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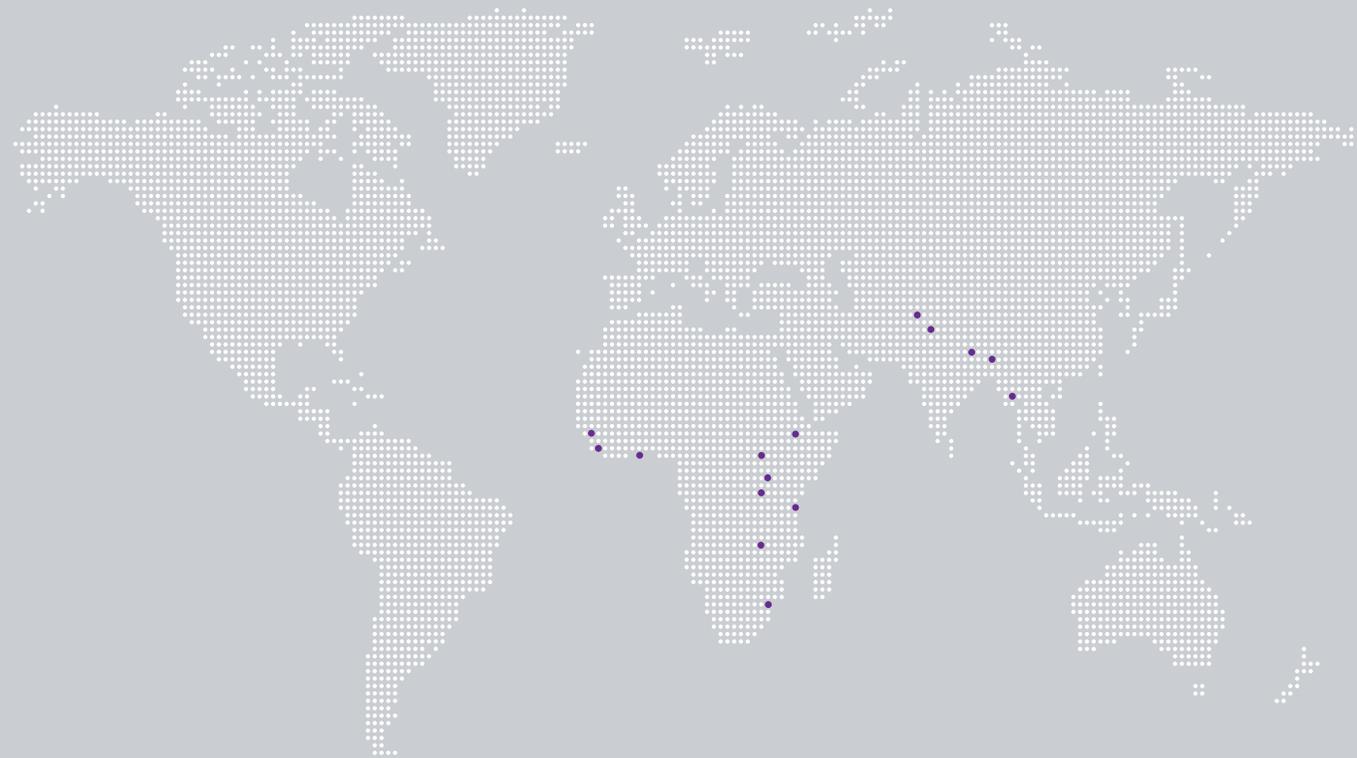
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1. The IGC's engagement in Mozambique: Overview

