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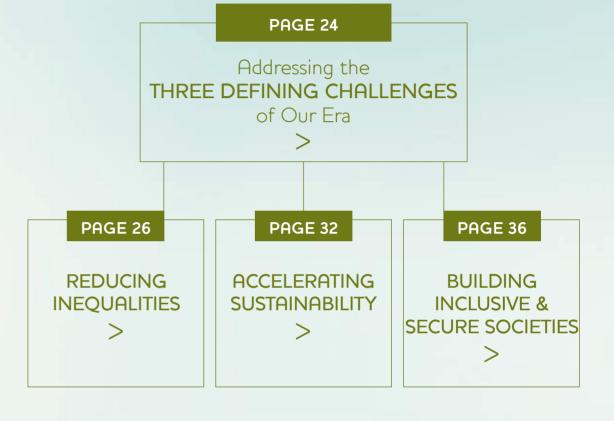




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OUR VISION

Our vision is of equal and sustainable societies, locally and globally, where everyone can live secure, fulfilling lives free from poverty and injustice.

ENGAGING, LEARNING TRANSFORMING – SINCE 1966

In 2016 IDS celebrates its 50th anniversary – an exciting moment to reflect on our global legacy and to consider the opportunities and challenges the next 50 years will bring. It's also a time to ask how we can ensure a more equitable, sustainable, secure and inclusive world for all in a new era of development.



DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD



Melissa Leach **IDS** Director

I'm delighted to introduce this year's Annual Review - a special one marking our 50th anniversary. While celebrating five decades of engaging, learning and transforming we are also looking forward, to consider the future of development and development studies in globally challenging times.

This has been a year of action – both for the Institute, and in the world. One year into our current five-year strategy, and building on our history, we have made active progress against all of our strategic goals. Much of our work focuses on our three defining challenges – reducing inequalities, accelerating sustainability and building inclusive, secure societies. Highlights include being awarded the ESRC's Outstanding International Impact prize for the influential Ebola Response Anthropology Platform (ERAP); a major STEPS Centre conference on Resource

Politics: Transforming Pathways to Sustainability; and work with DFID Iraq to inform policies to reduce conflict and poverty.

World events have heightened the relevance of these challenges seen all too clearly in the effects of dramatically rising inequalities, climate change and conflict-related crises. At the same time global agreements on climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals are moving towards implementation. We are engaging actively with these processes, seeking to ensure that vital commitments - such as to 'leave no one behind' - are made real.

Robust knowledge and evidence to inform future pathways is needed now as never before – but this must engage with those at the heart of practical change. We are actively embedding our 'engaged excellence' approach across all of our activity, from research and knowledge work, communications and impact approaches, to teaching and learning programmes. Here we are expanding and innovating. Our vibrant Masters' and Doctoral programmes are joined by a growing array of professional training programmes, learning partnerships and e-learning platforms and initiatives.

Exciting activities punctuate this anniversary year. It kicked off with the launch of the IDS Bulletin in a new, fully Open Access format, followed

by a series of alumni-led Sustainable Development Goal events, and our flagship conference on 'States, Markets and Society: defining a new era for development' in July.

Behind the scenes, we are putting our values into practice, building on last year's organisational changes and ensuring our financial sustainability. Key here has been the upgrading of our Fundraising and Development Office, with strengthened capacities to link and support our thousands of alumni and hundreds of partners. Global networks and partnerships are central to all that we do at IDS - as this Annual Review makes abundantly clear. Our anniversary year is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen and grow these connections even further - building on our rich legacy to help develop a more inclusive, sustainable, secure future for all.

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OUR ANNUAL REVIEW

GET AN OVERVIEW

of our values, strategic goals and approach which includes our distinctive commitment to 'engaged excellence' across all that we do.

DISCOVER HOW

we are strengthening our strategic partnerships in research and mutual learning, and supporting the next generation of development leaders.

READ ABOUT

our key areas of focus and how we are contributing to transformations that reduce inequalities, accelerate sustainability and build inclusive and secure societies.



All of our work is underpinned by our values defining who we are, what we stand for and how we behave:

RESPECT RESOURCEFULNESS INCLUSIVITY EXCELLENCE

OUR GOALS

Contribute to transformations that reduce inequalities, accelerate sustainability and build inclusive, secure societies.

Embed 'engaged excellence' across all that we do.

Work locally and globally within a universal framing of development.

Create an institute that is thriving financially and organisationally, and living its values.



What is engaged excellence?

Engaged excellence is IDS' distinctive approach to constructing and mobilising knowledge, and to teaching and mutual learning for development. Engaged excellence means that the high quality of our work (excellence) depends upon it being linked to and involving those who are at the heart of the changes we wish to see (engaged).



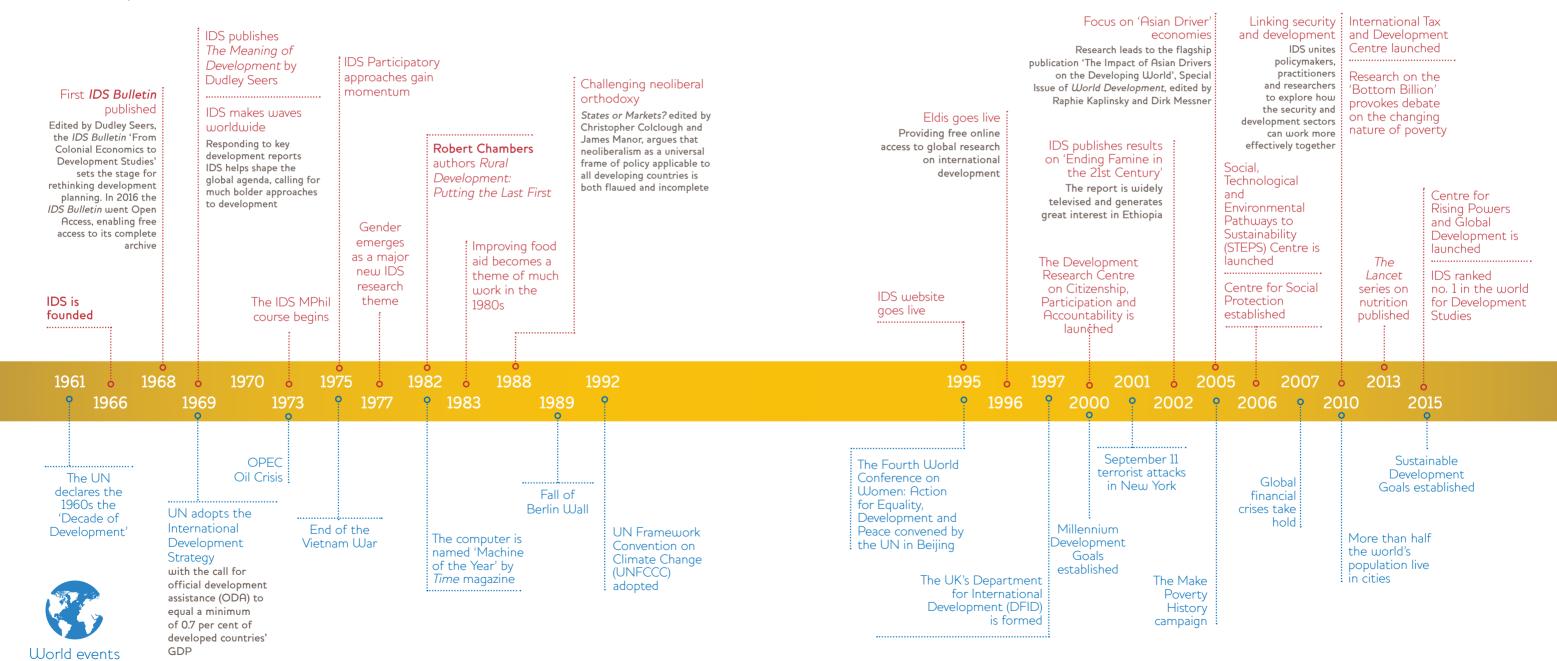
Fifty years ago, Britain's first national institute of development studies was founded as a 'special institution'. IDS marked its official 50th birthday on 20 April 2016.

