World Bank Group Publications Announcement

WASHINGTON, DC, June 13, 2023—In alignment with the World Bank's initiatives on openness, on June 30, 2024, World Bank Group Publications will be discontinuing the World Bank eLibrary, its value-added, subscription-based platform for libraries and institutions. World Bank eLibrary subscribers will continue to receive access through the end of their current subscription period, and no new sales or renewals will be accepted as of June 30, 2023.

This notice is being provided a year in advance so World Bank eLibrary

subscribers can re-allocate their library subscription funds for the rest of the year and 2024. The decision to discontinue the eLibrary supports the World Bank's initiatives to become more open, transparent, and accessible to the public. These initiatives, including its Open Access, Open Data, and Access to Information policies, allow anyone to freely access and build upon more than 75 years of World Bank knowledge and experience in poverty reduction and development projects across various sectors in low- and middle-income countries.

All World Bank publications and data available on the World Bank eLibrary platform will remain freely available through the World Bank's <u>Documents and Reports</u> website, <u>Open Data portal</u>, or the <u>Open Knowledge Repository</u> (OKR), which has undergone a major upgrade earlier this year.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the discontinuation of the eLibrary are available on the World Bank eLibrary website and will be updated throughout the coming year. Additional questions may be directed to onlinere-sources@worldbank.org.