

Institutional Diagnostic Project: Preamble

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Institutions matter for growth and inclusive development. But despite increasing awareness of the importance of institutions in economic outcomes, there is little evidence on how positive institutional change can be achieved. The Economic Development and Institutions – EDI – research programme aims to fill this knowledge gap by working with some of the finest economic thinkers and social scientists across the globe.

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