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# Capability Statement

Centre For International Development

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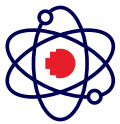




## Overview

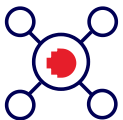
The Centre for International Development (CID) at RMIT University houses applied researchers based in Melbourne and Vietnam that lead to the co-creation of innovative, evidence-based policies and business initiatives that promote sustainable improvements in the quality of peoples' lives. It places the wellbeing of the poor and most vulnerable at the core of its research.

CID researchers are specialised in Development Economics and Finance. The Centre approaches development from a multidimensional and multidisciplinary perspective, thus providing innovative evidence-based policy suggestions to address some of the world's most pressing problems.



## Core Values

- Inclusivity: We prioritize the needs and perspectives of the most marginalized communities.
- Evidence-Based: Our work is grounded in rigorous research and analysis.
- Innovation: We seek to develop creative and impactful solutions.
- Collaboration: We foster partnerships with governments, NGOs, businesses, and academic institutions.
- Sustainability: Our initiatives aim to create long-lasting and positive change.



## Our Expertise

The Centre's core areas of expertise include:

- Statistical and econometric data analysis
- Survey design and analysis
- Economic policy advice
- Program/project evaluation
- Impact assessment

Centre researchers are experts at identifying existing knowledge gaps, formulating testable hypotheses, theories of change and empirical techniques. The Centre designs studies that frame the analysis within the broader grey and academic literatures. In so doing, the Centre has not only contributed to policy formulation, but also has enhanced RMIT's reputation within formal academic circles.

The Centre's partnerships with NGOs across the Asia Pacific region and beyond have allowed it to also gain expertise in translating research to various audiences and producing both technical and non-technical reports. The latter is important not only for dissemination purposes, but also to provide key stakeholders with information about how their lives changed because of interventions. As such, the team has produced pamphlets, videos, summaries and non-technical presentations geared toward informing affected communities.

Centre members lead research relating to several SDGs including:

- SDG 1: No Poverty
- SDG 2: Zero Hunger
- SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing
- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 13: Climate Action



## Track Record

### Research Projects

The CID has a strong track record of external funding and has completed many high profile research projects. A full list of previous research projects can be viewed at our [website](#).

Notably, centre members are working on projects related to 1) Foreign Aid, Financial Flows and Inclusion, 2) Poverty, Inequality and Vulnerability, and 3) Health and Well-Being

#### 1. Foreign Aid, Financial Flows and Inclusion:

- Effective aid delivery: We conduct research on the most effective ways to allocate and utilize foreign aid to achieve development outcomes.
- Financial inclusion: We explore strategies to promote financial inclusion among the poor and vulnerable, enabling them to participate in economic activities and improve their livelihoods.
- Remittances: We study the role of remittances in development and identify ways to maximize their impact.

#### 2. Poverty, Inequality and Vulnerability:

- Poverty reduction: We develop evidence-based policies and programs to alleviate poverty and improve living standards.
- Inequality: We analyze the causes and consequences of inequality and propose strategies for reducing disparities.
- Vulnerability: We assess the factors that make individuals and communities vulnerable to shocks and stresses, and develop resilience-building measures.

#### 3. Health and Well-Being:

- Health systems strengthening: We support the development of equitable and efficient health systems that meet the needs of all populations.
- Disease control: We contribute to efforts to prevent and control infectious and non-communicable diseases.
- Mental health: We promote mental health and well-being, addressing the stigma associated with mental health issues.

### Research Publications

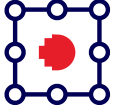
CID members regularly publish in top-tier journals, publish books, and are invited speakers at national and international conferences. A list of recent academic publications can be viewed at our website:

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/research/centres-collaborations/centre-for-international-development/publications>



## Our Impact

- Policy influence: Our research informs policy decisions at local, national, and international levels.
- Business engagement: We collaborate with businesses to develop sustainable and socially responsible practices.
- Community development: We support community-led initiatives to improve livelihoods and well-being.



## Our Partners

The CID applies its expertise to real-world problems, working as both researchers and development practitioners. We partner with leading development organisations, advising their practice, programmatic interventions and strategy. Centre members have led projects in South and East Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as Pacific Island countries. With its partners, the CID leads global change toward the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. CID members have worked with various United Nations Agencies, Government Departments, Multilateral Development Institutions and International NGOs.



## Contact Us

The CID welcomes enquires and expressions of interest to collaborate and partner from businesses, governments, NGOs and community organisations, from Australia and abroad.

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