



International
Growth Centre

IGC Mozambique focuses on private sector development, and state effectiveness. Current projects include the strengthening of local industrial linkages, the development of a policy strategy for the construction industry, an evaluation of management practices in the manufacturing sector, and an analysis of mobile money in Mozambique.

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Since 2010, the IGC Mozambique programme has effectively become integrated into the Mozambican policy sphere.

Thanks to successful projects in the areas of transportation, agricultural productivity and the National Development Strategy, the IGC Mozambique programme is now well-placed to intensify and deepen both its research activities and its policy engagement. Indeed, we have been building a country programme that covers a number of areas relevant for current and future economic policy, including an in-depth analysis of firms in the country, a series of projects related to financial inclusion, and a review of agricultural policy. The output of this research effort has been discussed in several workshops that were widely seen as promoting fruitful interactions between policy-makers and researchers.

In particular, we have developed very close relationships with the Ministry of Public Works, the Central Bank of Mozambique and the Ministry of Planning.

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAMME

Officially established in October 2010, the IGC Mozambique Country Programme has been a constructive voice in the economic policy debate in Mozambique. The IGC Country Director, Claudio Frischtak has been able to develop a strong relationship with a number of influential policymakers. The IGC has worked closely with Aiuba Cuereneia (Minister of Planning and Development), Ernesto Gove (Governor of the Bank of Mozambique), Armando Inroga (Minister of Industry), and Cadmiel Mutemba (Minister of Public Works and Housing). The Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) has been the IGC's direct counterpart in Mozambique. These partners have all played a key role in the establishment of the IGC in the country.

IGC Mozambique's research agenda has developed around three broad themes: private sector development, state effectiveness, and agricultural development. These research priorities have resulted from extensive consultation with several stakeholders in the country and are transversal to the broader IGC research mandate and priorities. Our two Lead Academics, Sandra Sequeira and Pedro Vicente, have been playing a key role on the specific developments of these research areas, namely by identifying specific research questions in coordination with Mozambican partners, by involving excellent academics, and by overseeing the design of appropriate research projects.



IGC Mozambique is currently engaged in a number of projects with leading academics from around the world.



The Enterprise Map of Mozambique

by Professor John Sutton (LSE) was officially launched in Maputo, during the Mozambique Growth Day on June 13th 2014. It is the fifth of John Sutton's books, after books focusing on Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania and Zambia. The book is already stimulating the debate on private sector development in Mozambique, and feeding into policies aimed at improving the productivity of existing firms. In summary, the Enterprise Map project involves the provision of the first systematic and uniform account of the range of industrial capabilities in Mozambique. It rests on a large and fully representative sample that provides a complete inventory of current capabilities in every market. While its primary users are governments, FDI agencies, and private companies, it also provides researchers with basic background knowledge.



We are also currently supporting an important and timely line of research on promoting financial inclusion. The first project builds on a large field experiment that establishes the impact of introducing mobile money in rural locations in Mozambique. In particular, it looks at mobile money services adoption patterns among rural social

networks. The second project focusses on the effects of financial literacy and of access to savings on microenterprise development in urban markets. Finally, IGC Mozambique is supporting the Bank of Mozambique in the implementation of a firm survey to measure access to banking and the use of electronic means of payments like POSs, mobile banking, and mobile money.

For Researchers:

IGC Mozambique is seeking to commission high quality research projects related to worker and firm productivity, with a specific focus on improving our understanding of management constraints, training, etc. In addition, the IGC will welcome projects related to natural resource management and public service provision challenges in both education and health.

For Mozambican Officials:

IGC Mozambique provides free policy advice based on independent, frontier research and is always looking for new research ideas and collaboration opportunities.

Mobile money in Mozambique

GSM coverage in Africa has more than doubled from 1999 to 2008, making mobile money one of the most promising tools to increase financial inclusion, especially in rural communities.



Source: GSM Association, Pictures taken from Isaac Mbiti, 'the economic impact of mobile phones', slides presented at the CSAE 2014 economic conference. Accessible at [http:// fsmevents.com/csae/2014/session3/](http://fsmevents.com/csae/2014/session3/)

Priority areas for 2014–15

Private sector development

Firms and productivity

- Enterprise map
- Construction industry strategy
- Management practices in the manufacturing sector

Mobile money

- Diffusion of mobile money
- Electronic payments
- Evaluation of the impact of mobile banking and financial literacy on microenterprise development

State effectiveness

Provision of public services

- Preventing excess female school drop out
- Enhancing effectiveness of health workers

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