C4D2
The World Bank’s Center for Development Data (C4D2) is a Rome-based hub for fostering methodological innovation and strengthening capacity in household surveys in low- and middle-income countries. It is coordinated by the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) team in the World Bank’s Development Data Group (DECDG).

C4D2-TRAINING
The C4D2-Training initiative (a key initiative from a partnership among C4D2, the Bank of Italy, and other Italian and African institutions) works with regional statistical training centers to facilitate the updating of global standards and best practices in household survey design, improve training curricula, create a network of household survey experts at the regional level, and promote the harmonization of household surveys across countries and regions.

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**The Partnership**

Household surveys are often the primary source of socio-economic data used by decision makers in low- and middle-income countries, to make informed decisions and monitor national development plans and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, these surveys often suffer from low quality and limited cross-country comparability, and many countries lack the necessary resources and know-how to develop and maintain sustainable household survey systems.

To help achieve sustainable data systems for evidence-based policy making and for monitoring the SDGs, the Center for Development Data (C4D2), the Bank of Italy, and other Italian and African institutions launched the **Partnership for Capacity Development in Household Surveys for Welfare Analysis**.

**C4D2-Training**

Via its C4D2-Training initiative, the Partnership aims to:

- Improve the quality and coherence of international training on household surveys and other types of microdata,
- Enhance quality and sustainability in the design, implementation, and use of household surveys and other microdata through greater dissemination of knowledge and best practices, and
- Mobilize financial, intellectual, and institutional resources—including those of academia and research institutions—to further support capacity development in these areas.

**Partnership for Capacity Development in Household Surveys for Welfare Analysis:**

- World Bank
- Bank of Italy
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
- Italian National Institute of Statistics
- Italian National Institute of Health
- African Centre for Statistics-UN Economic Commission for Africa
- Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre (EASTC)
- École Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d’Economie Appliquée (ENSEA)

**Courses, Workshops, and Other Activities**

C4D2-Training offers **Training of Trainers (ToT) courses** for select staff from regional statistics training centers, national statistical offices, and national statistical systems in partner countries. These courses focus on transferring best practices, global standards, and tools in the design, collection, analysis, and dissemination of household surveys for policy.

The ToT courses build upon experiences gained from the World Bank’s Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) surveys and other survey programs and are designed to be integrated into regional statistics support programs such as the African Group on Statistics Training and Capacity Development (AGROST). The courses are tailored to meet current data demands based on methodological research and data integration.

The C4D2-Training initiative also organizes **thematic workshops** (recent topics have included the designing of household surveys for poverty measurement, Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI), geo-referencing in household surveys, and measuring income and wealth in surveys), as well as **short courses and seminars** held at regional statistical training facilities to maximize outreach and impact.