



IPC-IG Portfolio

Summary



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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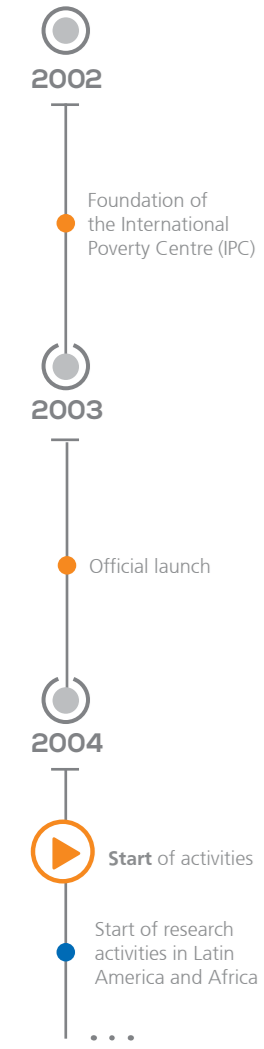
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Overview



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- Regional expansion



About us

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 foundations 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 benefited 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.

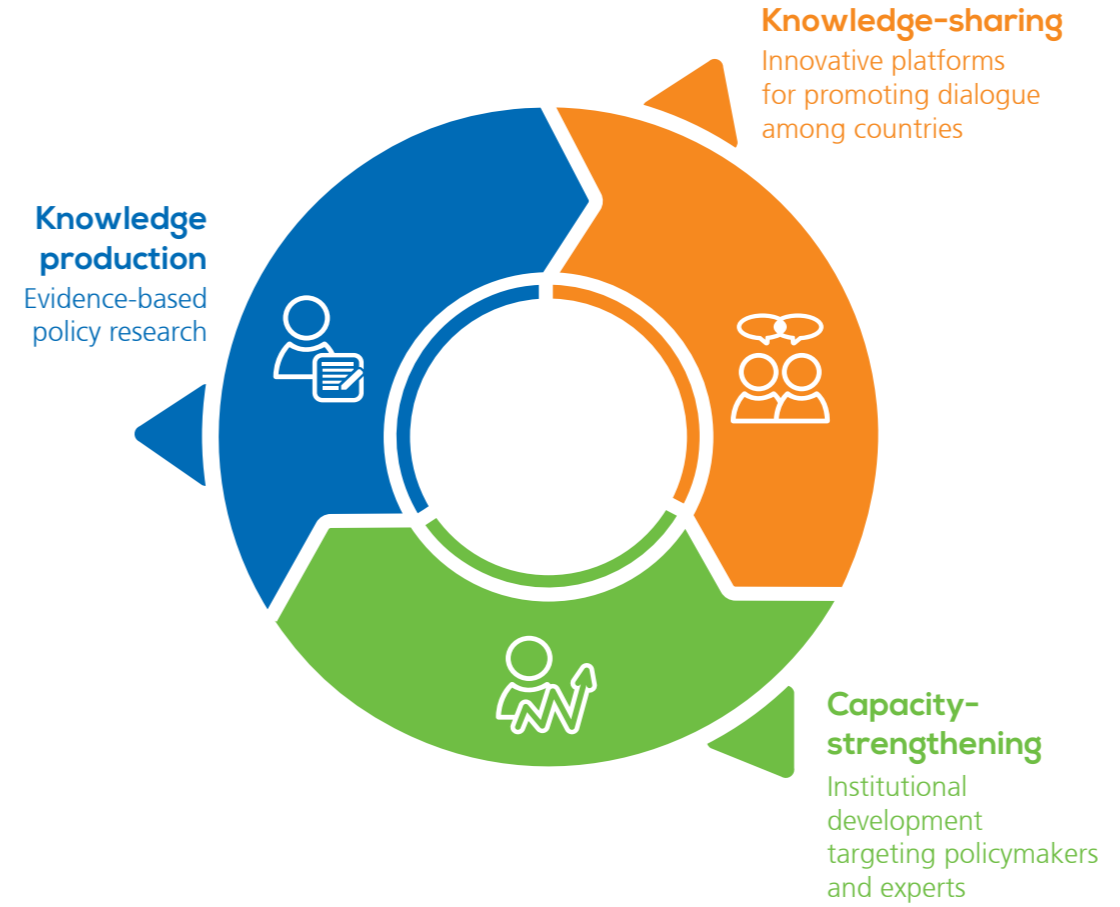
The IPC-IG is committed to providing policy and institutional innovations to reduce poverty and inequality. This portfolio provides an overview of the work undertaken and partnerships developed by the Centre, from its creation through June 2019. It also emphasises landmarks and project highlights through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

Mission

The IPC-IG's mission is to promote policy dialogue and facilitate learning between developing countries around innovative social policies for inclusive growth.