To celebrate this milestone, IDS has hosted a series of activities gathering

partners, alumni and colleagues to consider the opportunities and challenges the next 50 years will bring. We're also asking how we can ensure a more equitable, sustainable and inclusive world for the twenty-second century. Visit www.ids.ac.uk/ids50 to find out more.

Accompanying these activities is an online interactive timeline charting IDS' contribution to development alongside defining moments in the last 50 years of world history. To view the complete timeline (excerpted here), visit http://bit.ly/IDS-history







STRONG GLOBAL NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS

During the past 50 years, IDS has worked with a huge variety of partner institutions, engaged in multiple networks and collaborated with many individuals. A strong network of partners supports inter-disciplinary and cross-country knowledge exchange, dialogue and mutual, multi-directional learning. This in turn supports and informs the work of both IDS and its partners.

IDS is committed to investing in strengthening its existing relationships, exploring different configurations of partnership and working with those who are new to us – and even to development. All this challenges us to continuously reflect and learn on how we approach and maintain partnerships.

In response to this, IDS has created a new Partnerships and Alumni office, in order to strengthen our capacity to track the many partnerships across the Institute and to develop stronger partnerships over time. We also see our several thousand alumni as partners who can help us spot development trends, give us ideas and support IDS initiatives in their countries. All of this we hope will strengthen and expand our global networks and ways of working with others.

IDS aims to co-construct knowledge with partners who complement or enhance the experiences, networks and skill sets of IDS. Together IDS and its partners mutually benefit from accessing wider networks, improved awareness of new opportunities and resources, and increased global influence and impact.

The number and type of actors and institutions with whom IDS does, or could, engage, constantly shifts in response to social, political, economic and environmental change. Working with new actors engaging with the development agenda and partners that bring together multiple perspectives is increasingly necessary in tackling complex development challenges.

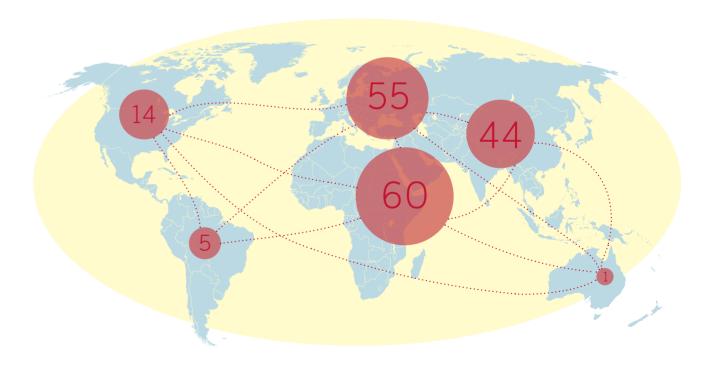


IDS was pleased recently to sign an important Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the KDI School of Public Policy and Management, the education arm of Korea Development Institute (KDI). The MOU details the commitment of both organisations to work together to address inequalities in the visibility and accessibility of diverse and credible research knowledge.

In the past year alone we have partnered with

179 DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS*

across the world



^{*}This figure refers only to formal partnerships and does not include all the individual partners and organisations with whom we have worked that have not involved a financial transfer.

Building enduring relationships

Forging a relationship with the Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP)



"The partnership's success is related to both institutions commitment to democracy - political democracy, social democracy and economic democracy. Also to reciprocity - IDS helped CEBRAP's process of internationalisation via the promotion of long-term international partnerships and comparative research projects. CEBRAP helped IDS to work in and hetter understand the Brazilian reality."

Vera Schattan P. Coelho, Citizenship, Health and Development Group, Centre for Metropolitan Studies, Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning – CEBRAP Just three years younger than IDS, CEBRAP is a non-profit multidisciplinary research institution dedicated to studying Brazil's social reality and participation in political and institutional debates. CEBRAP and IDS share a focus on social science research and an emphasis on inter-disciplinarity and multi-methods research.

The relationship between IDS and CEBRAP traces its roots to the 1970s, when a DPhil student at IDS (later a professor at IDS) asked Juarez Brandão Lopes, one of CEBRAP's founders, to supervise his work on Brazil's union movement. Other IDS students, also later IDS fellows, followed suit in the 1990s and 2000s and conducted thesis research with CEBRAP. All of this built a strong foundation for an institutional partnership to emerge.

To begin with, CEBRAP engaged in two DFID-funded Development Research Centres (DRCs) led by IDS - the 'Centre for the Future State' (2000-10) and the 'Citizenship, Participation and Accountability' DRC (2001-11). Both programmes included exchanges at MA level as well as for researchers through the Visiting Fellows scheme. Through the Citizenship DRC two young researchers from IDS and CEBRAP collaborated under the 'Science and Society' theme. Melissa Leach (IDS) and Angela Alonso (CEBRAP) now lead their organisations as Director and President respectively.

CEBRAP and IDS also invested in strengthening the institutional



Arilson Favareto (CEBRAP) with Ruth Hall (PLAAS) and Ian Scoones (IDS) discuss their work on China and Brazil in African Agriculture at a Future Agricultures conference in South Africa.

relationship. In 2006 CEBRAP hosted an IDS 40th anniversary roundtable, while this year it hosted the alumniled roundtable in São Paulo as well as contributing to a panel at IDS' 50th anniversary conference in Brighton.

Both organisations signed a fiveyear Memorandum of Understanding (2011–16) with continued collaborations under the Rising Powers work on mutual learning and the 'China and Brazil in African Agriculture' project. This year sees IDS and CEBRAP embark on a jointly developed programme of work on 'accountability politics and health inequality reduction in multi-provider health systems' (2016–18).

Under a new five-year Memorandum of Understanding (2016–21) IDS and CEBRAP aim to strengthen the relationship further by exploring further avenues for mutually beneficial collaboration in their postgraduate teaching and learning programmes.



Nurturing new relationships

The Centre for Economic Research and Capacity Building (CERCB) is an independent research organisation based in Freetown, Sierra Leone, providing non-partisan research on the design of state and local fiscal and economic policy, including tax and expenditure.

