At UCL we undertake world-leading research to find solutions to the challenges in international development. We help build capacity for socially just and sustainable development, work towards sustainable world health, and investigate human behaviour and changes for long term global benefit. UCL brings international development together with insights from the built environment, engineering, health, education, and beyond to create a broad, multidisciplinary approach.
Our accomplishments include:

- UCL has developed a community intervention for maternal and neonatal health that has achieved a 30% reduction in neonatal fatalities in Nepal, and is now being rolled out for over 2 million people in Bangladesh, India, Malawi, and Nepal.
- Researchers at UCL analysed the experiences of Medellin’s urban transformations to produce the Medellin model, a foundation of international policymaking guides for pro-poor urban upgrading included in the UN-Habitat Guides and launched at Rio+20.
- UCL has worked with the Kenya Ministry of Education, Teachers’ Service Commission, and National Union of Teachers to quantify gender-based violence in schools and develop policies to protect girls in schools.

Research themes:

- Climate change and energy security
- Disaster and risk management
- Education policy and infrastructure
- Gender- and minority-based violence
- Global governance, equity, and security
- Health and wellbeing of the vulnerable
- Migration, asylum, and refugees
- Population health, hygiene, and sanitation
- Poverty reduction
- Resource, energy, and water management
- Social and environmental change
- Sustainable behaviour and economies
- Transportation policy and infrastructure
- Urban planning and transformations

Services and capabilities offered:

- Policy analysis and evaluation
- Behaviour change
- Bespoke training
- Evidence synthesis and communication
- Urban and infrastructure planning
- Health interventions

UCL brings value when:

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- Developing change initiatives
- Managing risk
- Developing capacity

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