

5. Undertaking and supporting sustained pathways out of extreme poverty and deprivation
6. Strengthening the impact on employment of sector policies
7. Analysis of existing policies, plans and programs for development of catchment plans
8. Production of case studies on Science, Technology and Innovation in Rwanda
9. Independent Interim reviews and final evaluation of Rwanda Climate change and Environment Fund (FONERWA) support projects
10. Evaluation of Results based aid in the Education Sector in Rwanda

### Quality Assurance

IPAR-Rwanda is committed to providing quality research and consultancy services that serve the purpose of our stakeholders and considers the various systems at play to create rich feedback opportunities for effectiveness and continued improvement. The management constantly monitors all work undertaken to ensure quality of the highest standards.

### Source of Funding

IPAR-Rwanda currently generates income from commissioned research, consultancy and competitively awarded research grants. During its years of formation, IPAR-Rwanda received initial start-up support from the Government of Rwanda, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and it continues to receive financial support from Canada's International Research Development Agency (IDRC) until March 2019.



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Impacting Change”*

## WHAT IS IPAR?

The Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR-Rwanda) is the leading independent think-tank in Rwanda with a reputation for high quality, cutting-edge research on policy issues.

IPAR-Rwanda has been fully operational since May 2008 and has since successfully implemented several research projects, which has made its profile more outstanding both in Rwanda and beyond.

## IPAR's Vision

To become an Independent recognized Centre of Excellence on policy analysis and research in Rwanda and beyond.

## IPAR's Mission

To enhance evidence-based policy making through research and policy analysis, promote a culture of dialogue and debate to improve policy and impact change in Rwanda.

## IPAR's Aims

- To be recognized internationally as the leading center for carrying out public policy research on Rwanda in economic transformation, rural development, social welfare and social order and citizen engagement;
- To be recognized for carrying out research and policy analysis of the highest international standard in economic transformation rural development, social welfare and social order and citizen engagement;
- To be recognized for the outstanding contribution we make to informing evidenced informed policy in Rwanda and the region more broadly in economic transformation rural development, social welfare and social order and citizen engagement our four thematic areas.

## Strategic Objectives

- Conducting, relevant, timely, and quality policy research and analysis to enable evidence-based policy making in Rwanda;
- Promoting a culture of dialogue and debate on public policy issues to influence policy and impact change;

- Building the internal capacity of IPAR and that of collaborating institutions to effectively undertake the tasks of policy analysis and research;
- To build a forum for debate on public policy in Rwanda, East Africa and beyond;
- To respond to the need to build external capacity for public policy research and policy analysis in Rwanda;
- Mobilizing resources needed to support and sustain IPAR's strategic objectives to fully fulfill its mandate.

## IPAR's Values

- Pursuit of excellence
- Integrity and honesty
- Professionalism
- Innovation and creativity
- Teamwork

## IPAR's Governance Structure

IPAR-Rwanda is governed by a General Assembly (GA) and a Board of Directors (BoD). The GA is the supreme decision-making body of the institute. It approves the statutes and overall policy direction of the institute.

The BoD oversees the implementation of the programs and activities of the institute, and monitors the utilization of resources. Its members represent a diversity of interests including the Government, Civil society, Private sector, Development partners and Academia.

## Management

The day today management of IPAR-Rwanda is entrusted to the Executive Director supported by the Director of Research, Finance and Administration Manager, Senior Research Fellows, Research Fellows, Assistant Research Fellows and Administrative staff.

## IPAR's Core Activities

- Research
- Policy Dialogue
- Capacity Building in research and policy analysis

## IPAR's Research Themes

- Agriculture, Rural Development and Settlements
- Social Development
- Governance
- Economic Growth and Transformation
- Environment and Natural Resources Management

## Collaboration

IPAR-Rwanda has won the trust of key stakeholders which has resulted into ground-breaking collaborations on research projects. Some of the key stakeholders that have utilized the services of IPAR-Rwanda include the Government of Rwanda and some of its Ministries, Institutions and Parastatals, UN Agencies in Rwanda and other multilateral organizations such as the World Bank, Bilateral Organizations such as German Development Agency (GIZ), US International Development Agency (USAID), UK's Department for International Development (DFID), and the Belgian Development Agency (Enabel).

IPAR-Rwanda has also implemented research projects in collaboration with other think-tanks, Non-Governmental Organizations and Universities both in Rwanda and beyond. We have notably collaborated with the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Canada's International Research Development Agency (IDRC), African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), the Partnership for Social and Governance Research (PASGR), Michigan State University (MSU) in the U.S, University of Aberdeen, UK and University of Massachusetts Boston, U.S. We have also worked with international NGOs such as World Vision, Action Aid, and many others to implement research projects that are vital for policy development in Rwanda.

## Some of IPAR's Recent Completed Projects

1. Evaluation of Central and Local Government Performance targets (Imihigo) for the Government of Rwanda
2. Evaluation of Seven Year Government Programme (2010-2017) of the Republic of Rwanda
3. Feed the Future Africa Great Lakes Region Coffee Support Program
4. Ground water and Poverty in Sub Saharan Africa