Established in 2012, the basis for the CERCB lay in a series of research projects funded by IDS' International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD). A brief research collaboration between ICTD Research Director Dr Wilson Prichard and Dr Samuel Jibao - formerly Research Director of the Sierra Leone Revenue Authority - was deepened and expanded through ICTD funding for a number of projects. The first, which helped to provide the foundation for creating the CERCB, was a mixed-methods study of the political economy of property tax reform, supported by a group of local researchers. The project was extensively covered in the Sierra Leonean press and was widely recognised by government. A second, much larger research project

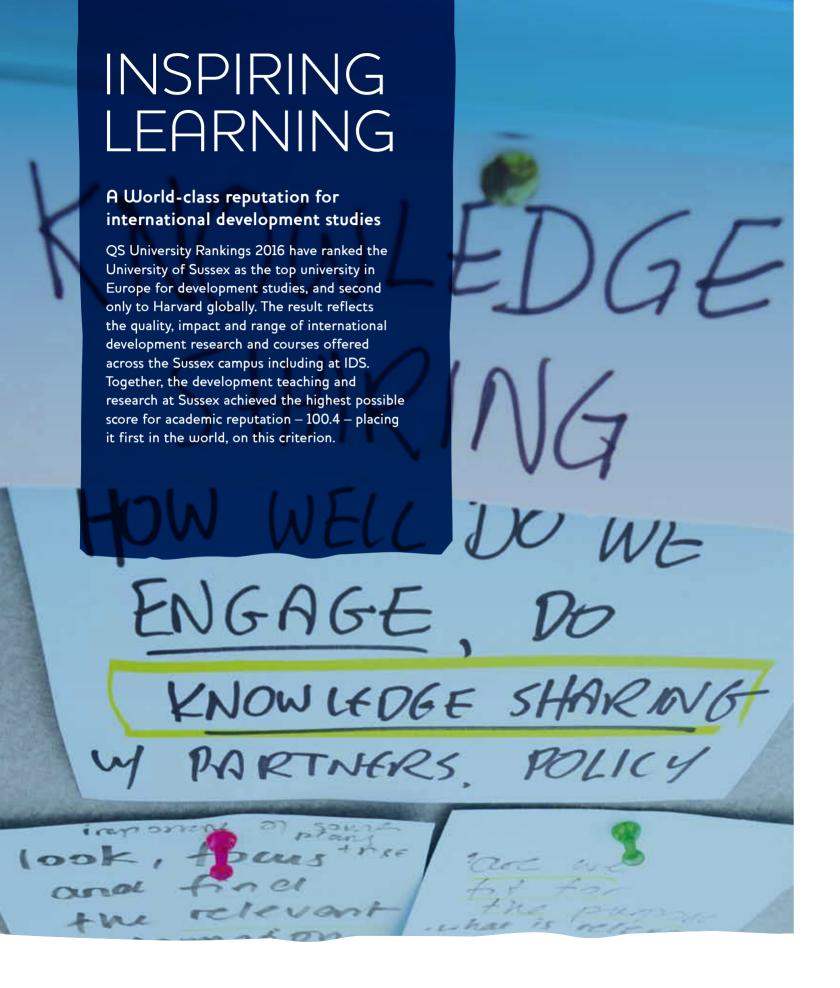
provided analytical support, a broader network and financial commitment from the ICTD, allowing Dr Jibao to formally found the CERCB in 2012. By providing assurances of funding and opportunities for staff to interact with other researchers specialising in tax and development issues in Africa, the ICTD met one of its own key objectives: to help build research capacity in Africa.

The CERCB now has seven staff at its office in Freetown and calls on a cadre of trained survey staff for specific projects. The centre now works closely with national governments, international organisations and policy research organisations on fiscal policy issues and project evaluations. It has become a capacity-building hub in its own right and is now providing space for growth for other researchers. Beyond research, the CERCB has put in place mechanisms to allow knowledge transfer, especially for budding African researchers who are looking to grow their research skills, and it has opened its doors to PhD researchers.



"The relationship has been a great experience for mutual learning and considerable mutual respect has been established as both organisations continue to grow and thrive. Samuel and his team at the CERCB continue to be highly active in the ICTD consortium and form part of the bid to DFID and the Gates Foundation for extended funding to support a second phase of research which builds on the strengths developed and lessons learned during phase one."

Adam Randon, ICTD Programme Manager, IDS



Europe's Number 1 for Development Studies

QS World University Rankings		
1	91.8	Harvard University
2	100.4	University of Sussex
3	88.3	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
4	89.1	University of Oxford
5	88.8	University of California, Berkeley (UCB)

Bringing cutting-edge research and applied learning to the classroom

Students choose to study with IDS because courses are designed to connect cutting-edge research with the classroom, creating an applied learning experience and a level of interaction with active researchers that exceeds expectation. Our teaching and learning is shaped by our distinctive 'engaged excellence' approach.

Postgraduate courses			
MA	Development Studies		
MA	Gender and Development		
MA	Globalisation, Business and Development		
MA	Governance and Development		
MA	Participation, Power and Social Change		
MA	Poverty and Development		
MSc	Climate Change and Development		
PhD	by Research		

For more information visit: www.ids.ac.uk/study



"IDS teaching staff use the most innovative research techniques and participatory methodologies. I feel very lucky to study here and learn from researchers who bring their applied knowledge and experiences from the field into the classroom."

Maria Aguado, MA Development Studies



"The inspiring PhD candidates from diverse multidisciplinary and cultural backgrounds make every day for me at IDS a real pleasure."

Violet Barasa, PhD student

WE HAVE HAD IN THE LAST YEAR



FROM 37 COUNTRIES



FROM 21

"I believe that the investments made through scholarships go a long way and farther than any other investments. As one of the scholarship recipients and then seeing its effects on my life, I certainly encourage everyone to invest generously in scholarships."

Nasrat Esmaty, Afghanistan, MA Poverty and Development

"Scholarships would allow more excellent candidates, who simply don't have the financial capability, to study at IDS."

Maria Fernanda Sierra Perea, Colombia, MA Development Studies

NEW PHD SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCHED

A new PhD scholarship was made available for a student whose research interests respond to one or more of IDS' three defining challenges — reducing inequalities, accelerating sustainability and building inclusive and secure societies.

Supporting a new generation of international development researchers



outstanding candidates to study at

IDS, regardless of their background or

circumstance. Without this fund, the

loss of such talent and the opportunity

to educate and collaborate with those

who can make a difference in some

of the most challenging parts of the

our collective future.

world would be a loss to us all and to

of our supporters enabled us to offer scholarships to six students on our MA and MSc programmes. Funding awards came from the Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust, the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme, the IDS global Alumni Network, and the Hans Singer family.

Last year, the generosity

IDS has continued to attract some of the brightest and best students from across the globe who are looking to enhance their expertise and skills to become the development leaders of tomorrow. The IDS Scholarship Fund is critically important for supporting

we welcome gifts that could contribute to fees and/or living expenses of an MA or PhD student or larger gifts to fund a scholarship in its entirety.

For more information please visit www.ids.ac.uk/scholarshipfund

Broadening thinking and horizons – professional courses

Our programme of professional development courses is delivered by and aimed at those working in the international development sector who seek to make a positive difference in the world



Teaching at a professional workshop

Our short courses reflect our ongoing commitment to mutual learning and collaboration. We offer individuals and organisations:

A range of high quality and bespoke courses and training;

A supportive and dynamic learning environment including online learning; An opportunity to become part of a global network of active and engaged alumni and partners working in national governments, development organisations and advocacy organisations across the world.