Main pillars

The Centre's activities revolve around three main pillars:



2005

A series of expert discussions and workshops on poverty reduction, multidimensional poverty and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

2006

Launch of the Visiting Fellow Programme

First learning initiatives on cash transfer programmes between Brazil and Africa (DFID)

Discussions on the MDGs

2007

Launch of the Internship Programme

Start of M&E activities: impact evaluation of the conditional cash transfer pilot in Paraguay (GIZ)

IPC-IG added value



Highly qualified, multidisciplinary staff



Global reach and dissemination



Delivery and analytical capacity



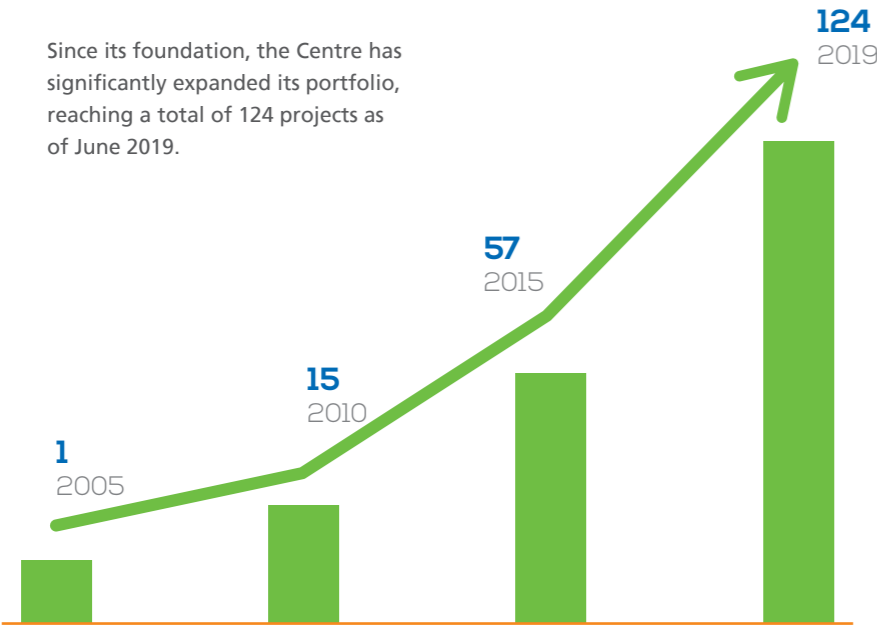
Benchmark of global best practices



Client-oriented expertise with governments, the private sector, academia and local and international organisations

Total number of projects

Since its foundation, the Centre has significantly expanded its portfolio, reaching a total of 124 projects as of June 2019.



