



## Objective

**The aim of the project is to understand the nature, drivers and consequences of rural transformation in order to design changes in the institutions, policies and investments that support success.**

The objectives are to:

- Explain what is meant by rural transformation.
- Recognise what success means.
- Explain what determines success.
- Lay out the lessons that can be shared among countries.
- Explain how policy changes can support successful rural transformation.

## Expected scientific results

- Identification of common elements at regional level, the relationships of rural transformation and structural transformation and the assessment of the impacts of rural transformation.
- Deeper understanding of how key institutions, policies and investments facilitate successful rural transformation, through testing the idea that rural transformation is a process in which a sequence of measures can facilitate a successful outcome.
- Production of data across four countries, providing a broader variation in institutions, policies and investments, and outcomes.
- Sampling methodology designed for regional selection and the careful application of spatial econometric methods to allow for interaction and spill-overs between neighbouring regions.
- Development of measures of transformation and its inclusiveness.
- Development of theories of the emergence of new markets to deliver services that support rural transformation.

## Expected impact/outcomes

- Consensus among the research group and the related networks of policy makers on the nature of rural transformation, according to its stages, speeds and outcomes.
- Agreement on what the success of rural transformation means, especially its role in inclusive economic growth, and the differential impact of rural transformation on women and men. Development of strategies to mitigate negative impacts of rural transformation.
- Capacity among local officials, with the support of the research community, to set priorities for public investments, which shift as the rural transformation occurs, and clarity about an evolving role for private investors and multilateral agencies.
- High level capacity among research partners to undertake relevant research that supports the policy making process in their countries.

