



Our Mission

We aim at reducing poverty around the world through the design, the analysis and the dissemination of effective anti-poverty programs. We do this by combining original data collection and rigorous scientific research in order to offer reliable solutions to policy-makers seeking to improve the lives of the poor.



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- **Evaluate programs aimed at reducing poverty** around the world, using state of the art methodology (original data collection & econometric analysis)
 - **Regional focus:** developing countries and vulnerable populations in Italy
 - **Thematic areas:** agriculture; education; health; service delivery; access to credit, microfinance and entrepreneurship; institutions
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Why create LEAP at Bocconi?

- **Donors, governments and firms** are increasingly required to provide evidence on the impact of their projects
 - Program **evaluation allows to:**
 - Establish *if* an intervention works
 - *Quantify* the magnitude of the benefits
 - *Compare* costs & benefits and *choose* the intervention with the highest returns
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- **Italy is lagging behind** compared to other countries that have created partnerships between academia & development practitioners (e.g., J-PAL, IPA, ...)
 - **Bocconi faculty** is already active in program evaluation research in collaboration with external organizations (e.g., World Bank, BRAC, etc.)
 - **Bocconi students** are eager to gain experience in developing countries
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What LEAP plans to do

- **Engage** w/ policymakers (Italian cooperation, NGOs) to work together in order to improve anti-poverty programs

Two types of research

- **Impact evaluation:** experimental and non-experimental methods
 - **Diagnosing** the sources of vulnerability and poverty through rigorous empirical studies
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- **Disseminate** the findings of our research (events, website, blog)
 - **Involve students:** small grants for fieldwork; internships w/ NGOs; contribute to blog & LEAP activities
 - **Visiting scholars:** collaborate w/ other teams
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