SAVINGS GROUPS FOR AFRICA
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Join us to help shape an exciting field. The SG4Africa consortium invites specialists from various fields to submit their application as an area expert in the project.

SAVINGS GROUPS

Savings groups are a global phenomenon, and especially prevalent across sub-Saharan Africa. Rotating savings and credit associations (ROSCAs) in particular have been identified as an indigenous African institution (Van den Brink & Chavas, 1997). Some estimates place the percentage of African participating in savings groups as high as 50% (Care, 2009), with even higher rates among the female population. The names for the savings group phenomenon vary by country: what is called Stokvel in South Africa, Chama in Kenya, and Susu in Ghana may differ in detail, but the concepts have striking similarities. Concepts related to SGs have strong cultural connotations, such the link between Kenya’s Chamas and Harambee which is Swahili for “all pull together” and is enshrined in the country’s coat of arms.

ABOUT SG4AFRICA PROJECT

Launched in April 2018, SG4Africa is a pan-African research project on savings groups initially composed of 35 partners, covering 26 African countries. The project takes a pan-African approach to the phenomenon of savings groups in their diverse manifestations across the continent, which vary only slightly by country and region. Our research aims to capture these differences in a comprehensive manner, resulting in the publication of findings. Further information is available on www.sg4africa.org

Join SG4Africa to create knowledge and maximize impact for Africa

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit their CV to ana.barroso@peep.pt by June 11, 2018. Applicants should clearly outline their area of expertise and how they would like to collaborate on the project.