

Research projects

Ongoing projects

[Coastal Ecosystem Services for East Africa \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2014/costal-ecosystem-services-east-africa.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2014/costal-ecosystem-services-east-africa.aspx)

This project draws on previous research experience, including from Swahili Seas, to find ways to increase the number of communities that can benefit from PES schemes and the range of ecosystems and ecosystem services that can be protected. A key concern in seeking to upscale pro-poor coastal PES schemes is the need to identify and understand potential barriers and supporting mechanisms within different levels of governance.

[Networking for fisheries co-management on Lake Victoria, East Africa \(Jun 2014 - May 2016\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2014/networking-fisheries-co-management-africa.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2014/networking-fisheries-co-management-africa.aspx)

This research will contribute to co-management theory and practice by investigating the personal networks of fisheries stakeholders to find out who, and what types of relationships, influence fishers' behaviour. Relationships to be investigated might include who is consulted to gain information on where to fish, to whom fishers turn to borrow money or find employment. Such relationships influence fisherfolk behaviour and, in turn, attitudes to and engagement with co-management.

[The Developmental Leadership Program \(DLP\) \(2013-2017\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/dlp.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/dlp.aspx)

A prestigious international research initiative, the Developmental Leadership Program, has made its home at IDD with funding in place to continue its work for the next three years.

[GSDRC: policy-oriented research \(2001-\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/gsdrc.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/gsdrc.aspx)

For over a decade, IDD has led a cutting-edge research and knowledge management centre, GSDRC. This supports many aid agencies, synthesising the latest evidence and expert thinking to inform policy and practice. GSDRC provides applied knowledge services on demand and online, specialising in issues of governance, social development, humanitarian response and conflict.

[Understanding the fiscal and regulatory mechanisms necessary to achieve CCD in the coastal zone \(iCoast\) \(2012- 2014\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2013/icoast.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2013/icoast.aspx)

iCoast is investigating how to make climate compatible development (CCD) happen in coastal areas through different types, and combinations of, mechanisms. CCD refers to development that minimises the harm caused by climate change and that anticipates and maximises the benefits that could arise from a low-carbon future.

[Provision of Basic Services \(2004-14\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/archive/service-providers.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/archive/service-providers.aspx)

The overall aim of the research is to understand how the relationship between government and non-state providers is affected by their different perspectives on public action and how these in turn are affected by the relationship.

Completed projects

[OECD 2011 Ensuring Fragile States are Not Left Behind \(Oct 2011 - Feb 2012\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2011/oecd-2011-fragile-states.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2011/oecd-2011-fragile-states.aspx)

The background to this Annual Report (since 2005) is increasing concern about the implications for international stability and development progress resulting from state fragility and the growing recognition that aid is one of many elements in the international effort in fragile states and that there are important linkages between activities that can and cannot be counted as ODA eligible.

[State Fragility and Rural Development \(Jul 2013 - Mar 2014\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2013/state-fragility-rural-development.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2013/state-fragility-rural-development.aspx)

Over the past year Dr. Martin Rew at IDD together with Dr. Markus-Schultze-Kraft of the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, have been conducting research on 'State Fragility and Rural Development' for the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (German: Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung), abbreviated BMZ.

[International Perceptions and African Agency: Uganda and its donors 1986-2010 \(2011 - 12\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2011/international-perceptions-african-agency.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2011/international-perceptions-african-agency.aspx)

This project investigates the place of African states in the international system and seeks to understand what space exists for aid-dependent governments to exercise agency in relations with donors. In exploring these issues it focus on the case of Uganda's NRM regime which has enjoyed very substantial international support despite its increasingly authoritarian nature, destabilising regional policy and questionable human rights record.

[The 2011 Multiparty Elections in Uganda: Towards a Consolidated Democracy \(2010 - 12\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2010/2011-multiparty-elections-uganda.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2010/2011-multiparty-elections-uganda.aspx)

This project will examine every aspect of the 2011 elections, including the role of international donors, party financing, security personnel, ethnic politics and socio-cultural phenomena, in an attempt to assess whether it represents a step towards a consolidated, multiparty democracy for Uganda.