Choosing IDS for impact evaluation design

In 2015, IDS ran a five-day course on Impact Evaluation Design for researchers, project managers and practitioners to provide the necessary methodologies and practical knowledge to meet the growing demand for rigorous evaluation of development programmes.

Participants came from many backgrounds including government staff from Uganda, Zimbabwe and Malawi, and development professionals from organisations such as Care International and the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) — which also helped fund three bursary places.

A balance of lectures, practical work, small group study and individual feedback equipped participants with the technical tools to apply to real-life interventions. At the end of the week, participants praised the level of expertise at IDS and the way the course was tailored to working professionals.



One participant noted how the course would enable him to share methods for gathering evidence about education programming. Another felt that she could now contribute meaningfully when measuring the impact of interventions to help foodpoor households.

"Other people on the course are from similar backgrounds, so it's a good networking opportunity, the professor has a good reputation, IDS in general is very well-regarded — a great reason to come to Brighton to study here!"

Participant, Impact Evaluation Design 2015.

"The Transforming Nutrition Short Course has widened my horizon of thinking in the fight against malnutrition."

Participant, Transform Nutrition Course

"Great delivery, lively presentations. The course was split well between quantitative and qualitative which was good."

Participant, Impact
Evaluation Design Course

"After the course I feel that I will be able to more actively engage in project design, implementation and review and how to best include social protection in development dialogue."

Participant,
Social Protection Course

PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN 2015/2016



INTENSIVE SHORT COURSES
ONLINE LEARNING
THEMATIC SUMMER SCHOOLS
LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS
LEARNING RETREATS

COURSES RUN IN 2015/2016



133
PARTICIPANTS



Attendees at the IDS alumni event in Kenya (Photo credit: © Collins Aseka)

ALUMNI AMBASSADORS FOR LASTING CHANGE



IDS 50th anniversary cake

Alumni-led events across global South mark 50 years for IDS

IDS alumni ambassadors across the global South have held events around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to mark IDS' 50th anniversary year.

From Kenya to Nepal, Mexico to Tanzania, each event has a shared discussion theme: how can low- and middle-income countries respond effectively to the SDGs and what knowledge gaps and research capacity issues need to be addressed?

At these events – ranging from allday conferences to roundtables and seminars – alumni ambassadors have convened high-profile speakers, from national government representatives to prominent INGOs, as well as large numbers of attendees from the IDS alumni network.

Overall, seven events have taken place, culminating in the highlight of IDS' 50th anniversary year – the States, Markets and Society conference in July. Five alumni ambassadors led discussions at the conference to share their findings with delegates including academics, policymakers, government officials and donor agencies.

CONNECTING **ALUMNI ONLINE**

Launched in April 2016, our new online Alumni Network already has more than 500 members.



In just a few clicks or taps, our alumni can build connections across continents, cohorts and year groups with those who share IDS' distinctive approach to development theory and practice.

IDS staff, board members and honorary associates can also join, making the network a vast source of practical and professional expertise, support, guidance and job and learning opportunities.

Members can continue the challenging discussions held while at IDS, assured that this is a safe space to share diverse perspectives and publications. Thanks to the network's design, it will support IDS in building relationships with alumni worldwide to enhance its research, teaching and learning, and wider impact.





"We have had an amazing 2015—16 working with IDS alumni all the around world, supporting several IDS50 events and successfully launching the online alumni network. We're looking forward to continuing to build relationships through events and online during the year ahead."

Fran Seballos, Global Partnerships and Alumni Officer and Michelle Cruickshank, Fundraising and Development Assistant



IDS POSTGRADUATE ALUMNI

MORE THAN



OF WHOM ARE
MEMBERS OF THE
ONLINE ALUMNI

LIVING AND WORKING IN



COUNTRIES

7
IDS50
ALUMNI EVENTS



4 TO GO

250

PARTICIPANTS

30

SPEAKERS

SNAPSHOT OF **ENGAGED EXCELLENCE**

SOCIAL MEDIA



155,870

IDS FACEBOOK FANS 20,000 more in 2015/16



46,542

1DS TWITTER FOLLOWERS 9,000 more in 2015/16

2,722

Of our most read blog 'The private sector and the Sustainable Development Goals'

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

10 NEW BOOKS PUBLISHED BY IDS AUTHORS

58 EVIDENCE REPORTS

45+ JOURNAL ARTICLES BY IDS AUTHORS

30 POLICY BRIEFINGS

(HANCI)

The Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index



45

COUNTRIES RANKED IN 2015 on their political commitment to addressing hunger and undernutrition



"HANCI evidence has been a yardstick for advocacy around nutrition in Zambia"

William Chilufya, Country Coordinator for the Zambia Civil Society Scaling Up Nutrition Alliance



ANIMATED FILM

5,000 VIEWS

Explaining HANCI findings to inform NGO partners' advocacy work



5 UK
PARLIAMENTARY
INQUIRIES

IDS provided written or oral evidence for in the Houses of Parliament

IDS BULLETIN

Open Access re-launch

154,000

Articles downloaded from the re-launched Open Access *IDS Bulletin* (between January and April 2016)



27,000

Downloads for the "Opening Governance" *Bulletin* alone



FREE TO ACCESS

Over 200 IDS Bulletins and 2,473 IDS Bulletin articles published since 1968 now available and free to access at http://bulletin.ids.ac.uk/idsbo

SEXUALITY, POVERTY – AND LAW



GLOBAL SEX WORK

To show the female sex worker laws and regulations across the world



SEXUALITY TOOLKITS LAUNCHED

On Sexuality and Social Justice, and Faith, Gender and Sexuality

THE IMPACT INITIATIVE

3-DAY IMPACT INITIATIVE

Researchers, donors and development practitioners attended the 3-day Impact Initiative conference 'Lessons from a Decade's Research on Poverty: Innovations, Engagement and Impact' in 2016.

THE 4-YEAR IDS-LED IMPACT INITIATIVE

For International Development Research launched in 2015 to maximise the impact of Economic and Social Research Council – UK Department for International Development joint funded research.

LOVE MATTERS MUSIC AWARDS



15 ORIGINAL SONGS

Entered the IDS/Love Matters
Music Awards in 2015 – the
first music awards dedicated to
providing young Kenyans the
chance to produce tracks around
love and sexuality.



50 MEDIA OUTLETS

The Awards were covered by over 50 media outlets including the BBC, *The Guardian*, and *The Star*, Kenya.

PrEP RAPID RESPONSE BRIEFING



EXAMINING THE IMPLICATIONS OF PrEP As HIV Prevention for Sex Workers' raised awareness of PrEP in relation to broader women's health and rights issues.



15 KEY HEALTH-FOCUSED ORGANISATIONS

The Briefing led to a packed seminar involving over 15 key health-focused organisations and created momentum for a live Twitter chat which reached approx. 29,000 Twitter users.

