OUR GLOBAL REACH
We work globally in a wide range of countries, including China, Egypt, India, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa and Vietnam. The map below indicates countries we have recently worked with to enhance skills development and employability.

THE STORY SO FAR
Through our work we have:
• Brought together more than 100 International Skills Partnerships
• Supported over 40 policy dialogues
• Worked with partners in over 50 countries
• Reached over 103 million people
• Influenced national skills policy in numerous countries
• Improved the employment prospects of young people

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SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY
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WHY OUR WORK IS IMPORTANT

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Governments, international organisations and donor agencies find technical and vocational skills to be vital for young people’s employability and adaptability in today’s increasingly globalised and changing world.

Many countries have identified skills development as a strategic objective and are stepping up investments in technical and vocational education and training (TVET) to achieve these objectives. This is no surprise. The need for skilled, adaptable talent has never been greater.

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We do this by encouraging closer links between education, employers and government in order to address skill and demand gaps, and ensuring that young people have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the global workplace.

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**OUR AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

- Influencing people, policy and practice
- Promoting mobility, exchange and partnerships
- Building capacity

Our work is informed by how the UK skills sector continues to build on its long history of innovation in addressing its skills challenges and priorities. Engagement with and access to UK skills expertise is at the heart of our approach.

**OUR OFFER**

**SKILLS POLICY AND RESEARCH**

Policy is an integral part of our work. Through research, studies and policy events, we create opportunities to reflect on our experience, lessons and good practice from the UK and explore important global skills priorities. Working with partners, we produce and share research and reports to inform policy and strategy. Our policy insights and expertise enables us to support national policy reform and contribute to international policy events.

**INTERNATIONAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIPS**

By working together and supporting International Skills Partnerships between organisations from different countries, we can catalyse transformative change and deliver over 100 sustainable change through skills development projects. This change can be scaled-up to support national education systems and improve the life chances of hundreds of thousands of young people.

**INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY**

Through providing International Technical Assistance and consultancy, we combine our knowledge of UK and international good practice with our understanding of local context to deliver targeted solutions. We deliver education and skills reform projects across the globe, including in emerging economies and post-conflict and fragile states.