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Books and Special Issues

In addition to the publication of numerous journal articles, WIEGO has edited special issues of journals and books. Notable examples are included here.


1 For a list of journal articles published by team members, see WIEGO newsletters.
PUBLICATION SERIES

MARTHA KOTEY sells fabrics in Makola Market in Accra, Ghana. For more than 17 years, Martha has been trading in fabrics, first in brightly colored printed clothes and now in school uniform fabrics. Martha is one of the more than 2,000 members of the Makola Market Traders Union, an affiliate of the Ghana Trade Union Congress.

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WORKING PAPERS feature research that makes either an empirical or a theoretical contribution to existing knowledge about the informal economy. Particular attention is paid to policy-relevant research. This series includes statistical profiles of informal employment and critical analysis of data collection and classification methods. Methodological issues and innovations, as well as suggestions for future research, are considered. All WIEGO Working Papers are peer reviewed by the WIEGO Research Team and/or external experts.


Jain, Kalpana. 2013. 
*Health Financing and Delivery in India: An Overview of Selected Schemes.*

Chan, Man-Kwun. 2013. 

Meagher, Kate. 2013. 
*Unlocking the Informal Economy: A Literature Review on Linkages Between Formal and Informal Economies in Developing Countries.*

Carré, Françoise and James Heintz. 2013. 
*Toward a Common Framework for Informal Employment across Developed and Developing Countries.*

[Waste-scapes: Recycling Dynamics and Spatial Externalities in Montevideo, Uruguay].
Documento de Trabajo de WIEGO (Políticas Urbanas) No. 25.

Schamber, Pablo J. 2012. 
[Waste Picker Integration Process of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires. From Recognition to Green Management Centres and Selective Waste Collection].
Documento de Trabajo de WIEGO (Políticas Urbanas) No. 24.

Scheinberg, Anne. 2012. 
*Informal Sector Integration and High Performance Recycling: Evidence from 20 Cities.*

Goulart, Fabiana de Oliveira e Francisco de Paula Antunes Lima. 2012. 
*Eficiência e Solidariedade nas Associações de Catadores de Materiais Recicláveis.*
[Waste Picker Integration Process of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires. From Recognition to Green Management Centres and Selective Waste Collection].

Watson, Vanessa. 2011. 

Lund, Frances and Anna Marriott. 2011. 
*Occupational Health and Safety and the Poorest.*

Dias, Sonia. 2010. 
[Solid Waste Management, Waste Pickers, Participation and Citizenship – New Possibilities?]

Tokman, Victor. 2010. 
*Domestic Workers in Latin America: Statistics for New Policies.*

WORKING PAPERS continued

Salej, Ana Paula. 2010.  
*Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Brazil and Belo Horizonte.*  
WIEGO Working Paper No. 15.

Mumtaz, Khawar, Nadia Saleem, Sara Shujat and Junaid Qureshi. 2010.  
*Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Pakistan and Ravi Town, Lahore.*  

Aliaga Linares, Lissette. 2010.  
*Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Peru and Metropolitan Lima.*  

Casanova-Dorotan, Florencia G. 2010.  
*Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Philippines and Quezon City.*  

Budlender, Debbie. 2009.  
*Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Brazil, Pakistan, Peru and Philippines.*  
WIEGO Working Paper No. 11.  
**ESPAÑOL:** Presupuesto y Economía Informal en Brasil, Pakistán, Perú y las Filipinas

*Social Protection, Citizenship and the Employment Relationship.*  

*Informal Sector and Informal Employment: Overview of Data for 11 Cities in 10 Developing Countries.*  

Esquivel, Valeria. 2010.  
*The Informal Economy in Greater Buenos Aires: A Statistical Profile.*  

*Urban Employment in India: Recent Trends and Patterns.*  

Wills, Gabrielle. 2009.  
*South Africa’s Informal Economy: A Statistical Profile.*  

*Street Trade in Africa: A Review.*  

Heintz, James and Imraan Valodia. 2008.  
*Informality in South Asia: A Review.*  
WIEGO Working Paper No. 3.