PUBLICATIONS



1.3 MILLION

IDS PUBLICATIONS DOWNLOADED

250% more than in 2014/15 (376,781)

8,293

TOP DOWNLOADED IDS EVIDENCE REPORT

The Future of Knowledge Sharing in a Digital Age: Exploring Impacts and Policy Implications for Development

45,158 DOWNLOADS

TOP DOWNLOADED IDS POLICY BRIEFING

Building Tax Capacity in Developing Countries



"Our approach reflects
the view emerging from a
number of key development
research funders, that
researchers need to be
supported to become
better connected, and
operate in more enabling
environments for research
impact."

James Georgalakis, Director of Communications and Impact



"The Love Matters Music Awards was an exciting, creative and effective way to share information about the positive aspects of sexuality, especially pleasure, as well as communicating important sexual health information."

Pauline Oosterhoff IDS Research Fellow



ADDRESSING THE THREE DEFINING CHALLENGES OF OUR ERA

Addressing interconnected global challenges requires a universal framing of development. This means progressive economic, social and political change for everyone, everywhere. From Lisbon to Lagos, Brighton to Beijing, IDS' work seeks to contribute to this by promoting mutual learning among low-, middle- and high-income countries to understand and tackle pressing issues such as climate change, health, finance and the economy.

Our emphasis on reducing inequalities, accelerating sustainability and building more inclusive and secure societies reflects our conviction that these are the defining challenges of our era. We will develop and apply our engaged excellence approach, including strengthened global partnerships, to ensure that our work contributes substantially to meeting these challenges.



IDS partnership boosts gender mainstreaming 'from the field'

Women and girls are often hit hardest by food insecurity and are among the most undernourished people in the world. Gender inequalities persistently undermine women's ability to feed themselves and their families – particularly in terms of accessing resources, markets and social protection. Socio-cultural norms typically prioritise the nutrition of men and boys while limiting women's decision-making power.

IDS' long-established reputation for research on gender mainstreaming and development made it the ideal learning partner for the World Food Programme (WFP) when it needed to improve knowledge-sharing among its staff.

At a country level, several of WFP's staff and partners have been successfully adopting innovative practices that tackle local gender realities. The problem was sharing those practices more widely.

As part of a two-phase initiative that began in 2013, IDS helped WFP to develop and implement 'Innovations from the field' – a participatory action learning programme to capture, share and embed successful innovations for gender mainstreaming across the organisation.

Five WFP Country Offices in Africa and Central America participated in the pilot project, helping staff to reflect on, explore, document and share good practices for gendersensitive food security programming. A second phase extends the reach of the programme to South East Asia, further into Francophone West Africa, and into humanitarian settings in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Wider impacts

Although focused on local innovations, the partnership has prompted wider reflection about the barriers preventing effective gender mainstreaming in WFP, and stimulated recommendations to overcome these. Areas explored included routes to sustainability, leadership and accountability at local levels, facilitating the embedding of good practice into Country Office programming and systems, and the need for consistency in understanding gender and why it matters to WFP's work. The context across different regions varies considerably; however, there are some unifying factors. WFP's appointment of a Gender Results Network (GRN) and its new gender policy have created a platform for better collective championing of gender equality.

The partnership with WFP aligns with IDS' goals of contributing towards transformations in order to reduce inequalities and of working both locally and globally.

The programme's participatory action learning approach reflects IDS' commitment to working with diverse actors and perspectives in order to co-construct knowledge that can be shared and used to transform organisations and wider social and political contexts.

Reinforcing the partnership is a rich legacy of ground-breaking research at IDS into gender and development that stretches back to the late 1970s and saw IDS play a leading role in situating power at the heart of gender and development analysis. This led to the creation of many long-term initiatives providing a new lens on issues such as women's economic empowerment, sexuality, gender-based violence, and unpaid care work.



"The staff have had a real opportunity through this programme to challenge themselves on the way that they think about gender and the way they apply their analysis of gender into their programmes."

Thea Shahrokh, IDS Research Officer



IMPACT STORY

Participate evolves: IDS spearheads participatory SDG monitoring

IDS has a rich and evolving body of work on participatory approaches to development, placing it at the forefront of debates around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this latest phase, IDS is focusing on participatory monitoring and accountability of the SDGs.

Participatory research, popularised by Robert Chambers at IDS in the 1970s, includes approaches and methods that give community members control over the research agenda, the process and resulting actions. It involves the people most affected by change influencing decision-making from local to global levels.

In the run-up to the SDGs, IDS was among many in development arguing for greater accountability from national and global policymakers to local people. It convened the Participate Initiative, in collaboration with Beyond 2015, which was instrumental in bringing the perspectives of the poorest and most marginalised into the SDG formation process. The project team secured an

almost unique level of access to the High Level Panel, including various international government ministers, who actively included Participate messages in their submissions to the landmark High Level Panel report on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The Participate process – which also cemented a global network dedicated to participatory research – has now entered a new phase, with IDS researchers leading a programme that responds to the acknowledged need for participatory monitoring of the SDGs.

The Participatory Monitoring and Accountability (PMA) programme, run in collaboration with UNICEF and UNDP, supports policymakers, civil society, volunteer groups and citizens to take action to implement a participatory monitoring approach of the goals.

First phase pilots

This first phase of the PMA programme builds on Participate's track record of demonstrating in

practical ways how participatory action research enables people living in poverty and at society's margins to exercise accountability. Members of Participate's Participatory Research Group, supported by IDS, are conducting these pilots in three African countries with people living in poverty and marginalisation to strengthen processes of citizen-led accountability.

One pilot explores the dynamics between women's collectives and community radio in Ghana, highlighting how citizen-led accountability can deepen women's empowerment and influence policy planning. Another takes an action learning approach to study violence and insecurity in South Africa's informal urban settlements. The third aims to promote the rights of girls and boys living with HIV in Egypt using participatory action research.

The hope is to open up the PMA programme to other regions, including in the global North, in subsequent phases.

IMPACT STORY

Democratising knowledge to improve development outcomes

IDS is known for undertaking ground-breaking work in increasing the availability and accessibility of global development research for policymakers and practitioners. This has contributed to significant positive impacts of research in improved development practice from grassroots organisations to informing highlevel policy and decision-making, as summarised in Mobilising Knowledge for Development (MK4D): Sharing What We've Learned (2010).

Learning from our work has also contributed more broadly to understanding the critical role that knowledge brokers and intermediaries play in the effective use of research for evidence-informed policy and practice and in advocating for, and supporting the capacity of this intermediary sector.

The three-year Global Open Knowledge Hub (GOKH) programme has built on our work in this field to specifically address gaps and inequalities in the global availability and visibility of research on key development themes. It has leveraged emerging technologies to support open, efficient and innovative global knowledge sharing, working collaboratively with partners all over the world.



The programme has successfully reported against three specific areas of impact:

- Increased efficiency, better sharing and reduced duplication in the sharing of knowledge
- Increased visibility, use and ultimately impact of research evidence in policy and practice
- Increased opportunities for innovation in the presentation of knowledge to make it more appropriate and engaging for audiences in different contexts

The programme has also highlighted how Open Knowledge is a cross-cutting development issue and how working in partnership can strengthen understanding of needs and contexts and make a broader contribution to partners' effectiveness and capabilities as knowledge-sharing organisations.

