Building capacity for local development solutions

A global organization dedicated to

Building and promoting capacity in developing countries
for policy engagement connecting local experts and evidence with users, from research design to policy action

high-quality research addressing specific knowledge gaps from a local perspective, with support from proposal to publication

locally-defined and sustainable development policies

We do this by

Linking promising researchers with international experts for customized training, advisory and support.

Providing continual mentoring, peer review, and a comprehensive support package to strengthen expertise in advanced methodologies.

Supporting dissemination and fostering engagement with policy stakeholders throughout the research process.

287 projects • 61 countries • 918 researchers
36% low income/fragile contexts • 47% women

29% Asia
46% Africa
18% Latin America
4% MENA
3% Eastern Europe

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Research tools and themes

PEP researchers receive training in a variety of analytical perspectives and techniques within our four global thematic research groups, supported by international field experts:

- Community-based monitoring systems
- Experimental research
- Macro-micro policy modeling
- Microeconomic analysis

These approaches allow PEP researchers to analyze a broad range of policy issues related to sustainable development:

- Women’s empowerment
- Youth empowerment
- Agriculture & food security
- Education & training
- Climate change
- Child well-being
- Growth & inclusiveness
- Employment & labor markets
- Social protection
- Poverty and inequality
- Financial inclusion
- Fiscal policy
- Globalization & trade
- Impact of government programs

Fostering and measuring impact

PEP has developed a sophisticated web-based monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system, used to oversee progress and assess impact of supported projects in three key areas: research quality, capacity building, and policy outreach.

PEP also provides additional grants so researchers can organize or take part in dissemination activities to share their findings and policy recommendations. These events help promote the researchers’ expertise nationally and internationally.

"PEP has raised research capacity-building to a fine art"
- IDRC Canada

1 in 3 projects results in findings taken up to influence policy

Another 20% elicit official statements that findings will be used for policymaking

1 in 2 researchers experiences a major career promoting event

40% of events result in their increased involvement in policy processes

1 in 5 papers is published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal

Incl. 30% in high impact factor journals, with standard rejection rates as high as 95%

60% teams organize national policy conferences

55% projects reported in national news media

42% teams present findings at international conferences

95% teams discuss findings in person with decision-makers

75% teams receive new funding or contracts to pursue related research

69% teams engage policy stakeholders in dissemination of findings