Building a Thriving World for All

SNAPSHOT

On Campus: CID hosts varied weekly speaker series with policy leaders, development practitioners, and researchers, as well as large conferences and events, including the annual Global Empowerment Meeting.

In the World: CID engages directly with public, private, and nonprofit actors to improve practice so all can live more fulfilling and impactful lives.

Center for International Development

Addressing today’s challenges to international development requires bridging academic expertise with practitioner experience. The Center for International Development (CID) is a university-wide center based at the Harvard Kennedy School that seeks to solve the world’s most pressing challenges. Through collaborative, in-country partnerships, CID’s research programs, faculty, and students deploy an analytical framework and context-dependent approaches to tackle development problems from all angles, in every region of the globe.

Leveraging global talent is the key to enabling development for all. CID faculty, staff and students teach to build capacity, conduct research that guides development policy, and convene talent to advance ideas for a thriving world.
FROM THE DIRECTOR

“CID’s aspiration is not only to reduce poverty, but also to create a world of givers. We aim to build a world where all can thrive—where each person has what they need to reach their full potential and can join in impacting the world together.”

Asim Ijaz Khwaja

The Work of the Center for International Development

The Center for International Development advances understanding of global development challenges through core programs and an even wider set of affiliates:

- **Building State Capability (BSC)** uses its Problem Driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA) approach to empower public organizations to find and fit solutions to their problems, resulting in better implementation of their policies and programs.

- **Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD)** conducts development economics research, training and policy outreach. EPoD aims to improve lives by designing, testing and enabling better policies worldwide.

- **The Growth Lab** investigates the dynamics of growth and translates those insights into more effective policy advice for developing countries.

- **CID Faculty Affiliates** represent the best development talent from across Harvard engaged in research and teaching with impact.

CID supports global development through:

- **Teaching**: CID offers blended online/classroom teaching, as well as executive education and pilot-project development, to practitioners throughout the world to help them make effective, evidence-based decisions.

- **Promoting and Amplifying Research**: CID fosters the analytical, problem-focused, and practical research and collaborations of our faculty, fellows, and students through mentoring, match-making, and administrative and logical support.

- **Convening Global Talent**: CID hosts weekly seminars, conferences, and special events for the Harvard community, development leaders, and the general public in order to build partnerships and momentum around critical development issues.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

All numbers are annual unless otherwise noted.

116 Countries in which CID faculty and fellows are conducting research

100+ Affiliated faculty across Harvard University

100s Of millions of lives affected by policy improvements

Above: CID Expert Jie Bai, Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Assistant Professor of Public Policy, presenting on knowledge diffusion in Asia. Her research focuses on microeconomic issues of firms in developing countries and emerging markets.