Celebrating 20 years of global knowledge sharing

2016 heralds an exciting year not just for IDS but for one of our longest running projects, Eldis, which celebrates its twentieth year as a global online information service. Eldis, in collaboration with over 70 global research organisations, continues to provide a much valued and highly trusted service sharing diverse research knowledge for development policy and practice.

In their anniversary year, the Eldis team are keen to deepen understandings of how digital technologies and online spaces support knowledge generation, sharing and use.

IMPACT STORY

Health-care seminar shows value of universal approaches

The challenges facing countries today are interconnected on many levels. While this demands complex responses, it also presents opportunities for shared learning and universal approaches to the problems seen in countries across the world.

In June 2015 IDS and Global Studies at the University of Sussex created one such opportunity – this time to grapple with issues surrounding public engagement in health systems. With many countries struggling to cope with rising pressures on their health-care systems, this is a timely concern and an ideal area for sharing perspectives.

They invited representatives of the NHS Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and researchers from IDS and the Federal University of São Paulo to look at challenges, lessons and emerging approaches to patient and public health engagement from Brighton and Brazil.

CCG representatives gave inspiring insights into how engaging communities – focusing on their strengths – can reduce dependency on external providers. IDS' Alex Shankland and Gerry Bloom discussed the citizen engagement model used by

Brazil's health system and the scope for mutual learning with the NHS.

By opening up such pathways, IDS continues to build on its commitment to a universal approach to development. This means progressive economic, social and political change for everyone, everywhere. IDS contributes to this by promoting mutual learning among low-, middle- and high-income countries to understand and tackle pressing issues such as climate change, health, finance and economy.

Nor is this a recent phenomenon for IDS. As far back as 1977, IDS colleagues Richard Jolly and Robin Luckham used an issue of the IDS Bulletin to argue whether Britain could be considered a case for development. Chapters in the issue debated the need for structural change in Britain including health care, agriculture, urban housing and the failure of 'top-down' solutions.

Reflecting on the interconnected international nature of the crises besetting 1970s Britain, the authors noted 'we believe that the analytical approaches of "development studies" can suggest new ways of studying Britain's admittedly different problems'.



"Very different societies can sometimes find themselves facing very similar issues. How we can encourage shared learning and facilitate new flows of ideas is central to a universal approach to development."

Gerry Bloom, IDS Research Fellow





IMPACT STORY

International STEPS conference stirs resource debate

Accelerating sustainability is a defining theme for IDS' work and nowhere more so than in the debates surrounding resources. Access to, allocation and distribution of resources such as food, water, fuel and minerals are high on policy and activist agendas — not least in the build-up to the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

At IDS, this was a perfect moment to air some of the arguments shaping how pathways to sustainability are framed in the context of resource politics — and to shine a light on IDS' long-standing thought leadership in this area.

Led by the ESRC STEPS Centre (Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability), partners from around the world gathered in Brighton in September 2015 for the conference 'Resource politics: transforming pathways to sustainability'.

With academics, practitioners, policymakers and activists participating, this three-day event was a chance to unpack assumptions, question simplistic prescriptions and debate alternatives regarding resource politics and sustainability.

Panel discussions, presentations and parallel sessions packed the programme punctuated by six themes that link to the STEPS Centre's pioneering 'pathways approach' – a way of understanding contending and conflicting pathways of change, in complex, highly contested settings. Tweets, blogs and articles from a dedicated conference website have significantly broadened the reach of the event.

The conference involved the Resource Politics Cluster at IDS, as well as researchers from the Rural Futures, and Health and Nutrition Clusters. External partners included the STEPS Hub partners from China, Latin America, India, Europe, North America and Kenya.

Its continuing impact has helped to affirm the position of both STEPS and the Resource Politics Cluster in the global field of political ecology, laying the foundation for future STEPS and cluster activities.

The local dimension

In many ways the conference expanded upon themes already explored by various colleagues and centres at IDS, particularly the recent Green Transformations Cluster. This centre of activity researches the 'green transformations' – notably in favour of renewable energy and the circular economy – that foster structural change and sustainability within planetary boundaries.

It also built on research on forest, biodiversity and soil management by IDS' Director Melissa Leach and Ian Scoones from 2001. This played a pivotal role in alerting policymakers to the perils of ignoring the knowledge and practices of local people – that is, those most affected by environmental science decisions and climate change.

In a neat echo of circularity, that research would eventually stimulate the creation of the STEPS Centre in 2006, currently under the directorship of lan Scoones.

Much of Melissa Leach's career as an anthropologist has been dedicated to 'trying to bring to life the knowledge of local people'. Her jointly written work *Misreading the African Landscape* from 1996 is still widely used to show the power of anthropological methods.

IMPACT STORY

Ringing endorsement for IDS-led report on water and food

After leading the team that worked on a landmark report linking water to food security, IDS Professor Lyla Mehta was called to present the report's findings to the UN Committee on World Food Security (CSF) 42nd session in Rome in October 2015.

Discourse on water as a resource too often focuses on agriculture and overlooks the vital link to sanitation, nutrition and food security. The report by the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) was one of the first to draw attention to this link. It also uniquely highlighted the need to join up the human rights to water and food in order to tackle poverty and empower women and marginalised groups.

Drawing on her work with the sixstrong team, Lyla Mehta stressed to the CSF members gathered at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization headquarters that there is enough fresh water and food in the world – it is just unevenly distributed.

She underlined the human-induced water scarcities and the way women and girls are usually barred from decision-making over resources, despite being chiefly responsible for water collection. She urged members not to 'water down' the report's recommendations.

Following three days of discussion, the CSF endorsed the report's eight recommendations with 20 strong supporting comments from country representatives, civil society and UN agencies. Recommendations included prioritising equal access to water for all, particularly women and marginalised and vulnerable groups; and sustainable action to improve water management in food systems.



In Burkina Faso, Kouassa Awa, 20, washes clothes in a trickle of water in a partially dried river bed. Credit: Andrew McConnell – Panos

Legacy of Ethiopia famines research

This was also a fitting endorsement of IDS' wider work on food security, led mainly by Stephen Devereux, and which began at the time of the 1980s famines in Ethiopia. In 2002, he returned to Ethiopia to cover a little-known famine in a documentary called Learning the Lessons? Famine in Ethiopia, 1999–2000. Screened on BBC4 and BBC World, the short film generated much interest in Ethiopia among donors and NGOs.

Nutrition and food security have since become major centres of work for IDS. It is uniquely placed to draw together research on poverty, governance, food insecurity, agriculture, value chains, health, gender, climate change, conflict and fragile contexts – all of which impact on nutrition.

IDS now hosts several major related research programmes. Future Agricultures, a network of researchers on agriculture and food policy in Africa, with more than 100 people in 12 countries across Africa and in Europe; and LANSA – Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia – working to improve agriculture and food-related interventions, especially for children and adolescent girls, are but two.



Ethiopian Orthodox Christian women elders sort though barley in the grounds of their church. Credit: Lianne Milton – Panos.



"The STEPS Centre brought together specialists from the fields of geography, politics, science and technology studies, development studies and more to bring a cross-disciplinary approach to understanding resource politics. The mix proved to be vibrant and challenging – just what we'd hoped for!

