Global Office

J-PAL Global is our head office and coordinates J-PAL’s work worldwide. It was established in 2003 at the Department of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Our network of six regional offices are hosted at leading universities in Africa, Europe, Latin America & the Caribbean, North America, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

J-PAL Global coordinates our worldwide research, policy, education, and training work to promote our mission of ensuring that policy is informed by scientific evidence.

We provide research and policy expertise in each of J-PAL’s nine sectors: Agriculture; Crime, Violence, & Conflict; Education; Environment & Energy; Finance; Gender; Health;
Labor Markets; and Political Economy and Governance. This includes publishing evidence summaries and policy briefs, and building partnerships to help policymakers understand how and when to apply evidence from randomized evaluations to policies and programs.

We generate new research resources to help design and implement randomized evaluations and to promote research transparency. We manage funding initiatives that support new and innovative evaluations in agricultural technology adoption, crime and violence, governance, government partnerships, and post-primary education, among other topics.

We also lead executive trainings and university-level online courses, including the MicroMasters in Data, Economics, and Development Policy, that help build the capacity of researchers who produce evidence, policymakers and donors who use it, and advocates of evidence-informed policy.

J-PAL Global assists our Board of Directors and the Board's Executive Committee in designing the strategy and policies that guide our operations worldwide. Our research, policy, education, and training teams, along with our dedicated communications and design staff, support the work of our six regional offices at leading universities in Africa, Europe, Latin America & the Caribbean, North America, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, as well as the work of our Middle East & North Africa Initiative.

J-PAL’s regional offices implement randomized evaluations
and partner with local governments and non-governmental organizations to support the use of evidence in policymaking. These offices also lead local executive education courses, online courses, workshops, and other impact evaluation trainings to build capacity of researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

To learn more about J-PAL’s latest work, visit our blog or browse our evaluation database.