

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a leading global forum for South–South dialogue on innovative development policies, aiming at expanding the knowledge and capacities of developing countries to design, implement and evaluate effective policies to attain inclusive growth.

The Centre is guided by a partnership agreement between the Government of Brazil, represented by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Management (MP) and the Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Since its foundation in 2004 the Centre has been providing services and tools to strengthen the institutional capacities of governments of the Global South, including the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of public policies and social protection. The innovative approaches used by the IPC-IG are based on three pillars: Knowledge Production; Knowledge Sharing; and Capacity Strengthening.

Projects in 2017

In 2017, the Centre undertook 21 projects in partnership with other institutions, including: the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID); The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government (DFAT); the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ); the World Bank; the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); the World Food Program (WFP).

- Promoting local food purchases for food assistance in the African continent—purchase from Africans for Africa (PAA Africa): implement the monitoring and support the evaluation of the PAA Africa project;
- Monitoring and evaluation for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)'s projects in Brazil: support
 the strengthening and structuring of the M&E of IFAD projects in Brazil and design M&E systems for IFAD projects
 currently under development in the country, as well as validate the systems on online platforms for follow-up purposes;
- Partnership with UNICEF-Egypt to enhance the child focus in social protection systems in the region: improve the child focus of the M&E component of the Egyptian Takaful and Karama cash transfer programme, by assisting the Ministry of Social Solidarity to achieve the following: integrate child indicators in the programme's M&E framework; acquire the tools and capacities required to collect data on proposed child indicators; and provide the foundation to undertake future evaluations of the programme's impact on children;
- The effect of social protection benefits on growth and equality: identify and quantify the role played by social protection benefits on inclusive growth.
- Technical support to HIV-sensitive social protection initiatives and facilitation of South-South cooperation: facilitate
 technical assistance in documenting experiences, as well as creating, promoting and administering an online
 community on HIV-sensitive social protection systems on the social protection.org online platform;
- Monitoring and evaluation of the WFP's social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) project in Mozambique's Manica province: monitor and evaluate an innovative social and behaviour change communication project to improve the health and nutrition of children in Mozambique's Manica province;
- Support the production of social protection knowledge and policy analysis in the MENA region: support the production
 of social protection knowledge and policy analysis in MENA; provide on-demand remote technical support to all 16
 UNICEF Country Offices in the MENA region and on-site technical support in selected cases;
- Monitoring and evaluation of Rio's Olympic Villages: support the monitoring and evaluation (baseline and midline) of Nike Project's targets for 22 Olympic Villages in the City of Rio de Janeiro;
- Impact evaluation of the World Food Programme's interventions to improve market access for vulnerable smallholder farmers in Mozambique: evaluate the impact of the WFP's support to 14 smallholder farmer organisations, with the aim of improving the market access and nutritional outcomes of their members;
- Evaluation of the coverage and benefit incidence of the WFP's food fortification interventions in Mozambique under the MDG1c Programme: review the coverage and benefit incidence of fortification of staple foods in Mozambique, within the WFP's MDG1c initiative;
- Studies and proposals for measures towards the achievement of SDG 6 on water and sanitation: develop studies and propose a strategy for monitoring and management mechanisms for programmes and public policies across the Brazilian territory that contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation (water supply, depletion and final disposal components), to support the National Water Agency (ANA) in the implementation and monitoring of SDG 6 in the country;

- Enhancing opportunities for vulnerable youth: hearing their voices to inform policies: produce a study, based
 on original research, to influence policymaking towards facilitating youth participation in the labour force and
 educational systems in Brazil;
- Social Protection Knowledge Sharing Gateway—socialprotection.org: manage socialprotection.org, an online collaborative
 platform dedicated to knowledge-sharing, capacity-building and collaboration on social protection themes;
- Brazil & Africa: fighting poverty and empowering women via South-South Cooperation—Outcome 1: promote knowledge-sharing and learning on social protection issues between Brazil and African low-income countries, helping to reduce poverty in Africa;
- Support to the Brazil Learning Initiative for a World without Poverty (WWP): the IPC-IG is a co-founder of the WWP;
- International Seminar on Linking Climate Change and National Accounting: organisation of a seminar aimed at better understanding how national accounts systems incorporate climate change issues;
- Course on monitoring and evaluation in Mozambique: design and implement a course (in Portuguese) on monitoring and evaluation arrangements for social protection systems in Mozambique;
- Design and implementation of a training course on social protection in Luanda, Angola: strengthen national
 institutional capacities to implement a social protection system in Angola; support the country in producing evidence
 and supporting knowledge production in the context of the SIMSAP project;
- Social protection study tour for the Republics of Congo and Mali: foster inter-sectoral coordination of social protection interventions and start the process of influencing key sector stakeholders;
- Adaptation of the leadership & transformation curriculum on building and managing social protection floors in Africa (TRANSFORM) into online courses: adapt the 8 available TRANSFORM modules into an asynchronous, instructor-led online-course to be hosted by socialprotection.org, supported by other online educational organisations, such as the African Virtual University;
- Support the Ministry of Social Assistance and Reintegration (MINARS) and other national institutions of Angola in strengthening assistance and social protection interventions in the country: provide technical assistance to strengthen capacities in the social protection sector in Angola, especially by providing instruction and expert advice in the area of monitoring and evaluation of social protection policies.

Facts and figures

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Note: The current institutional framework is in accordance with the 2009 agreement published in Brazil's Federal Official Gazette (Diário Oficial da União), dated 29 July 2009, pages 43-44.