Ian Scoones, IDS Research Fellow and Director of the ESRC STEPS Centre



IMPACT STORY

Timely IDS research shapes policy to reduce conflict

More and more aid spending is going to conflict-affected states and into conflict prevention, fuelling debate over the links between development and security. IDS' well-established reputation in conflict studies makes it a first choice for organisations seeking research partners in this area.

One of the most fruitful recent collaborations has been between IDS and the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) in a bid to provide an evidence base for policies to reduce conflict and address poverty in Iraq.

Sectarian violence and political tensions have destabilised Iraq since the 2003 invasion. This has worsened considerably since 2014, with ISIL brutally exploiting the situation to seize territory. By late 2015, almost 10 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance.

IDS researcher Brigitte Rohwerder, who is based in the Conflict and Violence Cluster and the IDS-affiliated Governance and Social Development Resource Centre, produced a contemporary conflict analysis of Iraq to inform decision-makers in 2014.

On the strength of that work, DFID asked Brigitte to update her report in August 2015 to explore the latest conflict dynamics, the potential for

peace-building and the problem of poverty in Iraq. She also analysed future conflict risks and highlighted gaps in strategies for peace-building in current thinking on Iraq.

DFID commended this updated report, noting how useful it was to their own bilateral aid review. Further feedback revealed that this work has helped to inform several policies aimed at reducing the conflict in Iraq.

Building better societies in action

Brigitte's update is a strong example of IDS supporting work that contributes directly to action that builds more inclusive and secure societies.

Her work fits into a spectrum of research on conflict and security, citizenship and accountability – inspired and informed in great part by more than 40 years' work on this theme by IDS Emeritus Fellow Robin Luckham.

Much of this work now spans out from the Conflict and Violence Research Cluster at IDS, which develops insights into how people live and interact in contexts of conflict, violence and poverty.

As deadly terrorist attacks continue across Africa, the Middle East and

Europe, IDS is pursuing the need to understand the drivers of violence and find long-term solutions – and is ensuring that this work finds an audience. November 2015 saw IDS publish a Rapid Response Briefing on insurgency following an attack on a hotel in Mali, with an accompanying short film on violence at the margins in Kenya, Nigeria and Mali.

Some of the research has a strong practical application – such as the ambitious Addressing and Mitigating Violence programme. By exploring links between violence and inequalities, it has generated practical policy options in fields such as governance, access to economic opportunities and preventing cross-border spillovers.

One of the longest programmes has unfolded through the Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability (Citizenship DRC), based at IDS since 2001 and funded by DFID. By the time this consortium of researchers, policymakers, practitioners and activists fulfilled its remit in 2010, it had amassed a trove of more than 150 empirically grounded case studies on citizen action and participation. This helped found a new paradigm of development with citizenship at its



"With almost one third of the world's population living in low-income conflict-affected countries, it is critical that we understand the effects of conflict on people's welfare, behaviour and poverty."

Patricia Justino, IDS Research Fellow and Leader of the IDS Conflict and Violence Cluster

IMPACT STORY

From urban exclusion to inclusive urbanisation

For billions of people around the world, the future will increasingly be urban. IDS research has been charting this dramatic change for nearly a decade, highlighting the complex challenges this shift poses for people, sustainability and development.

In October 2015, ahead of World Cities Day, IDS co-hosted an international workshop 'From urban exclusion to inclusive urbanisation' in London with 30 researchers, multilateral agency representatives, INGO and thinktank staff. Participants wrestled with the question of why decision-makers so often shy away from properly planning for the rural-urban migration behind our rapidly expanding cities.

Various recommendations for making urbanisation more inclusive emerged from the event, hosted also by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). These urged different approaches to inclusive urbanisation, based on human rights, urban planning and co-production.

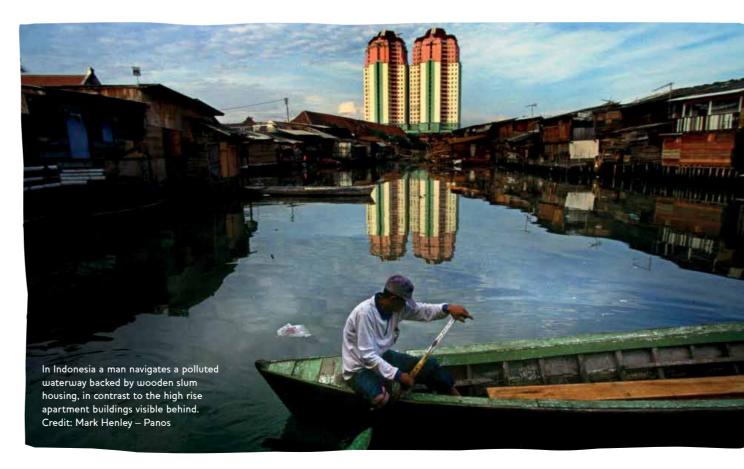
Participants argued that inclusive urbanisation affects all the Sustainable Development Goals, and therefore is key to achieving the 2030 Agenda. A statement was prepared pending approval by the UNFPA.

Related to the event, IDS Fellow Gordon McGranahan published an article in *Environment & Urbanisation* (2016) ('Inclusive urbanisation: Can the 2030 Agenda be delivered without it?') and an IDS Evidence Report on *The Role of Cities and Urbanisation in Achieving Development Goals* (2016).

Lively debate on urban security

IDS ran another successful workshop in August 2015 to kick-start a study on cities, violence and order. Amid much lively debate and reflection, 20 leading urban experts grappled with what the challenges of security provision for cities in 2040 might be — and how development policy and practice might pre-emptively respond.

Participants continued the discussion by contributing to an IDS blog series while IDS Research Fellow Jaideep Gupte and PhD candidate Hadeer El Shafie co-authored an IDS Bulletin article on 'The Dialectics of Urban Form and Violence'.



"Cities have a distinctive role in development processes. They are focal points for economic growth, jobs and innovation but also for poverty, inequality. vulnerability and conflict."

Jaideep Gupte, IDS Research Fellow and Co-leader of the IDS Cities Cluster

Measuring urban wellbeing

A major project on 'Informal work and wellbeing in urban South Asia' ended in April 2015 for the Cities Cluster, resulting in a Policy Briefing on findings picked up widely by local media and an invitation for IDS' research partner Professor Ferdous Jahan to develop a background paper on urban poverty to inform government planning in Bangladesh. The project, which gathered quantitative and qualitative data on three wellbeing measures, was carried out across 14 informal settlements in six cities in Bangladesh and India. The National Slum Dwellers Federation in India also adopted the project

methodologies and is implementing them in other study sites across India. Several journal articles emerged from the project including for the journal World Development. IDS' Dolf te Lintelo led work on this paper, coauthored with Jaideep Gupte, Rajith Lakshman (IDS), Allister McGregor (Sheffield) and Ferdous Jahan (BRAC University).

