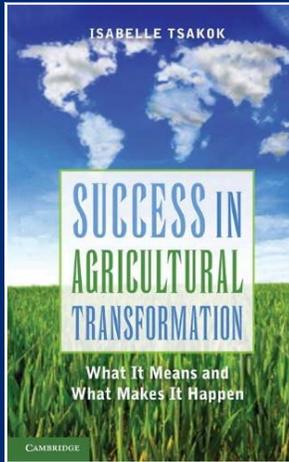


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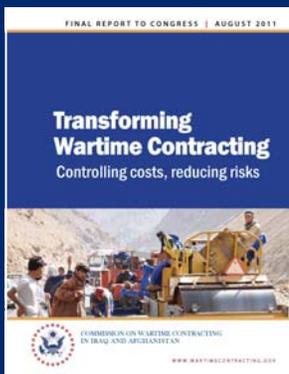


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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

The culture of power and governance of Pakistan 1947-2008. Niaz, Ilhan. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Niaz examines the nature of political power in Pakistan. He focuses on Pakistan's "administrative elite," saying that the state has morally and intellectually declined since Pakistan gained its independence.

Egypt unsh@ckled: using social media to @#:) the system: how 140 characters can remove a dictator in 18 days. Campbell, Denis G. Carmarthenshire, Wales: Llyfrau Cambria/Cambria Books, 2011.

Campbell, a journalist, uses social media posts to provide a day-by-day account of the 2011 Egyptian revolution. His commentary incorporates an abundant number of postings from analysts and people on the ground to convey the uprising. The use of Twitter, Facebook, and Google in activism is explored.

Elections in dangerous places: democracy and the paradoxes of peacebuilding. Gillies, David, editor. Montreal, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2011.

The essays in this volume examine elections in conflict zones. Authors look at the causes of election-related conflict, lessons learned from managing elections, and methods of preventing and mitigating conflict. They warn that hastily held elections can work against the democratic process and aggravate conflict. Case studies from Afghanistan, Iraq, Kenya, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo are included.

Engaging extremists: trade-offs, timing, and diplomacy. Zartman, I. William and Guy Oliver Faure, editors. Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace Press, 2011.

This volume examines when and how to negotiate with terrorist organizations. Negotiations are discussed on a global level. Country case studies—from countries including Egypt, Sri Lanka, Colombia—demonstrate successes, failures, and lessons learned in engagement and arbitration.

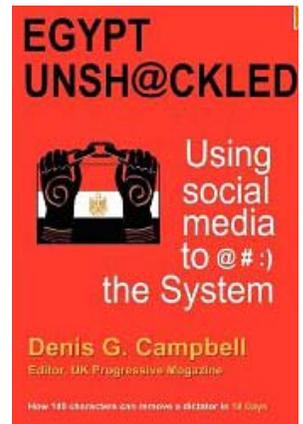


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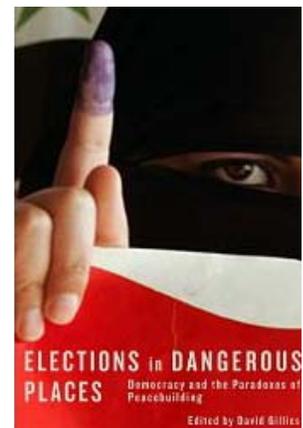


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Making war in Côte d'Ivoire. McGovern, Mike. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011.

McGovern examines the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire between 2002 and 2007. He looks at the country's history, political culture, and society to explain the causes and nature of civil war in Côte d'Ivoire.

Not for sale: the return of the global slave trade—and how we can fight it. 2nd ed. Batstone, David. New York: HarperOne, 2010.

Written for a general audience, this book aims to bring awareness to global slavery. It discusses the forms of slavery and problems of trafficking. The book conveys stories of slaves in Europe and the countries of Thailand, India, Uganda, Peru, and the United States, and encourages readers to join the Not For Sale Campaign.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Confronting microfinance: undermining sustainable development. Bateman, Milford, editor. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2011.