Chen, Martha. 2012.  
*The Informal Economy: Definitions, Theories and Policies.*  
**ESPAÑOL:** La economía informal: definiciones, teorías y políticas.
BRIEFS

WIEGO’s BRIEFS aim to provide user-friendly documentation for those involved in advocacy, policy and research on the informal economy. There are six types of briefs, each with a different focus.

POLICY BRIEFS offer information on policies and organizational practices that affect the informal economy. This series supports advocacy processes and disseminates better practices and ideas, contributing to a worker- and livelihood-centered approach to development.

WIEGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 17.
ESPAÑOL: Leyes, legitimidad y lucha: lecciones de las políticas sobre derechos de las trabajadoras del hogar en Bolivia.

Yasmeen, Gisèle and Narumol Nirathron. 2014, Vending in Public Space: The Case of Bangkok.
WIEGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 16.

WIEGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 15.

Obino, Francesco. 2013, Housing Finance for Poor Working Women: Innovations of the Self-Employed Women’s Association in India.

Sinha, Shalini. 2013, Supporting Women Home-Based Workers: The Approach of the Self-Employed Women’s Association in India.


LEGAL BRIEFS examine how laws can be used by informal workers and their organizations to improve livelihoods. Some Legal Briefs analyze international instruments used for national advocacy or to hold states and corporations accountable at the global level. Others describe laws that recognize informal workers’ rights and precedent-setting cases that have extended entitlements to informal workers, and the associated political struggles.

WIEGO Legal Brief No 4

Turning the Law into a Shield for Street Vendors in African Countries

Jacques Jonathan Nyemb

Introduction

On December 17, 2010, Mohamed Bouazizi, a young unlicensed street vendor in Tunisia, had his goods confiscated by a municipal officer on the streets of rural Sidi Bouzid. This had happened to him many times before. For the past seven years, he had been repeatedly harassed by municipal officials, who took his goods, fined him, and stole his money almost on a daily basis.

That day, he went to the local authorities and begged for his goods to be returned to him and for a street-vending license to finally be granted to him. He was chased out of the Provincial Governorate offices and publicly humiliated. Stricken with hopelessness, he set himself on fire on the street for everyone to see. His desperate act—which would claim his life two weeks later—sparked revolutions and civil wars across the Arab world, starting what would eventually come to be known as the “Arab Spring.”

While most cases do not result in such dramatic and historical consequences, this story is indicative of the hardships that many street vendors face at the hands of their local and/or national governments on any given day.

Turning the Law into a Shield for Street Vendors in African Countries.
WIEGO Legal Brief No. 4.
ORGANIZING BRIEFS contain information on organizing strategies and practices in the informal economy. This series aims to support organizing efforts and disseminate better practices.

The Mobilization of Bolivian Domestic Workers. 
WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 10. 
ESPAÑOL: Las movilizaciones de las trabajadoras del hogar bolivianas.

Budlender, Debbie. 2013. 
WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 9.

Carré, Françoise, 2013. 
Decentralizing and Categorizing Organizations of Informal Workers in Developing and Developed Countries. 
WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 8.

Spooner, Dave. 2013. 
Challenges and Experiences in Organizing Home-Based Workers in Bulgaria. 
WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 7.

Mapping of the Policy Context and Catadores Organizations in Maputo, Mozambique. 
WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 6.

Organizing Reclainers in Tshwane, South Africa: Lessons from Top Down and Bottom Up Experiences. 
WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 5. 
Summary: Organizing Reclainers in Tshwane, South Africa: 
Lecciones de las experiencias de arriba para abajo y de abajo para arriba.


PORTUGUÊS: Organizando Os Catadores de Recicláveis Em Tshwane, África do Sul: Lições das Experiências “Top Down e Bottom Up” (De cima para Baixo e da Base para Cima).

HINDI: त्यहाँ से त्यहाँ, त्यहाँ से त्यहाँ: नीचे तक तीन और ऊपर तक तीन।
ORGANIZING BRIEFS continued

WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 3.
Summary: Organizing on the Streets: A Study of Reclaimers in the Streets of Cape Town.

WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 4.
Summary: Options for Organizing Waste Pickers in South Africa.

WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 2.
ESPAÑOL: Programa de Radio “Gente de Confiar”; Lima, Perú.
FRANÇAIS: « Gente de confiar »: les vendeurs de rue s’organisent au travers d’une émission de radio à Lima, au Pérou.

Roever, Sally and Lissette Linares. 2010. Street Vendors Organizing: The Case of the Women’s Network (Red de Mujeres), Lima, Peru.
WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 1.
FRANÇAIS: Les vendeurs de rue s’organisent: le cas du Réseau des femmes (Red de Mujeres) à Lima, au Pérou.
STATISTICAL BRIEFS provide summary statistics on informal employment and the informal economy. They include information about methods for the collection, tabulation and analysis of statistics.


ESPAÑOL: Estadísticas sobre vendedores ambulantes y vendedores de mercado en Lima Metropolitana y en el Perú urbano.


STATISTICAL BRIEFS continued

Budlender, Debbie. 2011. 
*Statistics on Informal Employment in Kenya.*
WIEGO Statistical Brief No. 5.

Budlender, Debbie. 2011. 
*Statistics on Informal Employment in Brazil.*
WIEGO Statistical Brief No. 4. 
ESPAÑOL: *Estadísticas sobre el empleo informal en Brasil.* PORTUGUÊS: *Estatísticas acerca do Trabalho Informal no Brasil.*

Budlender, Debbie. 2011. 
*Statistics on Informal Employment in South Africa.*
WIEGO Statistical Brief No. 3.

Dias, Sonia. 2011. 
*Statistics on Waste Pickers in Brazil.*
WIEGO Statistical Brief No. 2.

Tokman, Victor. 2010. 
*Statistics on Domestic Workers in Latin America.*
WIEGO Statistical Brief No. 1.

The **WIEGO STATISTICS DASHBOARD** presents key indicators, based on official national data, of the size and composition of informal employment. It is designed to share what we know about the informal workforce in different countries and regions around the world. Searches can be done by region, country and, where available, by city. 

TECHNICAL BRIEFS provide guides for both specialized and non-specialized audiences. These are designed to strengthen understanding and analysis of the situation of those working in the informal economy, and of the policy environment and policy options.


Budget Briefs

BUDGET BRIEFS are popular versions of longer informal economy budget analyses (IEBAs). Budget analysis aims to understand how government budgets address the needs and interests of informal workers, and investigates what opportunities exist for informal workers, or their representatives, to participate at different stages of the budget process.


Budlender, Debbie. 2015. Budgeting and the Informal Economy in Durban, South Africa. WIEGO Budget Brief No. 6.

Budlender, Debbie. 2015. Budgeting and the Informal Economy in Accra, Ghana. WIEGO Budget Brief No. 5.

Budlender, Debbie. 2009. Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Brazil and Belo Horizonte. WIEGO Budget Brief No. 4.

Budlender, Debbie. 2009. Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Pakistan and Ravi Town, Lahore. WIEGO Budget Brief No. 3.

Budlender, Debbie. 2009. Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Peru and Metropolitan Lima. WIEGO Budget Brief No. 2.

Budlender, Debbie. 2009. Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Philippines and Quezon City. WIEGO Budget Brief No. 1.
Resource Documents

WIEGO RESOURCE DOCUMENTS include WIEGO-generated literature reviews, annotated bibliographies, and papers reflecting the findings of new empirical work. They provide detail to support advocacy, policy or research on specific issues.

Horn, Pat. 2018. 
*Street Vendor Licensing and Permits – Reflections from StreetNet International.*

Carrillo-Rodriguez, Jorge and Sarah Orleans Reed. 2018. 
*If Street Food Disappears – Projecting the Cost for Consumers in Bangkok.*

Banu-Chipunza, Pamhidzai H. 2018. 
*Promoting Decent Work for Domestic Workers: Lessons from Five Countries.*

*Informal Economy Budget Analysis: Greater Monrovia.*
Workers’ Lives

WORKERS’ LIVES use descriptive profiles of individual workers to explore informal employment. The series illuminates, in different contexts, the living and working environments of informal workers and how they experience first-hand the impact of policies and organizing initiatives.

