



ABOUT US

The Institute for Study and Development Worldwide (IFSD) is a young and dynamic firm for problem-solving research, development consulting, and policy analysis. We are driven by values of justice, environmental sustainability, and accountability.

IFSD is registered in Australia, but serves its clients and collaborators across the Asia-Pacific, Africa, and globally. Our expert teams have intensive experience in a number of countries in Asia across several development sectors.

IFSD is promoted by experienced professionals with extensive experience in the Global South. IFSD's work is delivered by a core team of professionals together with its extensive network of partners, affiliates and consultants around the world.

Our services are grounded in local contexts and informed by global best practice.

OUR CORE VALUES



**Environmental
sustainability**



**Equity and
fairness**



**Knowledge for
impact**



**Collaborative
problem solving**

OUR SECTORS

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Climate resilience and water security

Climate change is jeopardising livelihoods, ecosystems and economies across the world.

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Food security and sustainable agriculture

UN suggests 690 million people went hungry in 2019.

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Natural resource management and ecosystem services

Nearly 2 billion people directly depend on natural resources such as forests, pastures and water bodies.

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Poverty reduction and livelihoods security

Due to COVID-19, World Bank estimates 88 million+ to fall into extreme poverty.

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OUR SERVICES

We have 6 specialised service packages for organisations, governments and international programs.

Interactive Policy Analysis and Development

The policy work that many governments and international development partners do is either too technical or overly politicised. There remains a huge gap between the ways policy makers harness knowledge and how researchers think policy reports should be crafted. IFSD has developed, tested and refined an interactive research-based, learning-oriented policy analysis and development assistance package that can suit the needs of a wide variety of organisations.

Program Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation

From a small park renovation to a multi-country disaster risk reduction work, every project needs a clearly defined logic that resonates well in the underlying context. Program design should guide the movement from the current situation to the desired one. The team at IFSD has worked with numerous governments and intentional development agencies to design programs, formulate and implement monitoring and evaluation, and provide feedback to decision makers.

Gender Analysis and Inclusive Development

Despite three decades of gender equality initiatives, glaring inequality exists between men and women. Much of gender mainstreaming and women empowerment work have met with only limited success, as efforts are not informed by deeper analysis of the barriers to change and opportunities.

Action Learning Systems and Knowledge Development

From water management to school education and nutritional campaigns, development problems do not have ready-made solutions that work in every community, culture or context. Development and innovation require action learning and a robust system of knowledge management. IFSD experts have spent their life exploring action learning systems and formulating tools and strategies of knowledge management to support every level of decision making in organisations.

Strategic Review, Analysis and Advising

The context of your organisation's work is constantly shifting due to technological, environmental, political and economic drivers of change. Too often, program leaders are faced with the challenge of undertaking strategic reviews of the changing contexts to update their mandates, priorities, and strategies. IFSD experts have delivered high quality and client-focused strategic assessments, utilising state of the art research and review methods, including the use of qualitative and quantitative tools.

Participatory Natural Resource Management Systems

Globally, local communities manage nearly one third of the common pool of natural resources. However, they are facing unprecedented challenges with regard to market, regulations, and technology management. IFSD experts are renowned for designing, implementing, facilitating, monitoring and evaluating community based natural resources management systems in the Global South.

IFSD'S THEORY OF CHANGE

Our broad theory of change involves working simultaneously on building people's skills (human capital) and institutional capacity (social capital) to effectively and sustainably manage environmental resources (natural capital). We emphasise a process of learning and innovation to catalyse large scale upscaling and transformational change.



IFSD'S LEARNING HUB

iACADEMY

A single hub of information and support for your organisational and personal learning and capacity goals.



We offer professional training on a range of areas. Please head to our website for a full list of programs.

OUR CLIENTS AND COLLABORATORS

- OECD
- United Nations agencies such as UNESCO
- Australian Government agencies such as DFAT
- Regional intergovernmental agencies (such as ICIMOD)
- Universities in Australia and internationally
- Local governments
- International development organisations
- Community associations
- Management firms and consulting companies

LOCAL ACTION, GLOBAL REFLECTIONS: IFSD'S COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

How the developing and emerging economies in the Global South build back their economies from the adverse effects of COVID-19 determines the security, peace, and prosperity across the World. The post-pandemic rebuilding process must also take into account other challenges such as climate change and poverty - we cannot tackle multi-hazard crises by acting in silos. IFSD is developing methods of co-producing knowledge, policy and practice across various sectors, including forest and water. IFSD is also partnering with others to create a global community of practice around Water Policy Lab.



Health security



Food security



Water security



Climate security

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