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## What is social cohesion? Why does it matter?

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## STRENGTHENING SOCIAL COHESION

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Search for Common Ground

# Integration Social Cohesion in a Refugee Recovery Context

## Case Study: Homes & Communities in Uganda





## Measuring Impact on Social Cohesion

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### Measuring Social Cohesion: The Role of Normative Choices in Indicator Design

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### Measuring Social Cohesion among and between Refugees and Hosts in Ethiopia

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and Evidence Conference

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## USING MIXED METHODS TO ADVANCE LEARNING ABOUT SOCIAL COHESION

Lessons from a Peacebuilding Program in  
North Central Nigeria

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## Measuring Social Cohesion – and its Multiplier Effects

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# Conference | Strengthening Social Cohesion: Advancing Operations, Programming, and Evidence

Investing in social cohesion can play a critical role in improving the effectiveness of development and humanitarian programs. This is particularly true in the current context, characterized by a range of ongoing crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and the global economic slowdown, which are exacerbating social fragmentation, fueling tensions within and between individuals from a diversity of communities, and

weakening social contracts.

On December 5, IPA, The World Bank, and Mercy Corps organized a conference on social cohesion. The goal was to disseminate evidence and lessons learned on strategies to measure and reinforce social cohesion while highlighting operational implications for policymakers and practitioners.

***Watch the full conference [here](#).***

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## **Session 1: Strengthening Social Cohesion - Welcome and Overview**

During the first part of this all-day event, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers presented evidence about the strategies that have shown promise in strengthening social cohesion, and the measurement approaches they have been using to track progress.

## **Session 2: Learning from Social Cohesion Innovators: Promising Practices for Operations and Programming**

## **Session 3: Yes, You Can Measure Social Cohesion! Strategies for Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning**

During the second part, panelists and participants collectively reflected on these insights' operational and programming implications, and articulated priorities that could guide future programming and learning.

## **Session 4: The Frontiers of Social Cohesion Measurement**

## **Session 5: Filling Evidence Gaps and Advancing Learning on Social Cohesion**

Conference organizers closed the conference with reflections and remarks, highlighting major themes and lessons from the day and directions for future collaboration between implementers, researchers, and policymakers.

## **Session 6: Bridging the Gaps Between Theory, Evidence, and Practice**