

The International Growth Centre works with policymakers in developing countries to promote inclusive and sustainable growth through pathbreaking research. The IGC is a global research centre at the London School of Economics and in partnership with Oxford University which has a network of world-leading researchers and in-country teams and initiatives working across Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East.

Country Directors provide guidance and support for IGC's research-led policy engagement in IGC partner countries and report to the IGC Executive Director. They help build key stakeholder relationships and dialogue, develop the country strategy, and support country team in delivering the strategy. **Key services include:**

- ▶ **Building strong relationships and continuous dialogue** with senior government and other policy stakeholders within country, including the private sector, civil society, research institutions, donors (including FCDO) and locally-based academics, representing the IGC in all interactions pertaining to the country programme.
- ▶ **Guiding the development of the country strategy**, working closely with Lead Academics and the Country Economists, including the Country Strategy Note (CSN) and annual strategic objectives. Key elements include:
 - Identifying the priority growth policy issues which will inform the delivery and commissioning of research and the development of the engagement strategy. Ensuring that the country strategy aligns with IGC strategic priorities.
 - Identifying reform champions, amongst both policy makers and researchers, and windows of opportunity.
- ▶ **Guiding and supporting the country team to deliver the country strategy** with the aim of maximizing the impact of IGC research on growth policies in country, including
 - Guiding engagement with key policy makers and other stakeholders through meetings, events and a broader communications strategy.
 - Commissioning research and analytical work, in collaboration with Lead Academics and the Country Economists, in priority areas. Reviewing research outputs to ensure that they are delivered with appropriate scope and quality.
 - Providing input into proposals submitted to the commissioning boards. Working with researchers to develop proposals; ensuring proposals respond to emerging policy needs. Liaising with the IGC research network and the IGC Research Director to inform proposal development.
 - Supporting programme delivery: developing and implementing a plan of activities to support country strategic objectives, overseeing the budget, delivering updates to the Programmes and Impact Director and Executive Director, supporting the recruitment and professional development of country staff, and contributing to risk management.
 - Supporting collaboration with IGC thematic initiatives to increase cross-organisation learning, provide surge capacity and enhance impact.
 - Fostering a culture of excellence, collaboration, diversity, entrepreneurship, respect, objectivity and continuous learning.