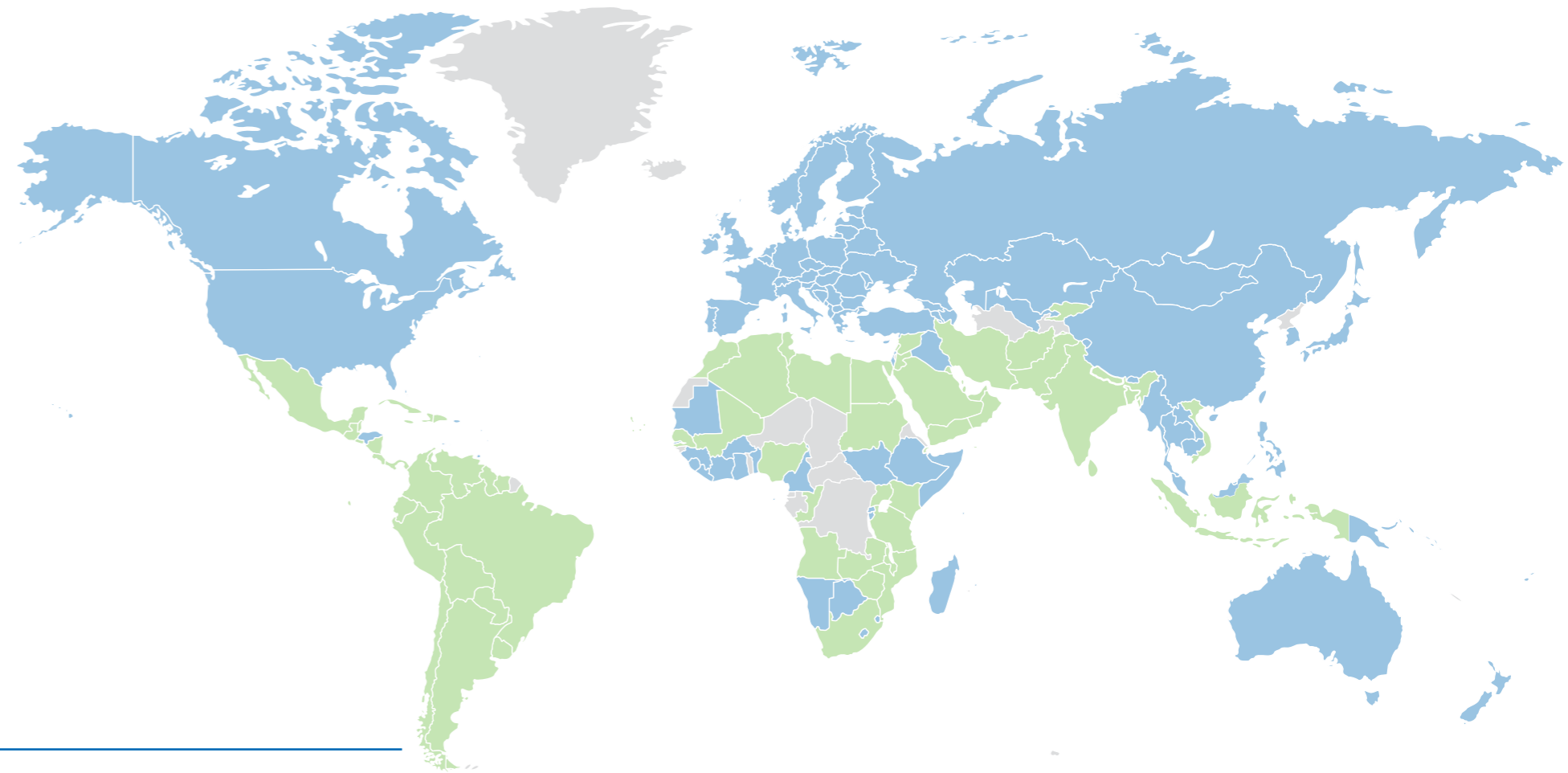
over
610,000 downloads in 2019
8,200,000 downloads since 2004

Where we work

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.

Areas where IPC-IG has worked at and where its publications have been downloaded

Areas where IPC-IG publications have been downloaded



2008

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

Start of research activities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

2009

IPC changes its name to International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG)

2010

A series of policy dialogues and international seminars on the subject of inclusive growth

Fourth India–Brazil–South Africa (IBSA) Academic Forum in Brasilia

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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 specialised knowledge through the socialprotection.org 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
- Organising 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 specialised 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



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Projects and working areas



2011

First project on food security developed by the Centre: a comparative analysis of India, Brazil and South Africa

2012

The IPC-IG becomes a member of the Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B)

Experience in designing large-scale surveys to monitor the impact of social protection programmes (UNICEF Yemen)

Policy briefs on social protection in Indonesia

Series of research papers on the growing middle class in developing countries (SAE—Government of Brazil)

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Working areas by pillars

Since the start of its activities in 2004, the Centre has been developing and providing country- and context-specific solutions framed around its three pillars: knowledge production, knowledge-sharing and capacity-strengthening.

Solutions have been developed together with policymakers and experts, empowering and strengthening human and institutional capacities and resources.