This book analyzes microfinance programs worldwide, focusing on microfinance ventures in Southeast Asia. The authors claim that there is little to no evidence to support microfinance as a sustainable development tool. In fact, they claim that microfinance can be destructive to economies and societies.

Economic growth and the common good: from crisis to sustainable development. Berendsen, Bernard, editor. Amsterdam: KIT Publishers, 2010.

The result of a 2008-2009 Society for International Development conference, this volume addresses the impacts of the global economic crisis on the growth of developing countries. Contributors look at economic policies, lessons learned, and how growth can become more inclusive in order to meet the needs of local populations.

Pillars of prosperity: the political economics of development clusters. Besley, Timothy and Torsten Persson. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011.

The authors define development clusters as areas in which state institutions, peace, and high per-capita income are related to each other. Development, they say, is more likely to occur in such clusters. Their research of political economy describes the connection between fiscal/legal capacities and violence.

EDUCATION

Achieving education for all through public-private partnerships?: non-state provision of education in developing countries. Rose, Pauline, editor. New York: Routledge, 2011.

This volume examines public-private partnerships in education. It looks at the challenges of states' collaboration with non-state providers, especially how such partnerships affect educational service delivery. Regional and country-specific case studies address various aspects of PPPs in developing countries.

EVALUATION

Effective program evaluation. 2nd ed. Dunsworth, Mardale and Dawn Billings. Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree, 2012.

This publication outlines how to go about the evaluation of academic programs. The 7 step process includes planning, gathering data, and analysis.

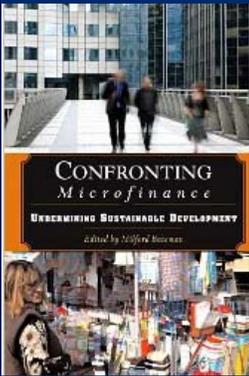


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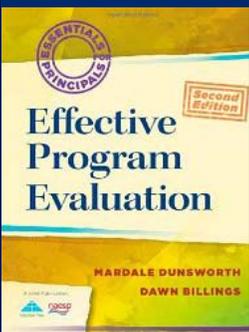


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GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Men and development: politicizing masculinities. Cornwall, Andrea, Jerker Edström, and Alan Greig, editors. London: Zed Books, 2011.

The essays in this volume examine masculinity, patriarchal power, and their implications for development. Authors specifically discuss how to interest and include men in working towards gender equality. Case studies from several countries—including South Africa, India, and Brazil—are included.

Winning the war for talent in emerging markets: why women are the solution. Hewlett, Sylvia Ann and Ripa Rashid. Boston: Harvard Business Review Press, 2011.

The authors claim that women are the key to business success in developing countries. They look at how highly educated, ambitious, and talented women contribute to business growth in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and the United Arab Emirates. Hewlett and Rashid additionally address how multinational companies can attract and retain skilled women through benefits like mentoring programs and flexible work arrangements.

Women in developing countries. Kinnear, Karen. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2011.

This reference book provides an overview of women in development. It introduces various issues that women in developing countries face, like education, health care, and child marriage. Sections include statistics, biographical sketches, a chronology of events, NGO directory, and suggested reading.

World Development Report 2012: gender equality and development. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

The newest *World Development Report* focuses on the status and progress of gender equality in development. It looks at the different dimensions of equality in developing countries, lays out the socio-economic benefits of women's empowerment, and suggests how to further promote women through development. USAID staff may download this report from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

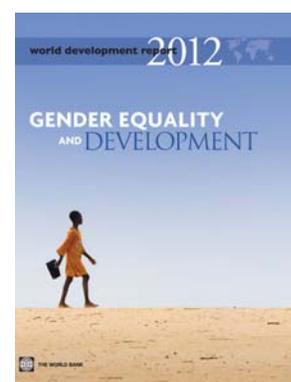


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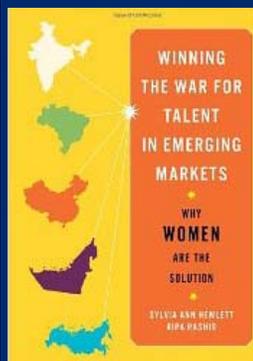


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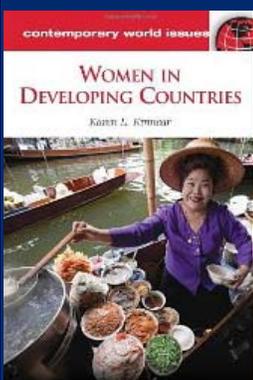


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HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION



Lifeblood: how to change the world one dead mosquito at a time. Perry, Alex. New York: Public Affairs, 2011.

