



*“We support high-quality development planning processes in which climate change adaptation is mainstreamed”*

## Our commitment

75% of poor people live in rural areas and most are involved in farming and livestock husbandry. We are committed to seeking to improve the livelihoods of these men and women and are proud of our track record in enabling governments and partners to reduce poverty and create wealth in rural contexts.

## The way we work

*theIDLgroup's* Rural Growth and Livelihood Security team work to help our clients unlock the potential of rural people to create wealth and work their way out of poverty. We do this by facilitating institutional change, providing technical advice and creating an enabling environment that can raise the returns to agriculture, livestock and other rural economic activities. We also help our clients to develop programmes and policies that enable poor and vulnerable rural people to attain food and income security, particularly through social protection and safety nets.

In all our work *theIDLgroup* brings a context-specific approach. Every country and region is unique with its own opportunities and challenges. In fast-growing states in Africa and Asia, our skills and knowledge of rural growth processes are complemented by our social and environmental consultants who can help ensure that investments and initiatives will not alienate large groups of citizens, nor threaten the environment. Our clients include international development agencies, non-governmental organisations, developing country governments, and community development agencies. We advise in a wide range of sub-sectors, including livestock, pastoral systems, staple food crops, and export commodities.

## Our core competencies

- 🌐 Supporting pro-poor policy, programme and project design, management, monitoring and evaluation
- 🌐 Climate change adaptation, disaster risk, reduction and sustainable livelihoods
- 🌐 Harmonising and integrating humanitarian and development initiatives
- 🌐 Design and facilitation of social protection and food security system
- 🌐 Socio-economic (livelihoods, gender, poverty, vulnerability) analyses
- 🌐 Agricultural research, knowledge management and advisory services
- 🌐 Strengthening rural value chains and access to markets
- 🌐 Sectoral public expenditure reviews and economic/trade policy analysis

## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

### Policy and institutional reform

- 🌐 Agriculture sector planning, policy and public expenditure review (*Ghana, Nepal, Rwanda, Uganda, Vietnam*)
- 🌐 Change management, training and capacity development (*Indonesia, Laos, Malawi, Pakistan, Senegal*)

### Rural innovation systems

- 🌐 Strategic planning and change management of sub-regional and national agricultural research systems (*Nepal, West Africa, Africa regional, Global*)
- 🌐 Design and review of community-based animal health systems and livestock policies (*Ghana, Indonesia, Mozambique, Kenya, Global*)

### Livelihoods and climate change adaptation

- 🌐 Design and review of rural livelihoods and agriculture programmes (*Bangladesh, Belize, Cambodia, Ecuador, Ghana, Guyana, India, Kenya, Laos, Malawi, Peru, Tanzania, Zimbabwe*)
- 🌐 Fisheries research and coastal livelihood studies (*Bangladesh, South Africa, Tanzania, Vietnam*)

### Rural social protection and food security

- 🌐 Facilitating reviews of disaster reduction, food security risk insurance and rural safety net strategies (*Angola, Ethiopia, Sudan*)
- 🌐 Assessment of the long-term sustainability of food-for-work/Food-for-asset interventions (*Ethiopia, Georgia, Laos, Lesotho*)



## Our staff consultants include:

**STEVE ASHLEY** specialises in poverty analysis and supporting policy and institutional reforms. He is a highly effective facilitator of reform and change management processes, policy dialogues and planning events. Recently he has engaged in strategic agricultural research planning in Africa and Asia and innovative safety net programmes in Ethiopia and Sudan.

**TAYLOR BROWN** is a senior development consultant with a strong track record of work on rural development, natural resource management and social protection. His recent work has included research and policy advice on the political economy of rural growth, transitions from relief to recovery and development, rural safety nets and donor coordination and harmonization.

**MARTIN FOWLER** is a highly-experienced agricultural economist, with a proven track record of assisting governments in implementing pro-poor sectoral reform. He has reviewed agricultural expenditure trends and advised on public finance management in Lao PDR, Rwanda, Uganda and Vietnam and has provided long term support to agricultural sector reforms in Uganda.

**TERRY GREEN** is a management and organisational consultant with long-term overseas experience in applied and on-farm agricultural research and socio-economics. Terry has expertise in private sector development policies and the commercialisation and reform of state enterprises including agro-industry.

**CLAIRE IRELAND** is a rural livelihoods specialist with substantial experience in livelihoods security and recovery, food security, the transition from relief to development, strengthening community participation and facilitating monitoring and evaluation. She is currently working with AUSAID on climate change and adaptation.

**RACHEL PERCY** is a rural livelihoods specialist with extensive experience in agricultural extension, training and livelihood rehabilitation. She has worked in Africa, Asia and Latin America applying facilitation, livelihoods and gender analysis skills to rural project and programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

**JOSEPHINE TSUI** has experience in value chains and development of farmer groups. She has worked on bringing an economic perspective to women's rights and to integrating gender analysis in a variety of policy area and has skills in project management, multicultural facilitation and gender analysis.

## KEY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

Together with the wider team in *theIDLgroup*, we can offer a multi-disciplinary mix of core technical and process skills to successfully support a range of development programmes and initiatives:

-  Programme Design, Monitoring and Evaluation
-  Facilitation, Consultations & Process Support
-  Training Course Design and Delivery
-  Independent Reviews & Analyses
-  Retreats, In-days and Strategy Workshops
-  Interim Advisers & Programme Managers

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*theIDLgroup* is committed to delivering professionalism and fresh perspectives to the challenge of eradicating global poverty