Headstrong
Profile of a Headloader in Ahmedabad, India
by Leslie Vryenhoek

A leader among headloaders in Ahmedabad’s busy textile market, Shanta Bababahi Bhalerao knows firsthand how belonging to the growing SEWA movement can help lift a worker’s burdens.

Organizing a Industry da Paciência:
Perfil de uma Trabalhadora Doméstica em Maputo, Moçambique
by Ruth Castel-Branco

A camarada Albertina Mundlovo é uma líder na luta pela justiça para os trabalhadores domésticos em Maputo, Moçambique. Uma cidade portuária no oceano Índico, muito próxima da África do Sul, Maputo é o maior centro econômico de Moçambique e local de três organizações de trabalhadores domésticos. Albertina é membro do Sindicato Nacional de Trabalhadores Domésticos (SITRUD).

Vryenhoek, Leslie. 2014.
Gaining Ground: The Cooperative Life of a Smallholder in Uganda.
WIEGO Workers’ Lives No. 6.

Carré, Françoise. 2014.
Location, Location, Location: The Life of a Refugee Street Barber in Durban, South Africa.
WIEGO Workers’ Lives No. 5.

Small World, Big Goals: Profile of a Home-Based Garment Worker in Delhi.
WIEGO Workers’ Lives, No 4.

Castel-Branco, Ruth. 2012.
Organizing the Patience Industry: The Story of a Domestic Worker in Maputo, Mozambique.
WIEGO Workers’ Lives, No 3.

De Brito, Deia. 2012.
God is My Alarm Clock.
WIEGO Workers’ Lives Series, No. 1.

ESPAÑOL: Dios es mi despertador.
PORTUGUÊS: Deus é meu Despertador.
informal economy statistics

the statistics program collaborates with official statisticians to develop statistics that make visible the size and significance of the informal economy, and the situation of those working in it. WIEGO collaborates closely with the International Labour Organization (ILO), which, under the international statistical system, is responsible for labor force statistics. WIEGO has either co-authored or played an advisory role in developing the ILO's Joint Publications.

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**Women and Men in the Informal Economy: A Statistical Picture**


Non-technical language and clear, simple statistical tables will make the information easy to understand by a large and varied audience. This publication is intended to respond to the needs of different users, including researchers, statisticians, policymakers, employers’ and workers’ organizations, including organizations of informal workers.

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Child Care

A key focus of WIEGO’s Social Protection program is research and advocacy on CHILD CARE for those working informally. These publications examine the importance of child care for informal workers and forms the foundation for WIEGO’s global child care campaign. The campaign provides informal workers, especially women, with advocacy tools and training to help them improve access to quality child care.

ESPAÑOL: Movilización de las mujeres en empleo informal por el cuidado infantil.
FRANÇAIS: Les femmes travailleuses de l’économie informelle se mobilisent pour la garde d’enfants.
PORTUGUÊS: Trabalhadoras Informais se Mobilizando pelo Cuidado das Crianças.

“Our children do not get the attention they deserve”. 2016. By Laura Alfers.
FRANÇAIS: « Nos enfants ne reçoivent pas l’attention qu’ils méritent ».
PORTUGUÊS: “Nossos filhos não recebem a atenção que merecem”.

