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Program Evaluation Learning Resources

International Monetary Fund (IMF), Publications, eLibrary:
<http://www.elibrary.imf.org/?redirect=true>

United Nations (UN) iLibrary: <http://www.un-ilibrary.org/>

The Atlas of Economic Complexity:
<http://atlas.cid.harvard.edu/>

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Economic Data:
<http://www.ebrd.com/what-we-do/economic-research-and-data/data.html>

Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts

[The Fidelity of Policy Comparisons: Do Social Experiments Inevitably Distort the Programs They Set Out to Study?](#) By Steve Bell

[What Can Experimental Evaluations Tell Us? And Why We Should Not Be So Doubtful About What They Won't Tell Us](#) by Laura Peck

[The Ethics of Using Experimental Evaluations in the Field](#) by Laura Peck and Steve Bell

[Lessons on turning evidence into action from the Transfer Project](#)

[We gave Sri Lankan microenterprises wage subsidies to hire workers: 8 years after starting, here's what happened](#)

[Are Women Really Happier than Men Around the World? Guest post by Mallory Montgomery](#)

[Program in Bolivia improves nutrition practices but increases prevalence of overweight children. Where did it go wrong?](#)

[Applying Evidence to Social Programs](#)

[Policy Coherence and the Sustainable Development Goals – What Can Evaluation Do About It?](#)



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Upcoming Events

April 30

[2017 Canadian Evaluation Society Conference, Vancouver, Canada](#)

May 10

[2017 UK Evaluation Society Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom](#)

Useful Sites

<http://www.ebrd.com/>

<http://www.imf.org/>

<http://www.unicef-irc.org/>

Examples of Evaluation Projects

[Project Performance Assessment Report, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Business Environment Adjustment Credit \(IDA 36450\), by World Bank, June 2014](#)

[Evaluation of the Linking Innovation, Knowledge, and Employment Program, Final Evaluation Report, by Impaq International, October 2016](#)

Relevant Publications

[Life in Transition Report by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development \(EBRD\)](#)

The LiTS is a combined household and attitudinal survey that collects information on the socio-economic status of respondents and includes perception-based questions on various economic, political and social topics. In 2016 the Life in Transition Survey (LiTS) covered 51,000 households in 29 transition countries as well as Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Greece and two western European comparator countries (Germany and Italy). This report discusses the major themes that have emerged from data analysis so far and provides detailed assessments for each individual country.

An important first finding of LiTS III is that people's life satisfaction has increased across post-communist countries compared to the situation in 2006 and 2010. As a result, the "happiness gap" between post-communist countries and western European comparator countries has closed. Moreover, people in most transition countries are now also more optimistic about the future of younger generations than their counterparts in western Europe.

A second core finding discussed in this report is that while levels of corruption have decreased since 2006, both in terms of people's perceptions and their actual experiences, corruption levels still remain relatively high and consequently continue to dominate reform debates across the transition region.

Third, the data collected as part of LiTS III show that while educational attainment is relatively equal for men and women in the transition region, such gender equality is not yet reflected in labor market outcomes. This implies that there is still much untapped economic potential in many transition countries. When it comes to paid work, women are less likely to work full-time and are less engaged in the workforce than men. In terms of unpaid work, women bear a disproportionate share of the housework and caring for their families. Many countries surveyed also show a strong preference for traditional family arrangements where the man earns the income and the woman takes care of the children and the home.

The last part of the report examines the impact of the economic crisis on Greek households. The economic hardships suffered by Greek respondents are reflected in the overall life satisfaction results where Greece currently ranks last among all the surveyed countries. While 48, 42 and 72% of Cypriot, Italian and German respondents, respectively, are satisfied with their lives, this is true for only 24% of those surveyed in Greece.



Recommended Reading

[World Development Indicators 2016 by World Bank](#)

On September 25, 2015, the United Nations General Assembly formally adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which sets out a new set of global goals, known as the Sustainable Development Goals. This is the first edition of World Development Indicators to include a discussion of the Sustainable Development Goals, which replaces the assessment of progress toward the Millennium Development Goals in previous editions.

World Development Indicators is the World Bank's premier compilation of cross-country comparable data on development. The database contains more than 1,300 time series indicators for 214 economies and more than 30 country groups, with data for many indicators going back more than 50 years.

All the data in WDI is available completely free of charge, at <http://data.worldbank.org/wdi>.