[PEACE - Local Ownership and Peace Missions \(2011 - 13\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2011/local-ownership-peace-](/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2011/local-ownership-peace-)

[missions.aspx](#)

A team of researchers at IDD has won EU funding for a project that could help transform international peacebuilding and statebuilding missions. Dr. Nicolas Lemay-Hébert, supervised by Professor Paul Jackson and Dr Heather Marquette, has begun a two-year Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship that will deepen understanding of 'local ownership'.

[Corruption indicators in Performance Assessment Frameworks \(PAFs\) for budget support \(2012\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2012/corruption-indicators-performance-assessment-frameworks.aspx\)](#)

This research examines the role of indicators focused on corruption within performance assessment frameworks (PAFs) for budget support, particularly in terms of their effectiveness in monitoring corruption at the macro-level, monitoring anti-corruption projects or institutions, and monitoring budget expenditures. It will be published as a U4 issues paper in early 2012.

[Swahili Seas \(2011 - 12\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2011/swahili-seas.aspx\)](#)

The Swahili Seas project is based in Gazi Bay, Kenya, and aims to link local coastal communities with global carbon trading to support the conservation of an area of mangrove forest in exchange for payments which will be used to support community development.

[Beyond ethnicity? The politics of building national identity after conflict in Rwanda \(2011 - 12\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2011/beyond-ethnicity-conflict-rwanda.aspx\)](#)

This project analyses strategies used to create 'new' national identities after violent ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka and Rwanda and explores their implications. Both states experienced civil wars ended by a military victory and the substantial defeat of armed opposition within national territory. Post conflict governments in both states expressed an intention to promote a new national identity, replacing and de-legitimising ethnicity.

[A future for aid data: a south-south cooperation data categorization to complement on-going IATI categorizations \(2010-2012\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/2010/future-for-aid-data.aspx\)](#)

The project investigates the incentives and disincentives for non traditional donors to adhere to International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) categorisation and code of conduct and in the wake of such non binding IATI or OECD-DAC standards, what challenges and opportunities such donors bring to the IATI.

[Religions and Development \(2005 - 10\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/archive/religions-development.aspx\)](#)

The Religions and Development Research Programme Consortium is an international research partnership that is exploring the relationships between several major world religions, development in low-income countries and poverty reduction.

[Security System Transformation in Sierra Leone, 1997 - 2007 \(2007 - 08\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/archive/security-system-transformation-sierra-leone.aspx\)](#)

The main objective of the project is to produce a detailed study of UK supported security sector reform (SSR) in Sierra Leone from 1999 - 2007

[Social and Economic Impacts of Land Titling in Urban and Peri-urban Areas \(2007 - 08\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/archive/social-economic-impacts-land-titling.aspx\)](#)

This study aims to assess the extent to which land titling programmes in developing country urban areas have achieved the outcomes and impacts claimed for them.

[Local Government in Post Conflict Zones \(2007\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/archive/local-government-post-conflict-zones.aspx\)](#)

Dr Paul Jackson was tasked with producing a background paper on local government reconstruction in post-conflict environments for the UNDP. This involved developing a literature review and leading on a seminar for UNDP representatives engaged in post-conflict environments.

[Urban Families Under Pressure in Kenya and Zambia and the Impact of HIV / AIDS \(2005 - 07\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/archive/urban-families-kenya-zambia-hiv-aids.aspx\)](#)

This research project investigated the impact of short-term shocks and long duration stresses due to economic decline and ill-health, especially HIV / AIDS, on the livelihood strategies of poor urban households and their wider social networks in Nairobi, Kenya and Lusaka and Ndola, Zambia.

[Joint Evaluation of General Budget Support \(1994 - 2004\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/idd/archive/joint-evaluation-general-budget-support.aspx\)](#)

To evaluate the impact of general budget support in reducing poverty in Burkina Faso, Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Uganda and Vietnam.

