

Innovations for Scaling Impact (iScale) is a global network of individuals and organizations committed to developing, implementing and promoting innovations to scale the impact of efforts to address the world’s most pressing challenges. iScale is a leader in advancing the effectiveness of social change efforts through process, methodological and technological innovations in:

* Theory of Change and Strategy Development
* Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
* Action Networks and Collaborations
* Multistakeholder Initiatives
* New Business Models and Markets
* Policy, Advocacy and Social Movements
* Information, Communication and New Media

iScale partners with leading public, private and nonprofit institutions to develop and harness these innovations to advance global progress in five programmatic areas:

* Peace + Security
* Governance + Transparency
* Environment + Climate
* Health + Education + Livelihoods
* Finance + Development

iScale engages in this work through a combination of action-learning projects and field-building activities.

In its action-learning projects, iScale works side-by-side with social change organizations to overcome specific challenges impeding them from having greater influence and impact. iScale carefully selects its action-learning projects and partners that offer the best opportunities for addressing a vexing challenge that confronts scaling impact efforts more broadly or for pioneering a new innovation(s) to increase the effectiveness of social change efforts more broadly. Following each action-learning project, iScale disseminates its findings for the field through the publication of iScale research briefs as well as through the development of articles for publication in leading journals and other media.

Complementing these efforts to share the advances generated by its action-learning projects through various mechanisms, iScale also facilitates a number of communities of practice around its innovation streams. iScale’s partners are automatically offered space in the communities of practice, through which expert practitioners and researchers share good practice, and other interested organizations can request to participate in iScale’s communities of practice.

In 2011, iScale will be launching its newest community of practice – the Innovations Community of Practice (“Innovations CoP”) which will bring together leading global social change organizations, philanthropy and social change advisory consultancies, researchers and other thought leaders to identify common interests, challenges and opportunities to inform a research and development agenda for innovations to scale impact. Look for more information on the Innovations CoP to be published on iScale’s website in 2011 at www.scalingimpact.net.

To help you understand further what makes iScale unique, we present a collection of examples below.

**iScale Action-Learning Projects**

**Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning**

**Impact Evaluation for Improving Development** - With the support of numerous foundations, iScale is working with several other leading social change organizations to broaden and deepen the options for rigorous impact evaluation that is credible, readily accessible, and useable by those working in development.

(For more information, see http://www.scalingimpact.net/projects

/impact-evaluation-for-development-effectiveness)

**Impact Planning, Assessment, Learning and Reporting (IPARL) –** *(By integrating Strategy Development and Planning, and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning in a coherent and robust manner, iScale’s IPARL approach helps guide social change programs to their greatest effectiveness as well as to serve as a meaningfully validated proofs of concept.)*

**Campaign to End Pediatric HIV/Aids** - iScale is working with the Global AIDS Alliance (GAA) to develop an outcomes-oriented strategy, three-year implementation plan, and an integrated Impact, Planning, Assessment, Reporting and Learning system for the Campaign to End Pediatric AIDS (CEPA). The goals of this partnership are (1) to establish an assessment and reporting framework for the multiple national nodes of the campaign to learn together and adapt and improve project activities in real-time, and (2) to measure progress towards CEPA’s advocacy goals to inform other efforts.

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 iScale continues to work with GAA and CEPA Partners in developing

 open data systems for the collection and dissemination of health data

 at the national, regional, and global level, from governments and civil

 society, in order to measure and spur further action on the eradication of

 pediatric HIV/AIDS.

*(For more information, see http://www.scalingimpact.net/projects/CEPA)*

**Communities of Practice**

**Impacts Community of Practice** – Measuring impact is a critical activity for effectively reaching objectives both for internal management and for describing achievements. Yet, global social change organizations and networks still face particularly formidable challenges in developing and implementing integrated Impacts Planning, Assessment, Reporting and Learning (IPARL) systems. Launched in 2007, iScale's Impacts Community of Practice brings together representatives from leading social change organizations and networks with experts in program and organization assessment to share their expertise, explore the challenges global social change efforts face in measuring their impact, and develop innovative solutions for these difficulties.

*(For more information see http://www.scalingimpact.net/community/impacts)*

**Advocacy Impacts Learning and Evaluation (AIsLE)** – A subset of ICoP, iScale worked closely with the Gates Foundation to initiate a community of evaluation experts to develop innovative approaches and identify next generation good practices to examine, measure, assess, and learn from the various impacts of advocacy efforts, particularly global advocacy.

**Multi-Sectoral Action Networks**

**Global Finance Initiative (GFI)** – Begun in 2008, before the world was shocked by the global financial crisis, the GFI is an investigation into strategies for integrating greater safeguards of social considerations into the global finance system, including, coincidentally, greater stability to protect the world’s vulnerable populations from global financial distress. As an action-learning project, the GFI is establishing new ground in building new capacities into the global financial architecture, innovatively utilizing tools ranging from social network analysis the formation of a global multi-sectoral action network.

**Global Network for the Prevention of Mass Violence and Protection of Civilians** – As part of iScale’s Peace + Security program, the goals of the first phase of this project, implemented with Humanity United and the Compton Foundation, were: (1) to improve stakeholders’ knowledge about the actors working to build peace, prevent mass violence and protect civilian populations, (2) to strengthen relationships among critical stakeholders in the field, and, (3) to improve the strategies of the field’s stakeholders, individually and collectively, to enable faster and more far-reaching impact. The project continues today, under the leadership of a steering committee comprised of leading voices from the field, with a purpose to continue to create a more robust network of efforts in order to increase their collective global impact.

iScale’s work to inform, spur and support networks to innovate and scale impact includes additional collaborations with:

* The International Budget Partnership
* The International Land Coalition
* The Sustainability Consortium
* UNAIDs
* The Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict

*(For more information see* [*http://www.scalingimpact.net/gan*](http://www.scalingimpact.net/gan)*)*

**Some of**

**Our Partners**

AccountAbility

Center for Asia and Globalization (Singapore)

Children’s Investment Fund Foundation

Excelsior!

Ford Foundation

Global Aids Alliance

Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict

Humboldt-Viadrina Governance School

Harvard Business School Social Enterprise Program

Harvard Transnational Studies Initiative

Humanity United

International Development Research Center

International Budget Partnership

International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labeling Alliance

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