



## GSDI Quarterly News & Updates

The Global Social Development Innovations (GSDI), in collaboration with local stakeholders, creates interventions to build knowledge and produce evidence that will shape policy to improve the lives of marginalized populations globally. We use rigorous methods and evidence-building models to better understand what works for the marginalized populations and communities we serve.

We work closely with in-country partners because our experience has taught us that collaboration throughout the research process produces far-reaching solutions and policies for vulnerable populations. Capacity building is a central pillar of our partnership model because it fosters local leadership and ownership and becomes pivotal during the scaling of promising innovations

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### Michael Sherraden Lecture Series

On January 23, 2020 in partnership with the Kenan Flager School of Business and the School of Information and Library Science (SILS), GSDI hosted Dr. Arun Sundararajan, who delivered the first Michael Sherraden Lecture highlighting his work on crowd-based capitalism, policy choices for self-regulatory organizations, labor law, and funding our social safety net.



[Watch the Michael Sherraden Lecture](#)

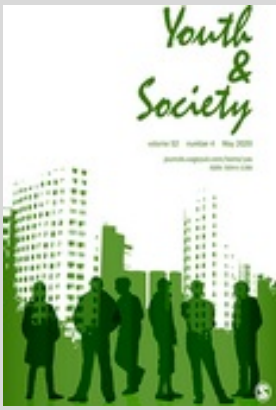
[Watch an Interview with Dr. Arun Sundararajan](#)

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### New Opportunities to Advance Positive Youth Development (PYD)

GSDI is part of a consortium that has been awarded the Youth Power 2 Learning and Evaluation (YP2LE) grant. The consortium is led by Making Cents International. The grant is designed to support USAID's Youth in Development Policy by enabling investments in Positive Youth Development (PYD) research and evaluation within and across multiple sectors. PYD engages youth along with their families, communities, and governments to build skills, assets, and competencies; foster healthy relationships; strengthen the environment; and transform systems. Through this grant, the consortium will provide PYD evidence, facilitate knowledge transfer, build capacity of in-country stakeholders to develop high-quality, impactful, and sustainable youth programs to achieve systems change.

[Learn more about YP2LE](#)



## An Evaluation of a School-Based Savings Program and Its Effect on Sexual Risk Behaviors and Victimization Among Young Ghanaians

**Key Finding:** Participation in a school-based savings program had a positive effect on sexual risk-taking and victimization among sexually-experienced youth, compared to sexually-experienced youth in the marketing outreach and control groups.

[Check out the article](#)