Priority Areas and Live Projects for 2016-2017

Firms



State Effectiveness



Inclusive Growth



Cities



2. Results in 2015-2016

Project	Type of output	Principal authors	Delivery date	Project Objectives
An Assessment of Mozambique's Draft Industrial Policy	Report	Eduardo Augusto Guimaraes	December 2015	Assist the Government of Mozambique with the process of updating the new Industrial Policy and Strategy, coordinated by the Ministry of Industry and Trade. This assistance took the form of an industrial policy expert providing detailed comments on the Draft Strategy.
Workshop on Evidence-Based Policymaking in Education: the Case of Conditional Cash Transfers	Workshop	Damien de Walque, Laura Poswell, Sandra Sequeira	July 2015	Discuss about education policy in Mozambique and cross-country experiences with conditional cash transfers programs.
Workshop on Evidence-Based Policymaking in the Health sector: the Case of Improving the Quality of Antenatal Care in Mozambique	Workshop	Sandra Sequeira, Marcos Vera Hernandez, Laura Poswell	July 2015	Discuss about health policy in Mozambique, including the design of a current IGC project on antenatal care.
Workshop on Financial Development in Mozambique: Innovation and Challenges	Workshop	Pedro Vicente, Sandra Sequeira, Catia Batista, Dean Yang, Dean Karlan	July 2015	Discuss about financial developments in Mozambique and showcase the IGC engagement in the area of financial inclusion. This encompasses the delivery of the research results and policy recommendations derived from the study "Determinants of Adoption of Electronic Means of Payment", which is the result of collaboration between the IGC and the Bank of Mozambique.
Electronic Payments in Mozambique: Diagnosis and Impact Evaluation of Dissemination	Policy paper	Pedro Vicente, Esselina Macome	July 2015	Diagnose the determinants of access to formal banking and the use of electronic means of payment. Assess the impact of information dissemination on the uptake of electronic means of payment directed at small enterprises.
Regional roundtables for presenting and gathering feedback on the 'Strategy and policy framework for the development of the construction and building materials industry in Mozambique'	Series of roundtables	Novella Maugeri, Rogerio Quintella	September/ October 2015	Gather feedback from key actors in the construction industry to incorporate into the report the IGC has prepared before its official launch by the Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Hydric Resources in 2016.
Preventing Excess Female School Drop Out in Mozambique: Conditional Transfers and the Respective Role of Parent and Child in Schooling Decisions (pilot)	Pilot and feasibility report	Christine Valente, Damien De Walque	January 2016	The ultimate goal of the project is to examine intra-household educational decisions to help guide education policy in Mozambique. The pilot phase of the project aimed at fine-tuning the project design before the full scale randomized control trial is implemented.
Diffusion of Mobile Money: Evidence from a lab experiment in the field	Research paper	Catia Batista, Marcel Fafchamps, Pedro Vicente	January 2016	Determine how information about mobile money services flows within social networks in rural villages, how social influence affects the adoption of mobile-money, and possible peer effects.