- Policy mapping
- Policy analysis and design
- M&E



- [socialprotection.org platform](https://socialprotection.org)
- Publications
- Events
- Communications outreach

- Courses
- Study tours



Knowledge production

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

Assessing cash transfer programme options for Cape Verde (2013–2015)
UNDP, Government of Cape Verde

Quantifying the role played by social protection benefits in inclusive growth (2016–2018)
OECD

Studies and proposal for measures towards the achievement of SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (2017–2019)
UNDP, Brazilian National Water Agency (ANA), Ipea

Analysis of fiscal space for child-sensitive social protection in the MENA region (2017–2019)
UNICEF

Review and update Kenya's National Social Protection Policy (2018–2019)
UNICEF, Government of Kenya

Review of the status of maternity protection in the workplace in Latin America and the Caribbean (2019)
UNICEF

M&E

- Impact and process evaluations of social policies and programmes
- Targeting assessments
- Design of M&E methodologies and systems





Knowledge production

Impact evaluation of the Tekoporã pilot programme in Paraguay (2007–2008)
GIZ

Design of the impact evaluation of the Solidaridad programme in the Dominican Republic (2007)
UNDP, Government of the Dominican Republic

Impact evaluation of the INAS Food Subsidy Programme in Mozambique (2008–2010)
UNICEF

Evaluation of Yemen’s Social Welfare Fund (2012–2014)
UNICEF, Government of Yemen, Interaction in Development Foundation

Implement monitoring and support the evaluation of PAA Africa in Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger and Senegal (2014–2017)
WFP, FAO, DFID, Government of Brazil

Monitoring and evaluation for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)’s projects in Brazil (2016–2017)
FIDA, IICA, *Projeto 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



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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.

Support to the second phase of the Africa Cash Transfers Community of Practice (CoP) (World Bank and UNICEF)

M&E and knowledge management of 'Promoting local food purchases for food assistance in Africa' (PAA Africa) (Government of Brazil, WFP, FAO and DFID)

Analysis of child-sensitive social protection in MENA (UNICEF)

Discussion and academic forums about BRICS

Launch of socialprotection.org

Fiscal policy and inequality become topics of debate

Brazil and Africa exchange knowledge on the role of social protection in women's empowerment (DFID)

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Knowledge-sharing – socialprotection.org platform

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.



socialprotection.org

facts & figures as of June 2019

3,541 subscribers

1,287 followers

1,234 stakeholders

4,318 members

4,030 likes

4,649 publications

91 webinars

45 Online Communities

3,058 followers

538,037
visits

Knowledge-sharing – Publications



Through our publications, we share knowledge with a truly global audience without charge, actively contributing to the international debate on development policies.

Types of publications

The IPC-IG provides research-based policy recommendations through different publication formats:

Policy in Focus is the IPC-IG's flagship publication—a magazine that seeks to synthesise policy debates and discussions, and educate and increase awareness about specific development themes.