Perry looks at how the founders of Malaria No More used business strategies to run an anti-malaria campaign in Africa. Recognizing that malaria is both a humanitarian and economic issue, the book describes how the application of business principles created a new framework for effective aid.

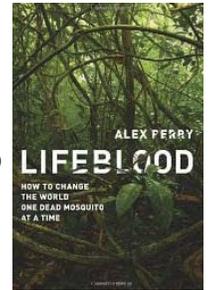


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Making sense of capacity development: experiences with technical assistance and capacity development in the HIV response. Liliequist, Gustav, et al. Amsterdam: KIT, 2011.

Practitioners discuss their technical support and capacity building experiences with United Nations HIV programs. Case studies from African, Asian, and Latin American countries reveal lessons learned and best practices in capacity development.

Smallpox zero: an illustrated history of smallpox and its eradication. Roy, Jonathan. Johannesburg: Umlando Wezithombe, 2010.

In comic book form, this book presents the history of smallpox and the magnitude of epidemics throughout history. It especially describes the process of globally eradicating the disease between 1966 and 1980.

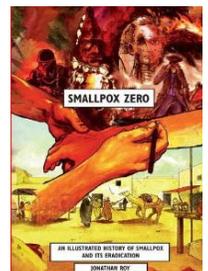


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INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

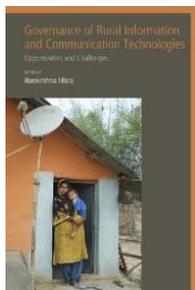


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Governance of rural information and communication technologies: opportunities and challenges. Misra, Harekrishna, editor. New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2009.

The essays in this volume examine ICT governance in India, particularly issues of infrastructure, e-governance, and the digital divide. Case studies discuss the availability of ICT services, as well as how citizens in rural communities use ICTs.



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AFRICA

Consuming the Congo: war and conflict minerals in the world's deadliest place. Eichstaedt, Peter. Chicago: Lawrence Hill Books, 2011.

This book examines violence spawned by valuable minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The author explains how the West's reliance on coltan, tin, and tungsten for electronic device production contributes to crime and human rights violations.

My Nigeria: five decades of independence. Cunliffe-Jones, Peter. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.

Cunliffe-Jones, a journalist, goes to Nigeria to explore its colonialism, independence, and the lingering effects of imperialism after 50 years of British rule. Related to two British men involved in Nigeria's history, he gives an account of the country's past, economics, politics, and people.

Sudan: Darfur and the failure of an African state. Cockett, Richard. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010.

Cockett chronicles Sudan's wars and rebellions to explain how the country "disintegrated" to its current state. He looks at Sudan's connection with the rest of the world and how organizations and individuals brought the conflict in Darfur to the world's attention.

EUROPE & EURASIA

The free world: a novel. Bezmozgis, David. New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2011.

This novel tells the story of the Krasnanskys, a family of Russian Jews who flee the Soviet Union in 1978. The family experience life in Rome as they attempt to obtain Italian visas. They stick together, despite their varying ambitions and perspectives on emigration.

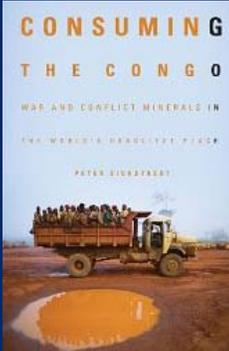


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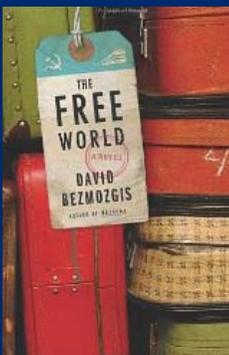


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LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

A promise in Haiti: a reporter's notes on families and daily lives. Curnutte, Mark. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2011.