A Summary of Research Findings on Women Informal Workers and Child Care from Six Membership-based Organizations. 2016. By Laura Alfers.
ESPAÑOL: Resumen de los resultados del estudio sobre las trabajadoras en empleo informal y el cuidado infantil en seis organizaciones con base de miembros de trabajadoras pobres.
FRANÇAIS: Résumé des résultats de recherche sur les travailleuses de l’économie informelle et la garde d’enfants, issus de six organisations de base de travailleurs pauvres.
PORTUGUÊS: Um resumo dos resultados da pesquisa sobre o cuidado das crianças e trabalhadoras informais de 6 organizações de base (OBs) de trabalhadoras/es pobres.
THAI: แผนงานการริเริ่มเรื่องงานให้การดูแลเด็กของ WIEGO สุรรัตน์ มันทวี หัวหน้างานวิจัยเรื่องแรงงานหญิงในระบบการคุ้มครอง องค์กรฐานสมาชิกแห่ง ประเทศไทย.
HINDI: सुरजना नान्हस्किंचन्जा अध्यक्षवाणी इन महिलाओं के उत्साहकें मांगकर देश बच्चों का व्यवहार एवं महिलाओं के उद्यमी महिलाओं के बीच सहयोग आयोजकों के प्रशासनिक कार्यालय.
isiZULU: WIEGO Child Care Initiative Umbiko ofinquele wo-cwaningo mayelana nabasebenzi besifazane abazisebenzayo kanye nokunakekelwa kwabantwana abavela kwizinhlangano eziyisithupha ezimele abasebenzi abampofu.
Workers’ Health

WORKER’S HEALTH is another pillar of the Social Protection Program’s work. While poorer informal workers face the same problems in accessing health services as all poor citizens, they also face specific exclusions and barriers – and health is vital to their ability to work and earn income. This set of publications reflects research and advocacy materials on this issue.

Access these publications online at www.wiego.org.
Public Space

Access to PUBLIC SPACE is critical to the livelihoods of many informal workers, especially street vendors. In 2018, WIEGO consolidated and extended work on this issue through a project supported by the Cities Alliance. The project examined how public space can be more inclusive of informal workers, and developed tools for local authorities and street vendors.

2018. By Martha Chen, with Jenna Harvey, Caroline Wanjiku Kihato and Caroline Skinner.

Supporting Inclusive Livelihoods in Public Space: A Toolkit for Local Authorities.
2018. By Caroline Skinner, Sarah Orleans Reed and Jenna Harvey.

2018. By María Benítez, Jenny Grice and Jenna Harvey.

Español: Trabajar en el espacio público: Un manual para vendedoras y vendedores ambulantes.
FRANÇAIS: Trabajar en el espacio público: Un manual para vendedoras y vendedores ambulantes.

Focal Cities

In several cities across the Global South WIEGO team members working alongside membership-based organizations (MBOs) building capacity and engaging in local policy and advocacy. Knowledge produced from this work feature in a range of WIEGO publications. The advocacy documents listed below were produced for ongoing advocacy in Delhi, Bangkok and Mexico City.

2018. By Gautam Bhan, Tripta Chandola, Kinjal Sampat and Nidhi Sohane.

Trabajadores invisibles dentro del servicio de limpieza de la Ciudad de México.
2018. Por Tania Espinosa, Dean Saffron y Olga Abizaid, con la colaboración de Lucía Fernández.

Propuestas y demandas de las trabajadoras y los trabajadores en empleo informal para el nuevo gobierno de la Ciudad de México.
2018. WIEGO con organizaciones de trabajadores en empleo informal.

Informal Workers in Bangkok, Thailand: Scan of Four Occupational Sectors.

THAI: รายงานการศึกษาแรงงานนอกระบบในกรุงเทพมหานคร : กรณีศึกษา 4 สาขาอาชีพ

Informal Workers in Bangkok: Considerations for Policymakers.

THAI: แรงงานนอกระบบในกรุงเทพมหานคร : ข้อควรพิจารณาสำหรับผู้กำหนดนโยบาย
Women’s Economic Empowerment

WIEGO has long been involved in women’s economic empowerment projects and policy processes, most notably through two projects funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and the United Nations’ Women’s High-Level Panel (UN HLP). The UN HLP was a consultative process that culminated with the creation of an agenda for advancing women’s economic empowerment globally. WIEGO and SEWA worked to raise the visibility of women informal workers in this process, including through the production of multiple resources on women’s economic empowerment from the perspective of women in the informal economy.

Enhancing the Productivity of Own Account Enterprises from the Perspective of Women in the Informal Economy.
2016. By Martha Chen and Sally Roever.

