

The IPC-IG is a global forum for South–South cooperation on innovative development policies, guided by a partnership agreement between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Brazil,¹ represented by the Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea). For over 10 years, the Centre has been providing services and tools to strengthen the institutional capacities of governments of the global South, including on issues of social protection, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of public policies.

Mission

The Centre's mission is to [promote policy dialogue and facilitate learning between developing countries around innovative social policies for inclusive growth](#).

The innovative approaches carried out by the IPC-IG revolve around three pillars:

- **knowledge production:** carrying out research and studies, such as policy analysis and evaluations;
- **knowledge-sharing:** facilitating the exchange of innovative experiences and initiatives among countries of the South; and
- **capacity-strengthening:** providing and facilitating the collaborative construction of capacity-strengthening activities and flows of knowledge among countries of the South.

Partners

The IPC-IG has engaged in both international and national partnerships, which facilitate its activities through either specific agreements or joint collaborations. Some of the stakeholders developing active partnerships with the IPC-IG include: Brazil's Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger (MDS); the World Bank; the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office (IEO); UNDP Cape Verde; the World Food Programme (WFP); the UNICEF offices in Cape Verde and Middle East and North African (MENA) countries; UN Women; the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID); the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ); the Asian Development Bank (ADB); the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC); the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP); the UN Brazil Country System; and civil society entities and other international organisations.

Projects undertaken in 2015

IPC-IG partnerships take the form of joint research projects, publications and more in-depth studies. Projects undertaken in 2015 include:

- an analysis of the scale of institutional food procurement from smallholder farmers in Brazil;
- a policy analysis of the educational system in the Brazilian city of Maceió, to provide support in eliminating the high level of illiteracy in the metropolitan region;
- IFAD country-specific strategic positioning papers for Brazil to diagnose and evaluate the main determinants of rural poverty, the state of fiscal policies and rural development, as well as the consequences of climate change for the country;

- an assessment of cash transfer options for Cape Verde, providing technical support for the design of a cash transfer programme and a unified social protection registry;
- PAA Africa M&E activities: inter-regional research dialogue and advanced technical contributions to support the joint FAO and WFP initiative 'Promoting local food purchases for food assistance on the African continent—Purchase from Africans for Africa';
- the launch and management of the social protection knowledge-sharing gateway socialprotection.org;
- facilitation of knowledge-sharing among the countries and partners interested in promoting evaluation capacities, as per the commitments made during the 2013 National Evaluation Capacity Conference;
- support to the Brazil Learning Initiative for a World without Poverty (WWP), alongside the World Bank, the MDS and Ipea;
- support for the Africa Community of Practice on Cash Transfers, together with the World Bank and UNICEF;
- technical support to child-sensitive social protection reforms in cooperation with UNICEF's regional office in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region; and
- support for the design and implementation of a course in M&E with the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, Mozambique.

Impact

From its flagship magazine, *Policy in Focus*, to the popular *One Pager*, the IPC-IG has disseminated over 1,293 policy-oriented research publications, which have been downloaded over 3 million times across 180 countries. In 2015, 167 new publications were produced, with a total of 1,269,447 downloads.

The Centre's website receives an average of 45,535 visitors per month. With channels on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and Flickr, its social media presence has been steadily increasing, garnering over 30,200 followers on Twitter, for example. The IPC-IG also produces periodical newsletters in English, French and Portuguese.

The Centre has established and consolidated a global network that reaches out to [over 37,000 select stakeholders](#) in areas related to its thematic focus across different government levels, in academia, the United Nations and civil society organisations. The training sessions, workshops and study tours promoted by the Centre have reached [over 7,000 representatives](#) from [50 developing countries](#).

As a UNDP Global Centre, the IPC-IG is able to strengthen its existing relations, broaden its activities with new partners and serve other countries with collaboration in its main areas of expertise.

For more information, please see the IPC-IG's [Activity Report 2015](#).

Note:

The current institutional framework is in accordance with the 2009 agreement published in the *Diário Oficial da União*, dated 29 July 2009, pages 43–44.