IPC-IG Portfolio
The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a joint project between the United Nations Development Programme and the Brazilian Government to promote policy dialogue and facilitate learning between countries around social policies as well as inclusive development.

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Overview
The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a leading global hub for dialogue on innovative development policies. Since the start of its activities, the Centre has been promoting services and tools to strengthen the institutional capacities of governments, aiming to expand countries’ knowledge to design, implement and evaluate social policies and attain inclusive growth.

A partnership between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Brazil was signed in 2002 to set the foundation of the International Poverty Centre (IPC). Activities started in 2004, and in 2009 the Centre was renamed the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG), to incorporate a broader approach in development policies. This partnership has been strengthened since then, and, more recently, the IPC-IG has benefitted from administrative and operational support from the UNDP Brazil Country Office. Today, the Centre is hosted by the Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea) and receives substantive contributions from its experts and researchers.

The IPC-IG is committed to providing policy and institutional innovations to reduce poverty and inequality. This portfolio provides an overview of the work undertaken and partnerships developed by the Centre, from its creation through June 2019. It also emphasises landmarks and project highlights through a concise timeline.

The IPC-IG’s mission is to promote policy dialogue and facilitate learning between developing countries around innovative social policies for inclusive growth.
Since 2004, the IPC-IG has worked with partners in over 65 countries. While most of its country-specific projects initially focused on Latin America and Africa, the Centre soon expanded its work to other regions of the world, including the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and South Asia.
Thematic areas

Over the years, the IPC-IG has expanded its thematic fields of activity. Today, the Centre’s work includes a diverse set of topics encompassing the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Social protection
- Providing advisory services in the design of national social protection policies
- Sharing specialized knowledge through the establishment of an online platform
- Providing analytical support to strengthen social protection systems, including monitoring and evaluation (M&E), management information systems and unified registries

Rural development and agriculture
- Conducting rural poverty assessments
- Developing impact and outcome evaluations of agricultural development policies
- Producing knowledge and strengthening capacities to enhance rural development

Poverty reduction and development policies
- Administering online and on-site courses on poverty analysis
- Organizing study tours and workshops
- Providing mapping, analysis and evaluations of poverty reduction and development policies

Sustainable development
- Developing proposals and studies to improve the management of natural resources
- Mapping climate change mitigation strategies to enhance sustainability
- Economic growth and inequality
  - Proposing innovative approaches to promote economic growth
  - Mapping and evaluating programmes to improve labour market outcomes
  - Conducting analysis of fiscal space and social expenditures

Education
- Enhancing educational policies through specialized policy analysis
- Monitoring educational programmes

Health and nutrition
- Providing analysis of health policies to improve the well-being of populations
- Supplying technical support to HIV-sensitive social protection initiatives
- Developing evaluations of food security programmes focused on ending malnutrition

Children/youth
- Carrying out comprehensive policy analysis, including a child-sensitive approach to social protection
- Conducting child poverty assessments

Gender
- Mapping, reviewing and designing gender-sensitive policies
- Promoting capacity-strengthening activities focused on gender policy outcomes

Social protection

Regional and continental conferences on social protection in Africa (DFID and African Union)

Grants of research activities in the Middle East and North Africa (Arabiy)

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Start of research activities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
The IPC-IG has undertaken several collaborative research projects, following requests from governments and development partners. As main outputs, research reports and publications were produced, consolidating knowledge on social policies. Among other services, the Centre is well-known for undertaking policy mappings, policy analysis and design, and M&E of social policies. Examples include:

**Policy mappings**
- Systematic programme inventories
  - Non-contributory social protection programmes in Africa (2016)
  - UNICEF, UK Aid, socialprotection.org
  - Non-contributory social protection programmes in MENA (2018)
  - UNICEF
  - Non-contributory social protection programmes in East and South Asia & the Pacific Islands (2019)
  - UNICEF, DFAT, socialprotection.org

**Policy analysis and design**
- Poverty and needs assessments
- Systematic reviews on best policy practices
- Fiscal capacity studies
- Assessment of programmes, policies, and legal and institutional frameworks
- Technical advice in the design of social protection systems, including management information systems