MORE WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PUBLICATIONS:

Empowering Home-based Workers in India: Strategies and Solutions.
2016. WIEGO, HomeNet South Asia and Harvard University South Asia Institute.

2016. By Elaine Jones, Carol Willis and Leslie Vryenhoek.

Economic and Employment Rights: Advancing Domestic Workers’ Leadership.

Strengthening the Movement of Home-Based Workers.
2016. By Kendra Hughes.

Trading Our Way Up: Women Organizing for Fair Trade.
2011. By Elaine Jones, Sally Smith and Carol Wills.

ESPAÑOL: Progresando por el comercio: Mujeres organizándose en el comercio justo.

Access these publications online at www.wiego.org.
Cooperation Among Workers

In 2016, WIEGO and the International Labour Organization embarked on an action research project to deepen understanding on the nature and role of cooperatives in formalizing the informal economy. This included a global mapping and survey conducted with members of existing cooperatives, complemented with a literature review of existing studies.

Summary of Key Findings from Cooperation Among Workers in the Informal Economy: A Focus on Home-Based Workers and Waste Pickers.
2017. ILO and WIEGO.

Technology at the Base of the Pyramid: Insights from Ahmedabad (India), Durban (South Africa) and Lima (Peru).
2016. By Laura Alfers, Namrata Bali, Mike Bird, Themis Castellanos, Marty Chen, Richard Dobson, Kendra Hughes, Sally Roever and Mike Rogan.

In 2015, WIEGO and Practical Action undertook a collaborative project to investigate which technologies impact the livelihoods of the working poor; how they are responding to these impacts; and what technologies they need to enable their work. This was supported by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Technology & Informal Work

Technology & the Future of Work.
2016. By Jonathan Casey and Jenna Harvey.

THE INCLUSIVE CITIES PROJECT, supported by the Gates Foundation, was a major multi-year WIEGO project that brought together membership-based organizations (MBOs) of the working poor, regional/global alliances of MBOs, and research and technical support organizations. The project strengthened MBOs in organizing, policy analysis and advocacy, and upscaled WIEGO’s urban action research. Work completed within the Inclusive Cities Project informed much of WIEGO’s publishing on urban issues over the 2008-2015 period. A few highlights of project-related outputs are listed here.

**Building Inclusive Cities: Highlights from the Inclusive Cities Project**


**ESPAÑOL:** Construyendo Ciudades Inclusivas: Aspectos destacados del proyecto Ciudades Inclusivas.

**Home-Based Workers Create City Dialogue in Bangkok.**
**Case Summary:** Dialogue in Bangkok. 2015.

**Addressing the Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Needs of Informal Workers: Market Traders and Street Vendors in Accra, Ghana.**
**Case Summary:** Better OHS for Market Traders and Street Vendors in Accra, Ghana. 2015.

**ARB: Fighting for an Inclusive Model for Recycling in Bogotá.**
**Case Summary:** ARB: Fighting for an Inclusive Model for Recycling in Bogotá. 2015.

**Vending in Public Spaces and the Law: A Case Study.**
**Case Summary:** Vending in Public Spaces and the Law: Summary. 2015.

**Empowering Market Traders in Warwick Junction, Durban, South Africa.**
**Case Summary:** Empowering Market Traders in Warwick Junction, Durban, South Africa. 2015.

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The Global Economic Crisis Study was a precursor to the Informal Economy Monitoring Study.


Inclusive Cities Study

Coping with Crises: Lingering Recession, Rising Inflation, and the Informal Workforce

Synthesis Report by Zoe Elena Horn
January 2011

What we have to do—to make the world recognize that every worker at every stage of the production process is integral to the industry and the economy.
—Elita Bhatt, founder of Self-Employed Women’s Association
THIPHAPORN TONGKHAM is a vital part of the Bangkok neighbourhood where she sells affordable, home-cooked food. Thiphaporn spends long hours vending, preparing the food for sale, washing up after the day is finished, and buying all the necessary materials.

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These resources offer workers and their organizations information on organizing, workers' rights, successful strategies and practical ideas.

