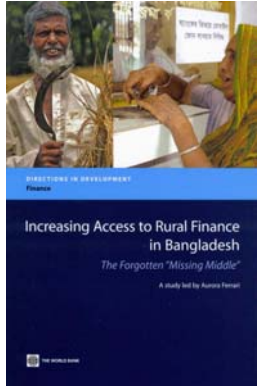


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### 1. Increasing Access to Rural Finance in Bangladesh:

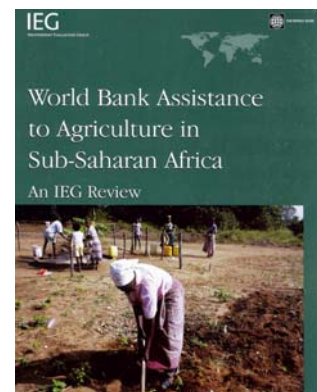


Since the mid-1990s, Bangladesh's banking sector has grown considerably. Despite the boom and the government's efforts to increase access in rural areas, rural financial markets have shrunk in relative terms. As a result, access to finance by micro, small, and medium-size enterprises and marginal, small, and medium-size farmers - the "missing middle" - remains limited, which is significant because these groups are the engines of growth in rural Bangladesh in terms of employment, contribution to GDP, and prospects for future growth.

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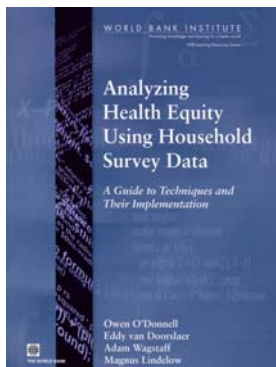
### 2. World Bank Assistance to Agriculture in Africa:

Sub-Saharan Africa is a critical development priority—it has some of the world's poorest countries and during the past two decades the number of poor in the Region has doubled, to 300 million—more than 40 percent of the Region's population. Africa remains behind on most of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and is unlikely to reach them by 2015. IEG has assessed the development effectiveness of World Bank assistance in addressing constraints to agricultural development in Africa over the period of fiscal 1991-2006 in a pilot for a wider assessment of the Bank's assistance to agriculture worldwide.



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### 3. Analyzing Health Equity Using Household Survey Data:



This book provides an overview of the key issues that arise in the measurement of health variables and living standards, outlines and explains essential tools and methods for distributional analysis, and, using worked examples, shows how these tools and methods can be applied in the health sector. The book seeks to provide the reader with both a solid grasp of the principles underpinning distributional analysis, while at the same time offering hands-on guidance on how to move from principles to practice.

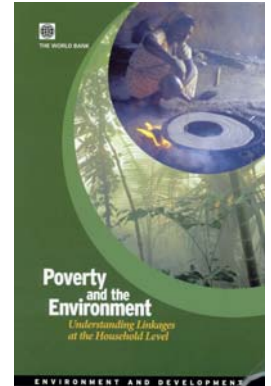
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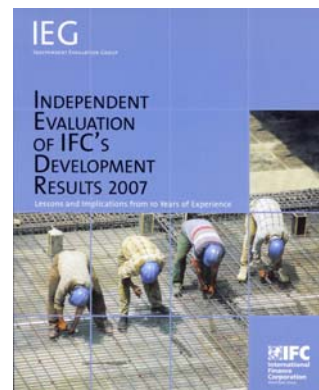
### 4. Poverty and the Environment:

Drawing upon recent analytical work prepared inside and outside the World Bank, this report identifies key lessons concerning the linkages between poverty and the environment. With a focus on the contribution of environmental resources to household welfare, the analysis increases our understanding of how specific reforms and interventions can have an impact on the health and livelihoods of poor people.