**M&E**
- Impact and process evaluations of social policies and programmes
- Targeting assessments
- Design of M&E methodologies and systems
GIZ
Design of the impact evaluation of the Solidaridad programme in the Dominican Republic (2008)
UNICEF, Government of the Dominican Republic
Impact evaluation of the WFP Food Subsidy Programme in Mozambique (2008–2010)
UNICEF
UNICEF, Government of Yemen, Interaction in Development Foundation
Implement monitoring and support the evaluation of PAA Africa in Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nigeria and Senegal (2011–2015)
WFP, USAID, GOV, Government of Brazil
Monitoring and Evaluation for the International Fund for Agro-Industrial Development (IFAD)’s projects in Brazil (2014–2018)
Evaluating the impact of “Programa Semear”
Evaluation of the coverage and benefit incidence of food fortification interventions (2017–2018) and Review of WFP’s project to improve market access for vulnerable smallholder farmers in Mozambique (2017–2019)
WFP
Enhancing the child sensitivity of the M&E of Egypt’s Takaful and Karama cash transfer programmes (2016–2019)
UNICEF, Government of Egypt

Knowledge-sharing

The IPC-IG has promoted discussion and disseminated knowledge through a diverse range of channels, such as its publications, the Social Protection Knowledge-Sharing Gateway and the organisation of events. In addition, the Centre undertakes various communications outreach activities, including through its website and social media channels.

A global audience of experts, policymakers, practitioners, civil society representatives, partner organisations and UN agencies has been connected through such knowledge-sharing activities, which have played an important role in supporting the global dissemination of the Centre’s work.
The mission of the socialprotection.org online platform—the Social Protection Knowledge-Sharing Gateway—hosted and developed by the IPC-IG, is to provide social protection practitioners, policymakers, and researchers with the most comprehensive and up-to-date content on the topic, to strengthen capacities and foster South-South cooperation, and to encourage networking and engagement. As a collaborative and member-based platform, it hosts content from individuals, bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies, non-government organisations (NGOs), research centres, government bodies and academia, allowing for the free exchange of information among users.

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Types of publications

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Over the past 15 years, the IPC-IG has been engaged in the organisation of several high-level events, which are essential to the Centre’s knowledge-sharing and dialogue strategies. Some of the highlights include:

**Equity and social mobility: Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, South Africa**

**Brazil-Asia Seminar: Perspectives for Cooperation and Inclusion**

**Learning event on national evaluation capacities, with participants from several countries**

**Launch of MDG’s strategy for Brazil: 2016-2017 and a series of national debates on rural poverty**

**Brazil-Asia Seminar: Perspectives for Cooperation and Inclusion**

**Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Water and Sanitation in Brazil: Governance and Public Policies**

**Bi-regional Conference on Social Protection and Poverty Reduction**

**The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development**

**South-South Cooperation in Agricultural Development in Africa**

**Fourth India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Academic Forum**

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The work of the IPC-IG aims to provide and facilitate the collaborative construction of capacity-strengthening activities in developing countries. Our efforts target policymakers and experts in national and international institutions.

Study tours

Study tours are an integral part of the Centre’s approach to collaborative learning. By meeting technical experts and visiting field sites, study tours provide a hands-on opportunity to learn in depth from Brazil’s experience in poverty reduction and social protection policies. The content of the tours is adapted to the specific demands of each visiting group and can include other countries in addition to Brazil.

Courses

All courses offered by the IPC-IG use an interdisciplinary and interactive approach, linking practical activities and case studies to theoretical discussions related to fundamental concepts such as social protection, growth and poverty.

The Centre offers different demand-driven courses to strengthen institutional capacities in different areas, such as the design and implementation of M&E systems. Courses are offered on-site as well as online, in different languages, including English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Examples of courses

- Workshop on impact evaluation methods for researchers and policymakers in Egypt
- Social Contract Centre (SCC) and UNDP Egypt
- Course on social protection in Angola (2016–2017)
- UNICEF, Catholic University of Angola, Ministry of Social Assistance and Reintegration (MINARS)
- Course on monitoring and evaluation of social protection systems in Mozambique (2016–2017)
- OECD, Mozambique’s Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Action (MIGET), National Institute for Social Action (INAS), Centre for Policy Analysis of the Eduardo Mondlane University (CAP/UEM) and National Institute for Statistics (INE)
- Capacity development to enhance the use of poverty analysis in policy-making in Panama and Morocco (2017–2018)
- FAO
Main partners

The projects were developed in close collaboration with various partners, including:

- Brazilian government ministries;
- Brazilian National Water Agency (ANA);
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government (DFAT);
- Department for International Development (DFID);
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- Environmental Defense Fund (EDF);
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
- French Development Agency (Agence Française de Développement—AFD);
- Fundación Espacio Público;
- German Corporation for International Cooperation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit—GIZ GmbH), on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ);
- International Labour Organization (ILO);
- Instituto Clima-Sociedade (ICS);
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA);
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC);
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
- Nike, Inc.;
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- Projeto Semear;
- Social Protection Inter-agency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B);
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF);
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women);
- United Nations Food Programme (WFP).