The Only School We Have: Learning from Organizing Experiences Across the Informal Economy

Organising in the Informal Economy: Resource Books for Organisers.
1. Recruiting Workers into Democratic Workers’ Organizations.
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3. Manejo de los Problemas Cotidianos de los Trabajadores de la Economía Informal.

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Le regroupement dans l’économie informelle: Livres de référence pour les organisateurs.
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Enhancing Sustainability

BOOKLET 1: Writing a Project Plan Part ONE: Developing Outcomes and Objectives.
BOOKLET 2: Writing a Project Plan Part TWO: Measuring and Sharing the Impact of Your Project Results.
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BOOKLET 4: Introduction to Proposal Writing.
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CUADERNO 3: Redacción de un plan de proyecto, tercera parte: Planificación operativa y presupuestos basados en actividades.
CUADERNO 4: Introducción a la redacción de propuestas.
CUADERNO 5: Gestión de finanzas transparentes para OBM.

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LIVRET 3: Rédiger un Plan de projet, partie TROIS: La Planification opérationnelle et les budgets établis par activités.
LIVRET 4: Introduction à la rédaction de propositions pour des projets.
LIVRET 5: Gestion financière transparente pour les OB.

STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONS continued

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2. Создание и обеспечение работы демократической организации работников неформального сектора.
3. Решение посеведенных проблем неформальных работников.
4. Коллективные переговоры в интересах неформальных работников.
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2013. By WIEGO.

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Introduction to Policy Dialogues

What is a Policy Dialogue?
A policy dialogue involves people from different interest groups sitting together to focus on an issue in which they have a mutual, but not necessarily common, interest. It is a process of interaction in which the participants and their different perspectives on the same problem are shared and discussed. For example:

- A person providing a service may have more information about the services that are delivered than an informal worker.
- An actor playing a social protection role may have a different perspective than an administrator.
- A street vendor and a city official may not agree on how public space should be used.
- A home-based worker may have different ideas about how to manage one’s own work than those designing the services.
- A person with a disability may have different views on the same issue than a non-disabled person.

A policy dialogue helps people to see problems from each other’s perspectives. It can help to broaden understanding and bring about meaningful improvements in policies or programs.

When done well, policy dialogues can be powerful advocacy platforms for informal workers—and valuable sources of information and solutions for officials, too.

Power Differences
Within groups and between groups, there are always power differences. City officials, for example, can generally be said to have more power than informal workers. Policy dialogues fully acknowledge these power differences, but work to identify areas where it is in the best interest of all to make improvements.

Informal workers bring a valuable resource to the policy table: the insight into their work, their lives, and the realities of the city that they experience.

A Policy Dialogue is NOT...
- a mass meeting
- a seminar or lecture
- an event controlled by only one interest group
- an event dominated by formalities and protocols
- an event for sharing research results with the general public
- an occasion to present prepared resolutions or deliver an ultimatum
- a spur of the moment meeting

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Securing Social Protection

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TRAINING MODULE 4:
Enhancing Financial and Business Management Skills.

TRAINING MODULE 5:
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Informal workers around the world, especially women, face multiple barriers in securing their livelihoods. For two decades, WIEGO has worked with informal workers’ organizations to find solutions that improve their day-to-day lives. Our research—done in collaboration with workers, their organizations, and a broad range of allies—generates a grounded, credible body of knowledge that informs local, national and international policies and movements. For workers’ organizations, knowledge is crucial. WIEGO equips them with practical tools, research and data that they can use to advocate for more secure livelihoods. In addition to helping informal workers build stronger organizations, WIEGO connects them to powerful decision-makers, allowing them to share experiences and ideas on the ground.

In South and East and Southeast Asia, the vast majority of workers labour in the informal economy, yet informal workers tend to be ignored or excluded from city planning and economic development considerations. WIEGO has built strong alliances with established partners, including the Self Employed Women’s Association (SEWA) in India, HomeNets in South and Southeast Asia, and regional/national statistical organizations and the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics. Together, we help informal workers gain voice, visibility and validity.
About WIEGO

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