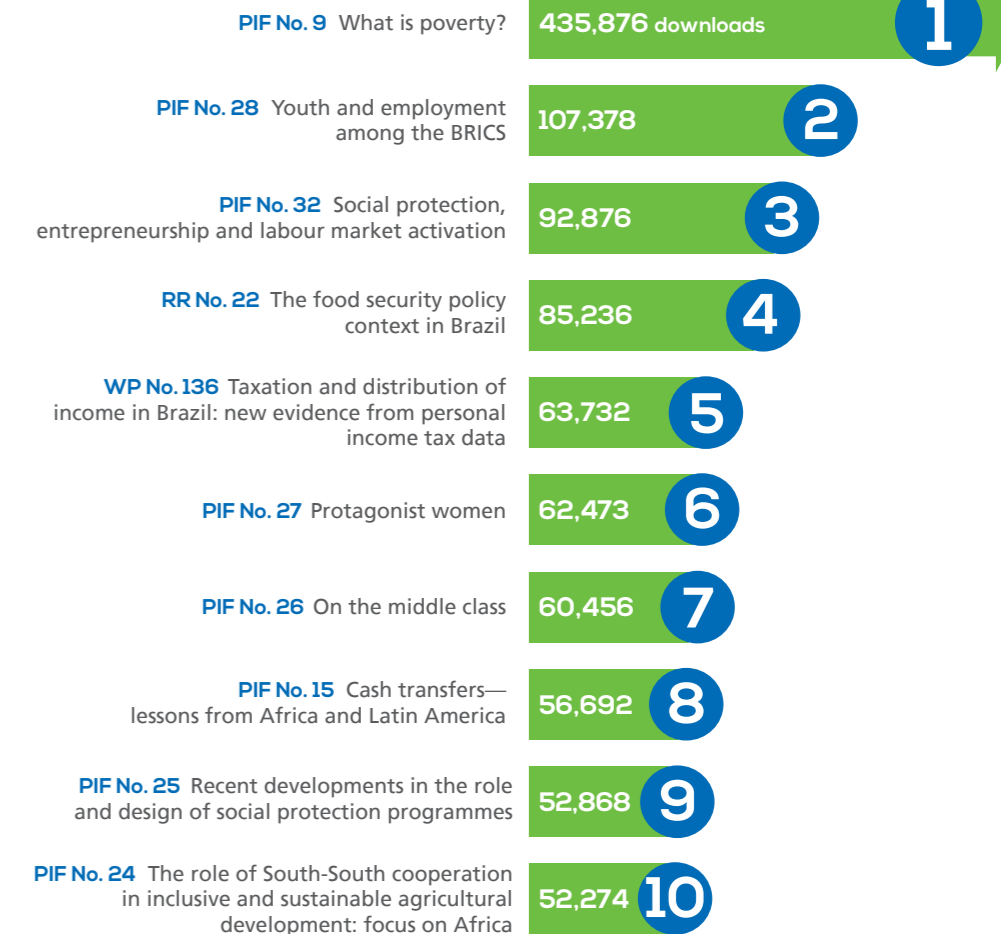
Working Papers published through the IPC-IG are more formal, academic-style works that explore development themes in depth.

Policy Research Briefs published through the IPC-IG present concise theoretical and practical analyses of concrete policy options in the broader development field.

One Pagers are extremely popular short-format publications which seek to introduce a wide audience of readers to the core ideas or concepts explored in greater depth in larger works.

Research Reports present the structured results of projects developed by the Centre, often involving the classification and taxonomy of social protection programmes in different regions of the world.

Top 10 downloads



2016

Design and implementation of capacity-strengthening courses on social protection

First project with the private sector: M&E of Nike's Olympic Villages Project in Rio de Janeiro

Support to the M&E initiatives of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)'s projects in Brazil