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### 5. Independent Evaluation of IFC's Development Results 2007:

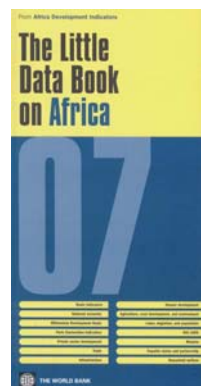


The Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) of IFC fully discloses for the first time its Independent Evaluation of IFC's Development Results (IEDR). The findings, which cover the last 10 years, indicate that IFC has effectively pursued its goal of promoting sustainable private sector investment in developing countries while maintaining its own profitability. IFC has performed well in its strategic priorities of investing in infrastructure and financial markets, as well as working in low-income and/or high-risk countries. However, IEG finds that IFC must strengthen its country-level strategic focus to complement its sectoral and regional involvement.

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### 6. The Little Data Book on Africa:

This book provides profiles of over 50 countries with 54 development indicators about people, environment, economy, technology, infrastructure, trade and finance, all in one handy, pocket-sized volume. A must have for anyone interested in today's development challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa.

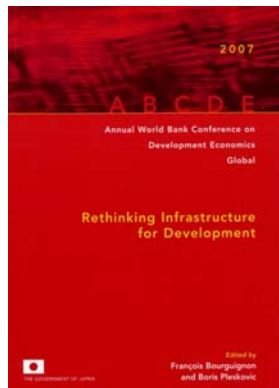


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### 7. Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics Global 2007:



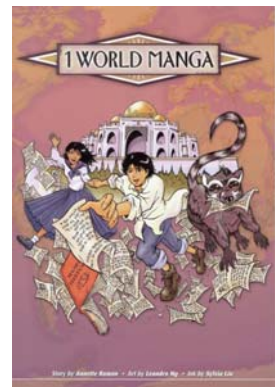
This edition of the Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics presents selected papers from the ABCDE Meetings, held May 29-30, 2006, in Tokyo, Japan. This volume presents papers on Infrastructure for Growth - emerging issues; sustainable development and infrastructure - climate change, clean energy, and energy efficiency; rural infrastructure and agricultural development; and infrastructure and regional cooperation.

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Subject: Infrastructure, Transport and Urban Development

### 8. 1 World Manga Passage 5: Girl's Education

Teenage orphan Rei survives by his wits and guts on the mean streets of the world. His fortunes seem to look up when he meets a mysterious stranger who offers to help him achieve his dream of becoming the greatest martial artist ever... But Rei's trainer is more interested in developing his mind, spirit, and - ugh! - heart than his thrashing, raging, fighting moves! And Rei's master turns out to be a real animal! In fact, Rei never knows what animal he's going to turn into next! Rei meets two best friends who can't wait to learn a lesson! You think getting up in time to beat the first bell is hard? These women have much greater obstacles to overcome to get an education! Plus, Rei has a transformative experience - several, in fact - an learns about the animal kingdom and girls up close and personal!

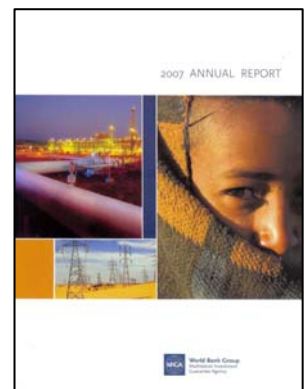


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Subject: Education and Training

### 9. MIGA 2007 Annual Report:

In this report several records stand out from fiscal year 2007: Nearly half (48 percent) of projects supported by MIGA were in IDA-eligible countries, bringing MIGA's outstanding exposure in IDA countries to 41 percent. In addition, 38 percent of the projects supported during the year were in Africa, where MIGA has supported critical investments with a total of \$2.3 billion in guarantees since 1991. The 2007 review also illustrates MIGA's commitment to supporting developing country investors, which represent a growing source of foreign direct investment in the developing world. These achievements point to the institution's strong dedication to confronting poverty-especially where it is most dire. Fiscal 2007 was also a strong year for MIGA's non-guarantee activities, with 44 technical assistance projects conducted in 29 countries in all regions, in addition to several regional and global initiatives. The fiscal year also registered important innovations in MIGA's delivery of investment-related information, with the launch of two new knowledge websites on foreign investment and political risk insurance.



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