Curnutte spends several pre-earthquake weeks in Gonaïves, Haiti volunteering with an NGO and learning about the lives of three families. He describes issues faced by each family, like unemployment and poverty. He goes to Port-au-Prince after the earthquake in 2010, and reflects on Haiti's problems and the problems of international aid.

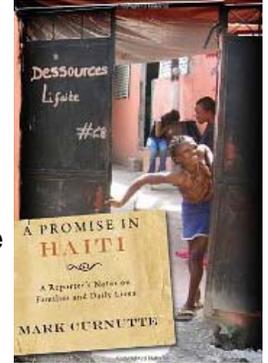


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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Harvard Business Review on building better teams. Boston: Harvard Business Review Press, 2011.

HBR outlines several methods of building effective teams. Topics include motivation, increasing performance, and emotional intelligence.

The cultural intelligence difference: master the one skill you can't do without in today's global economy. Livermore, David. New York: American Management Association, 2011.

Livermore presents cultural intelligence as the capability to understand other perspectives and modify behaviors appropriately. He describes the components of cultural intelligence and helps the reader to identify personal strengths and areas for improvement.

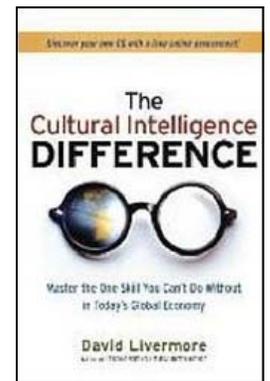


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Extraordinary groups: how ordinary teams achieve amazing results. Bellman, Geoffrey and Kathleen Ryan. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2009.

The authors look at group dynamics and the make-up of effective teams. They identify 6 needs of group members and claim that teams are most effective when the members' needs are met.

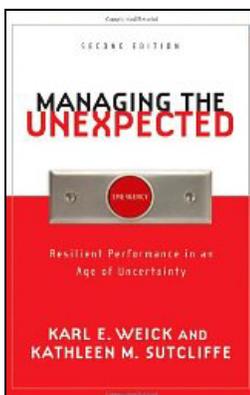


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Managing the unexpected: resilient performance in an age of uncertainty. 2nd ed. Weick, Karl and Kathleen Sutcliffe. San Francisco: John Wiley & Sons, 2007.

High reliability organizations (HROs) are defined here as institutions, like emergency rooms and firefighting units, that are able to manage the unexpected. The authors examine the components of HROs which allow them to be agile and effective in unanticipated circumstances. They suggest how such principles of response may be applied to other organizations.



Ebola: the plague fighters. WGBH Boston Video; NOVA, 2007.

The 1995 Ebola outbreak in Kikwit, Zaire killed nearly 80% of infected persons. Filmmakers go into “the hot zone” to document the epidemic, and show how health experts tracked down the cause of the outbreak.

Inside the Koran. First Run Features, 2008.

This documentary examines the history of Islam and the Koran. It focuses on the modern Islamic community’s relationship with the Koran and differences in Muslim perceptions and practices.

Mugabe and the white African. First Run Features, 2010.

Mike Campbell, a white farmer in Zimbabwe, struggles for his livelihood under Mugabe’s land redistribution program. Driven by years of bullying and threats, his family turns to international courts to confront Mugabe.

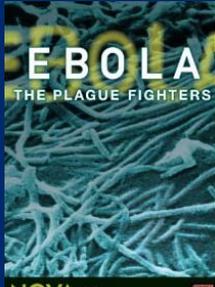


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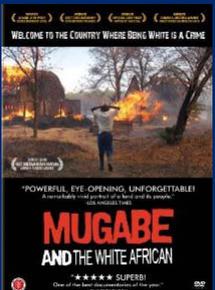


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