Reports & Resources

More Homeless Children Now Than Any Point in US History
National Center on Family Homelessness | READ STORY
A new report on child homelessness in America finds that 2.5 million children experience homelessness annually. The annual levels of homelessness among children have never been higher in the United States, according to a new comprehensive report.

Crime and Corruption Top Problems in Emerging and Developing Countries
Pew Research | READ STORY

President's Corner

If you are a NACDEP member, you can cast your vote for the NACDEP 2015 Officers and your Regional Representative until Dec. 12; look for the email ballot in your inbox.

The 2015 Community Development Society Conference will be July 19-22, in Lexington, KY, USA. The Call for Abstracts was just announced with a deadline of Jan. 31, 2015; To submit go to this link.

Last, please read this new Commentary in the latest issue of the Journal of Extension by Bo Beaulieu and Sam Cordes of Purdue University titled, Extension Community Development: Building Strong, Vibrant Communities; See in particular their insightful comment, “During the course of our careers, we often have heard the statement, ‘all Extension educators are..."
A median of 83% of people across 34 emerging and developing economies say crime is a very big problem in their country, and 76% say the same about corrupt political leaders. Many also worry about issues such as health care, poor quality schools, water and air pollution, and food safety.

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**Understanding Communities and Their Dynamics**
Jan 15- Feb 26, 2015
Remote
Sponsor: eXtension, USDA's Regional Rural Development Centers, and the University of Vermont Extension

**Liberal Education, Global Flourishing, and the Equity Imperative**
Jan 21- Jan 24, 2015
Washington DC
Sponsor: Association of American Colleges & Universities

**New Partners for Smart Growth Conference**
Jan 29- Jan 31
Baltimore, Maryland

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Kudos, Bo and Sam!

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

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**Crime and Corruption Are Top Problems in Emerging and Developing Nations**

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Note: Numbers indicate medians across 34 emerging and developing nations.

PEW Research Center
35.8 Million Worldwide Living in Modern-Day Slavery: Report

Walk Free Foundation | READ STORY

Modern-day slavery remains ubiquitous across the world, with an estimated 35.8 million people trapped under forced servitude or ownership of some kind, according to a report released Monday by the Australian anti-slavery NGO Walk Free Foundation.
Where Are the Hardest Places to Live in the U.S.?

**Times Magazine | READ STORY**

Annie Lowrey writes in the NY Times Magazine about several measures for the hardest place in America to live. The conclusions are drawn by looking at six data points for each county in the United States: education (percentage of residents with at least a bachelor's degree), median household income, unemployment rate, disability rate, life expectancy and obesity. Each county’s relative rank are then averaged in these categories to create an overall ranking.

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A Nationwide Evaluation of Municipal Law

**HRC| READ STORY**

A new report called the Municipality Equality Index produced by the Human Rights Campaign, examines the laws, policies, and services of municipalities and rates them on the basis of their inclusivity of LGBT people who live and work there. Ratings are based on 6 different areas: nondiscrimination laws; relationship recognition; how the city treats its own employees; city services; law enforcement; city leadership on matters of equality.
Finalizing an "ambitious and equitable" international climate agreement by 2015 is a key step in transitioning the world to a low-carbon economy and building resilience. Figuring out what that kind of agreement looks like, though, can be difficult - especially when it comes to the equity component. So, how should countries decide what to put into their contributions, and how should they be evaluated? What should governments, civil society, and the private sector take into account in thinking about the equitability of a country's actions? World Resource Institute's new online tool, the CAIT Equity Explorer, aims to help answer these questions. A related interactive visualization based on data from WRI's CAIT and the IPCC, shows how national CO2 emissions have changed over the last 150 years, how much of the global carbon budget these emissions have used up, and what the future might hold.