



COMPASS COMMISSION:

PUBLIC POLICY IN CHILE BASED ON RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

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1. Compass Commission Initiative

- In 2010, the Ministry of Planning of Chile (MIDEPLAN) instructed the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) to convene a commission of experts.
- The Compass Commission was tasked with:
 - **identifying Chilean challenges** in terms of social policy; and
 - **proposing innovative public policies** that could be evaluated using randomized control trials.



2. Academic Members

- International and Chilean experts in social policy and evaluation:

Harald Beyer	Public of Studies Center Chile
Esther Duflo	M.I.T and Director de J-PAL
Francisco Gallego	PUC Chile and Scientist Director J-PAL LATAM
Paul Gertler	U.C. Berkeley and J-PAL Global affiliate
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Diana Kruger	Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez Chile
Oswaldo Larrañaga	PNUD and Universidad de Chile
Claudia Martínez	Universidad de Chile and J-PAL LATAM affiliate
Andrea Repetto	Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez Chile
Andrés Velasco	Harvard Kennedy School

3. Development of the Commission



■ 1st Stage: Identification of Social Policies

- Identifying key policy questions for social development in Chile.
- Development of proposed interventions and evaluation strategies.
- Duration: 5 sessions.



3. Development of the Comission

■ 2nd Stage: Policy proposal

- Meetings with ministries and relevant organizations
 - evaluate the administrative and political viability of initiatives; and
 - feasibility of evaluations.
- November 19th 2010: The Minister of Planning selected the four most relevant and interesting ideas.



3. Development of the Commission

■ 3rd Stage: Implementation and evaluation design

- Division into four sub-groups to advance the work.
- Refinement of details of implementation and evaluation design.
- Second round of meetings with relevant ministries and organizations.
- **March 10th, 2011: Official presentation of the Commission's final report to MIDEPLAN.**



4. Final proposals

■ 3 areas – 4 programs

1) Education

- ✓ Information regarding subsidies provided to vulnerable families to expand school options.
- ✓ Incentives and support for teachers to improve quality and results.

2) Crime

- ✓ Rehabilitation + Social reintegration for offenders.

3) Opportunities for youth

- ✓ Labor market intermediation + Mentoring + Health information to prevent risky behaviors and labor market inactivity.

5. Future of the Compass Commission



- Three of four final proposals are currently being adapted for the implementation in:
 - National Institute of Youth (INJUV)
 - Ministry of Interior
 - Ministry of Education
- With the support and leadership of the Ministry of Planning.



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