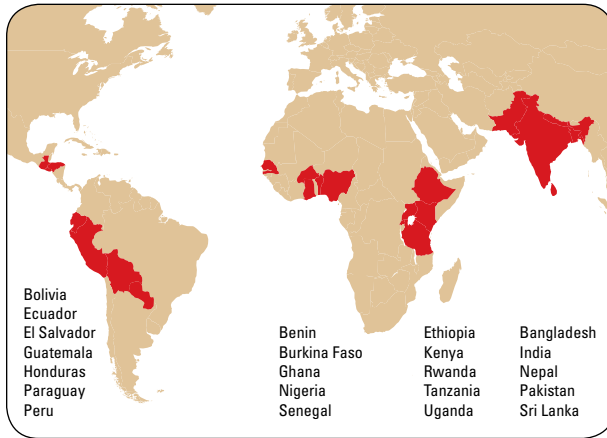


## THE THINK TANKS

TTI currently provides think tanks in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia with core funding and capacity development support.

These think tanks are all very different but each has a track record of robust research and a keen desire to stimulate broader public policy debate in its country.



**“Non-earmarked funding keeps think tanks from following the research agendas of their donors and enables them to conduct research and activities on issues which they, themselves, deem to be priorities.”**

**Dr. Cheikh Oumar Ba, Initiative prospective agricole et rurale (IPAR), Senegal**

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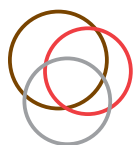
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## ThinkTank Initiative Initiative Thinktank

The Think Tank Initiative (TTI) is a multi-donor initiative dedicated to strengthening the capacity of independent policy research organizations in the developing world.

Launched in 2008 and managed by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the Initiative currently provides think tanks in 22 countries with **core, non-earmarked funding**. This support allows the institutions to attract, retain, and build local talent, develop an independent research program, and invest in public outreach to ensure that research results inform and influence national and regional policy debates.



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This core funding is combined with **dedicated capacity development** by program officers and external experts in three broad areas: research methods and skills, policy engagement and communications, and general organizational effectiveness. The Initiative also supports peer-to-peer review, learning, and exchange.

Strengthening organizational capacity is a long-term endeavour. The Initiative is envisioned as an investment over 10 years. Our long-term vision is that policymakers in participating countries consistently use objective, high-quality research to develop and implement policies that lead to more equitable and prosperous societies. Our specific objectives are to:

- provide a combination of core funding and capacity development support for think tanks;
- capture and share program learning about strategies for supporting and managing policy research organizations.

## THINK TANKS AT WORK

TTI-funded think tanks have contributed to stronger policy responses to the most challenging social and economic problems in their countries:

Recommendations from the **Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER)** on maternal health have been adopted by the Ghana Health Service resulting in the reduction of the abortion mortality rate in Ghana.

The Afrobarometer survey results of **Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA)** influenced the Tanzanian government to take the lead in speaking out against corruption and solicit ideas on strategies to curb it.

**Fundación ARU's** research on ethnic and racial inequalities is informing the dialogue between Bolivian civil society and the government on policies against racism and ethnic discrimination.

The **Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)** is influencing national policy strategies to bridge growth disparities in post-conflict Sri Lanka and bring about the economic integration of conflict-affected communities.

