

## Government Partnership Initiative (GPI)



*The Government of Tamil Nadu, India signed a memorandum of understanding with J-PAL to institutionalize the use of evidence in policymaking. Photo: J-PAL*

The Government Partnership Initiative ran from 2015-2018. J-PAL's new initiative related to scaling evidence-informed programs with government is the Innovation in Government Initiative (IGI).

J-PAL's Government Partnership Initiative (GPI) ran from 2015-2018 to build and strengthen partnerships between governments and J-PAL affiliates and J-PAL regional offices to increase the use of evidence in policymaking.

The initiative supported partnerships with governments to design and evaluate policies and programs, scale up policies already evaluated and found to be effective, and institutionalize the use of evidence in policy more broadly. By funding a wide range of research, capacity building, and

policy outreach activities, GPI aimed to make it easier for researchers and governments to work together to increase the use of evidence in policymaking.

GPI supported three types of grants with government partners: 1) policy-relevant research (both pilot and full RCT), 2) technical assistance to scale up specific policies already evaluated and found to be effective, and 3) technical assistance to help institutionalize the use of evidence in policymaking more broadly.

## **PEOPLE**

The GPI co-chairs were [Abhijit Banerjee](#) (MIT) and [Iqbal Dhaliwal](#) (J-PAL). The GPI Advisory Board was composed of the two co-chairs along with [Martina Björkman Nyqvist](#) (Stockholm School of Economics), [Aprajit Mahajan](#) (UC Berkeley), [Claudia Martínez](#) (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile), [Michael Rosholm](#) (Aarhus University), and [Dean Yang](#) (University of Michigan). The Initiative Manager was [Claire Walsh](#) and the Initiative Staff was [Samantha Carter](#).

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## **GPI FUNDED PROJECTS**

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