3. Ongoing projects for 2016-17

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Evaluation of the Impact of Mobile Banking and Financial Literacy on Microenterprise Development in Mozambique	Research paper & policy brief	Catia Batista, Sandra Sequeira, Pedro Vicente	February 2016	Evaluate the impact of financial literacy and facilitated savings through mobile banking on microenterprise productivity and household welfare.	The findings from this research may suggest a system of incentives aimed at making formal savings more accessible, especially to small entrepreneurs. It may also shed light on effective ways to increase financial literacy of small entrepreneurs.
Policy Framework and Strategy for the Construction and Construction Materials Industries	Report, high-level hearing and official launch	Rogério Quintella, Vasco Nhabinde, Novella Maugeri	March 2016	Establish the growth relevance of the development of the construction sector in Mozambique. Identify main barriers the sector is facing and propose a strategy for policy reform.	We expect this project to directly translate into the national construction policy, the implementation of which will be coordinated by the Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Hydric Resources.
Financial Literacy of Managers and the Efficiency of Capital Allocation in Corporations	Working paper, policy brief, dataset, workshop	Claudia Custodio, Igor Cunha, Daniel Metzger	April 2016	Assess the level of financial expertise of Mozambican managers and their current financial practices, as well as financial constraints faced by firms. The project purports to provide information on the weaknesses and strengths of Mozambican managers' financial knowledge.	The project's results will provide guidance on how to develop policies to improve the allocation of financial resources within the firm and how to help firms access external financing.
Does management training and consulting services improve working conditions, worker skills and productivity, and firm performance in SMEs? Evidence from the construction industry in Mozambique	Working paper, policy brief	Renata Lemos, Nick Bloom	April 2016	At the scoping level, assess the feasibility of a randomized experiment on the impact of management training on firm performance, working conditions and worker skills, with a focus on the construction industry.	Test strategies that can improve the quality and productivity of the construction industry in cooperation with the Mozambican Institute for Small and Medium Enterprises (IPEME).
Developing vocational training in the Mozambican labour market	Working Paper and Policy Brief	Pedro Martins, Sofia Pessoa Costa, Cinzia Rienzo	April 2016	Provide an understanding on how the Public Employment Services can best support the development of the labour market, through information gathering, matchmaking and vocational training.	This project is expected to support the largest provider of vocational training in Mozambique, the Institute of Employment and Training (INEFP) in reforming the country's vocational education.
Implementing the National Development Strategy: Poultry and Cotton Production Clusters	Report	Rafael Uaiene	May 2016	The IGC was asked by the Government of Mozambique to support the implementation of the National Development Strategy. Two production clusters - poultry and cotton - were identified as targets for concerted public-private action. The aim is to analyse each value chain, identifying concrete actions to be undertaken by government in support of private sector investment.	The integrated plan will be used by the Ministry of Economics and Finance as a policy instrument to promote production on a competitive basis and support job creation in two value chains in which Mozambique potentially has a comparative advantage.

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Improving the Management of the Health System in Mozambique	Research paper & policy brief	Sandra Sequeira, Margaret McConnell, Maria Steenland	September 2016	Identify cost-effective and scalable strategies that can improve the quality and impact of the health system in Mozambique. The focus is on improving the management of health care clinics by introducing a system to schedule appointments.	Depending on the results of this study, the Ministry of Health might want to scale up these initiatives to the rest of the country, beyond the three pilot provinces of Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane.
The Bank Lending Channel of Monetary Policy – Evidence from African LICs	Working papers on Mozambique and multi-country results	Sebastien Walker, Tim Ohlenburg	September 2016	Identify key characteristics of the financial system – and the banking sector In particular - which determine the strength of this monetary transmission channel.	The study will provide an estimate of the strength of bank lending as a monetary transmission channel in Mozambique, informing the Central Bank of Mozambique on potential financial sector reforms.
Preventing Excess Female School Drop Out in Mozambique: Conditional Transfers and the Respective Role of Parent and Child in Schooling Decisions	Research paper & policy brief	Christine Valente, Damien de Walque	October 2016	Examine intra-household educational decisions to help guide education policy.	The study will shed new light into an important dimension of education policy on how to stem high female dropout rates.
Entrepreneurship Training in Mozambique: The Role of Business Skills vs. Aspirations	Working paper and policy brief	Catia Batista, Julia Seither	December 2016	Examine the impact of improvements in human capital of micro-entrepreneurs on business outcomes, and their potential to grow into SMEs that foster sustainable economic development.	The projects' results could feed into the development of new initiatives to strengthen technical and managerial capacities of the Mozambican workforce.
Resource discoveries, FDI, and local development: Evidence from Mozambique	Working paper and policy brief	Pierre-Louis Vézina, Gerhard Toews	March 2017	Investigate whether giant natural resource discoveries cause FDI waves and whether FDI projects increased household income and employment output and productivity, as well as the creation of local firms.	The study will provide insights for the design of effective policies to enhance positive spillover effects from FDI projects.



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The IGC is contributing to policy in Mozambique mainly through its work on private sector development and state effectiveness. Within these broad themes, we have been particularly active in the areas of access to financial services through mobile money, as well as the construction industry. Current projects include research into the impact of mobile money, an evaluation of how to reduce excess female drop out from school, and a study on improving the management of the health system.

Under the umbrella of private sector development, we seek to commission projects related to worker and firm productivity. In addition, the IGC is keen to commission projects related to natural resource management, energy, and domestic resource mobilisation.

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