Workshop-based events in the UK and overseas have long been a means for IDS to stimulate, enrich and showcase its research. A 2010 workshop in Delhi presented two years of collaborative research on peri-urban localities by the STEPS Centre and Indian partners from Jawaharlal Nehru University to government officials, academics and

IMPACT STORY

Celebrating social sciences impact on Ebola response

Much fear and misunderstanding surrounded the Ebola pandemic that swept West Africa and the efforts to tackle it. Early on, IDS researchers argued - and still do that international agencies should not fixate on disease control alone. It was vital to include a social sciences perspective in the response.

To help that happen, two major IDSled initiatives were launched. Such was their influence that in June 2016 they won the prestigious Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Outstanding International Impact Prize for their rapid and effective response during the epidemic.

The Ebola Response Anthropology Platform (ERAP) - a global online hub jointly steered by IDS - answered an urgent need to advise agencies tackling the outbreak on matters such as case identification, funeral practices, home care, communications, community engagement and 'resistance'.

Many of these factors were not considered in the immediate response, greatly hampering its initial effectiveness. The rapid, real-time advice offered through the hub and its team significantly influenced subsequent UK and international strategy in West Africa. Various highlevel actors sought their advice and they submitted evidence to three UK parliamentary inquiries on the crisis.

Posing wider questions for development

Launched and coordinated by anthropologists at IDS, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the University of Exeter, the University of Sussex and Niala University in Sierra Leone, the Platform became a focal point of live information and dialogue, accessed by more than 16,000 users. It now works closely with partners to develop a range of new research proposals with key donors and NGOs.

Ebola: Lessons for Development, a set of nine briefing papers by IDS researchers, was launched at a high-level meeting of policymakers, NGOs and researchers involved in the crisis. These papers argued that the epidemic was prompting much wider questions about shortcomings in international development approaches.

These rapid-response initiatives draw on a long-standing body of anthropological and sociological expertise at IDS, as well as a strong track record in the social, as well as medical, dimensions of health and disease. Examples include work within the Dynamic Drivers of Disease in Africa Consortium studying zoonotic diseases; the work of the Future Health Systems Consortium building community-engaged, resilient approaches, as well as the influential work of the STEPS Centre on epidemics, on avian flu by lan Scoones and anthropological work on vaccine programmes by Director Melissa Leach.



"By collaborating to design more appropriate and therefore effective approaches to disease control, ERAP contributed to reducing the spread of the virus and provides a model for future pandemics.

Annie Wilkinson, IDS Research Fellow



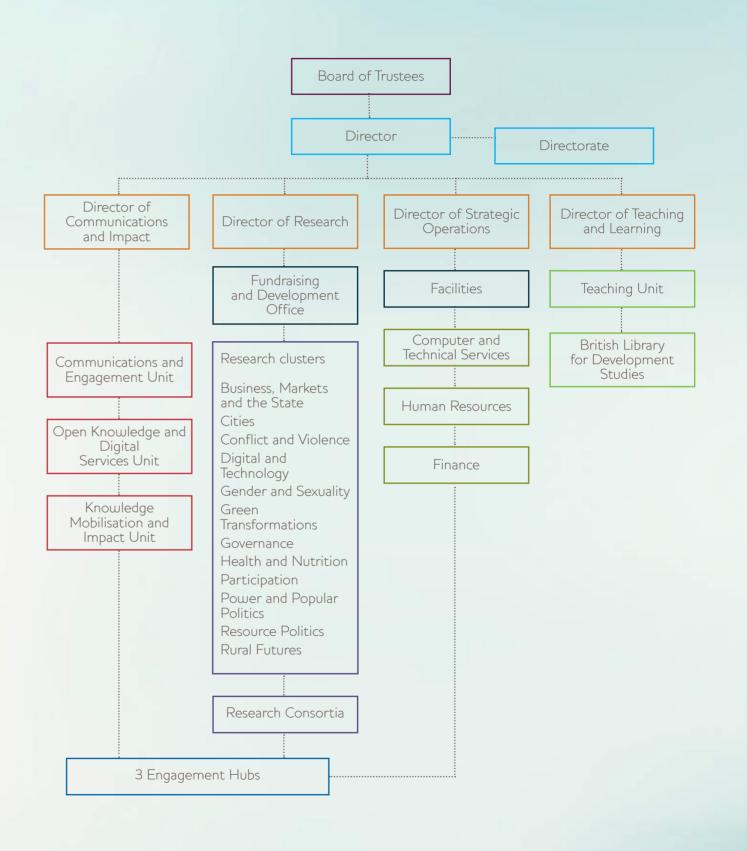
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Towards an institute that is thriving financially, fit for purpose and living its values

Financial sustainability is critical, particularly in an increasingly challenging funding environment. The positive financial picture of 2014/15 has continued into 2015/16 with the Institute generating a surplus of £338k to reinvest in its strategic purposes.

IDS has worked hard to diversify its charitable funding streams, reaching out to new donors. To make IDS fit for purpose we have improved our capabilities to travel and work safely in highrisk areas, integrated new digital technologies across teaching, learning and events programmes, and invested more in our staff's professional development.

Overall it has been a busy, exciting year — one that will contribute significantly to building on the legacy of IDS' work well beyond this 50th year.

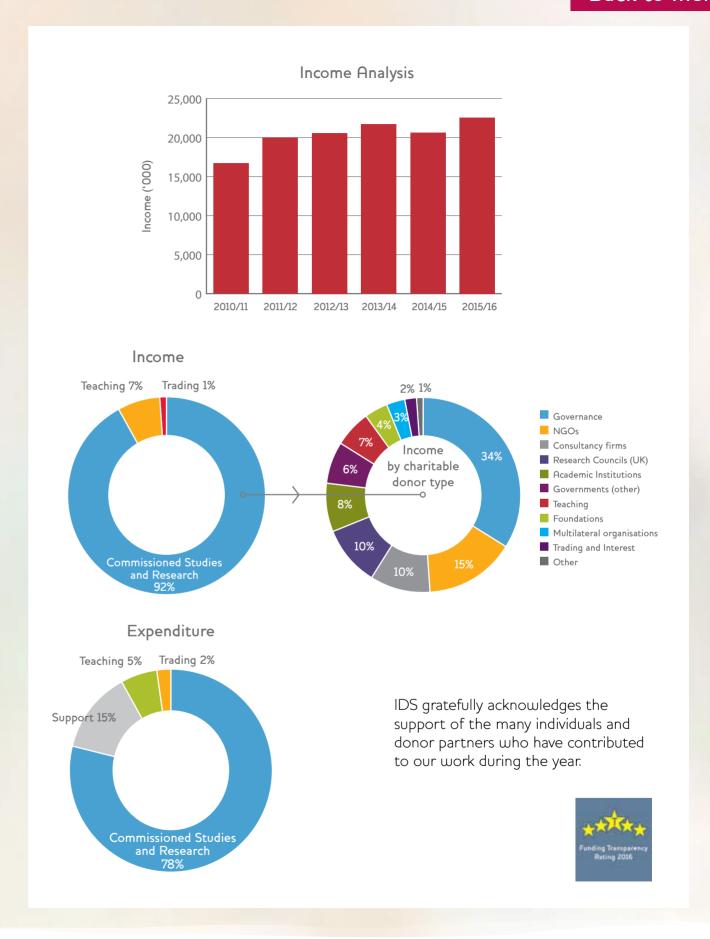
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