2017

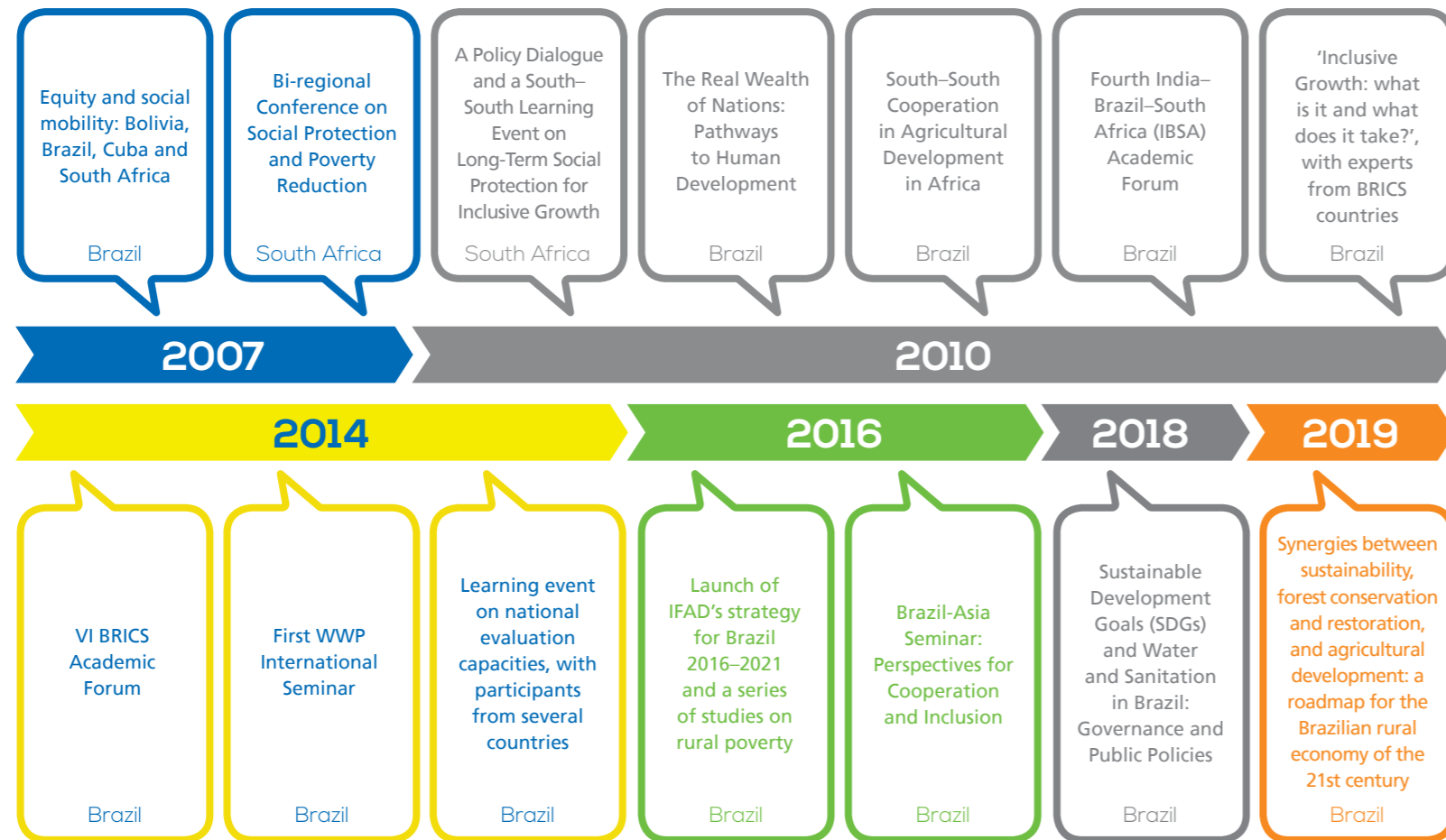
First online learning courses on social protection: TRANSFORM



Knowledge-sharing – Main events



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:



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Active support in designing new social protection strategies (UNICEF Kenya)

Discussion on the shock-responsiveness of social protection systems in MENA (UNICEF)

15th anniversary of activities

Start of research activities in South Asia

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Capacity-strengthening



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.

Study tours

from international delegations to Brazil

- **Government officials from Timor-Leste:** learning from Brazil's cash transfer programmes (2009)
- **Members of Morocco's National Human Development Observatory (ONDH):** discussion on public policies for human development and inclusive growth (2009)
- **Managing Director of the International Poverty Reduction Centre (IPRCC) in China:** strengthening cooperation on social protection between Brazil and China (2009)
- **South African Parliamentary Committee on Social Development:** discussion on how to better deliver social development results at the local level (2010)
- **Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS):** discussion on the implementation and coordination of social policies at the local level (2010)
- **Advance Planning Commission of South Africa:** examining social security and poverty reduction programmes in Brazil (2011)
- **Government of Indonesia:** learning from social protection systems in Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru (2012)
- **Planning Institute of Jamaica:** discussion of best practices and institutional frameworks for poverty reduction in Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru (2014)
- **Government of the Republic of Uganda:** leading and promoting the coordination of social protection interventions (2016)
- **Government officials from the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Mali:** fostering the intersectoral coordination of social protection interventions (2017)

Examples of courses

- **Workshop on impact evaluation methods for researchers and academics in Egypt (2014)**
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 (MGCAS), National Institute for Social Action (INAS), Centre for Policy Analysis of the Eduardo Mondlane University (CAP/UEM) and National Institute for Statistics (INE)
- **Adaptation of the TRANSFORM Social Protection Leadership and Transformation Curriculum into online courses for socialprotection.org and the African Virtual University (2017–2018)**
OECD, European Union Social Protection Systems Programme (EU-SPS), ILO, UNICEF
- **Capacity development to enhance the use of poverty analysis in policymaking in Panama and Morocco (2017–2018)**
FAO



Main partners

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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.;
- Organisation 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);
- World Bank Group; and
- World Food Programme (WFP).



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