

NatGen International

Empowering societies for global change



NatCen is Britain's largest independent social research organisation

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) has over 50 years' experience of listening to the public in Britain and making sure their voice is heard.

We are a not-for-profit, independent, and trusted social research organisation with a track record in methodological rigour, award-winning surveys, and social policy research.

Through NatCen International, we have developed a global arm that seeks to inform and influence global social policy and practice.

Our work is global, and we work in partnership with local governments, organizations, universities, and research centres to ensure that our research is rooted in the lived social and economic realities of the countries we engage in.

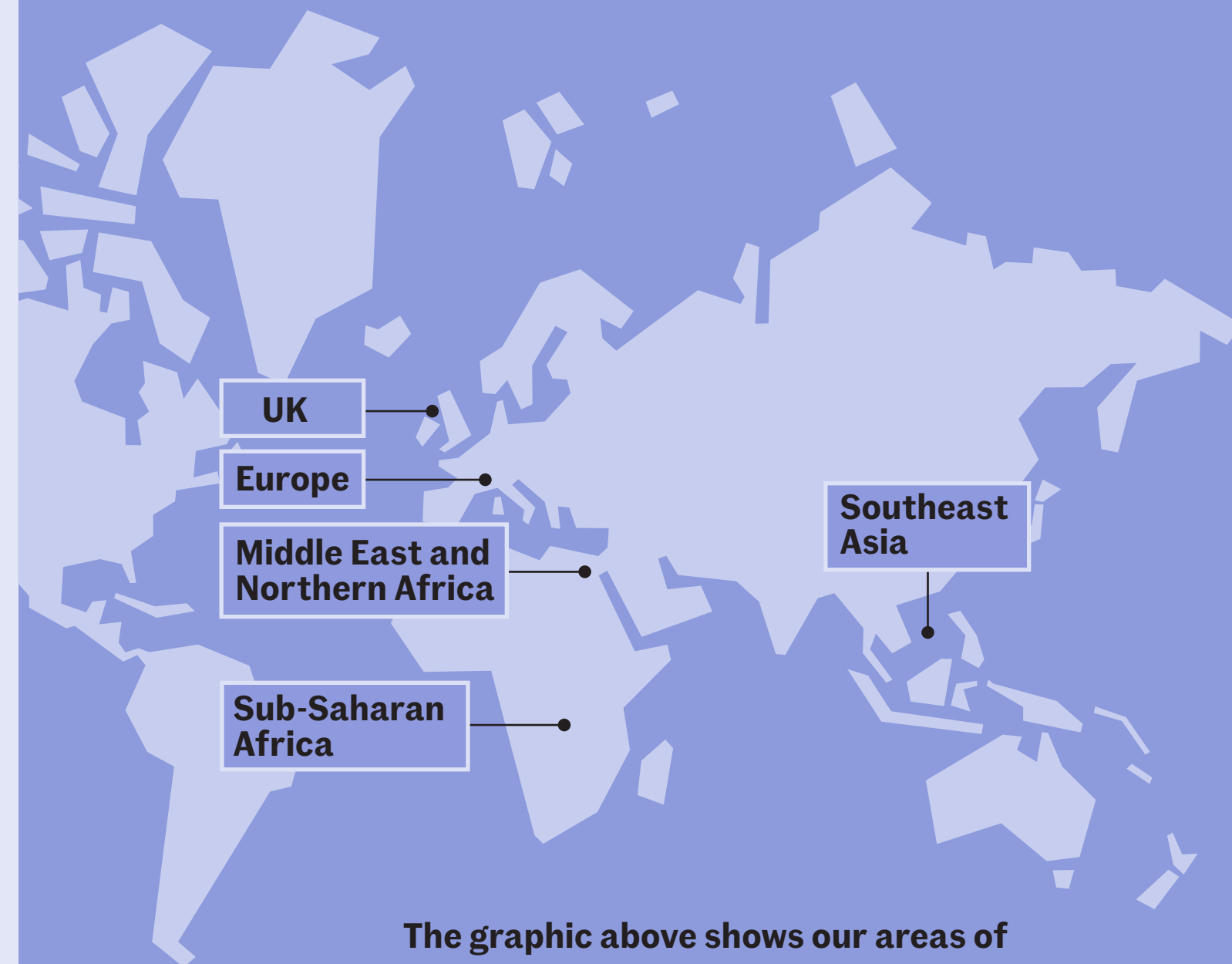
Through rigorous research, training, advisory services and policy engagement, we work to empower societies to shape policy and practice in Britain and globally.

We are a multidisciplinary team with expertise in a wide range of methodological, geographic, and subject matter areas.

“As the world continues to grapple with political and economic instability, the need for more robust evidence to support social and public policies has never been greater. Societal priorities need to be heard and more importantly, understood. NatCen International works to elevate the voices of affected populations around the world, bridging the gap between policy and practice, international and local, all with the objective of improving lives.”

Sherine El Taraboulsi-McCarthy
Director, NatCen International

Geographic expertise



The graphic above shows our areas of focus until 2025. Looking forward into the 2030s, we will be expanding this to cover additional regions.

Our methodological expertise

NatCen International collaborates with teams across the organization to offer a wide range of research methods to support public policy engagement and analysis for evidence-informed policymaking.

➔ **Qualitative research**
Our staff are highly experienced in qualitative methods from depth interviews and focus groups to online research, video ethnography, and peer-to-peer interviewing.

➔ **Quantitative research**
We are experts in a number of quantitative research methods, including longitudinal surveys, bio-social surveys, mixed-mode surveys, and complex analysis methods such as regressions and multi-level modelling.

➔ **Evaluations**
We conduct a wide variety of evaluations to understand what works and why, and uncover any unintended consequences, so that organisations can make the best use of funds.

➔ **Deliberative methods**
We facilitate conversations with the right information, time, and conditions to enable the public to play a more significant role in solving the biggest problems facing our society.

➔ **Methodology and Innovation hub**
This hub brings together a collective of experts in social research methodology and practice, providing advice on the design, delivery and analysis of social research.



Our subject expertise

For the years 2022–2024, NatCen International’s primary focus is on three cross-cutting thematic areas:

- **global health equity**
- **migration**
- **climate change**

Additionally, our core workstreams are:

➡ Gender equality and social inclusion
We examine the intersection between gender norms and political, social, and economic inequalities.

➡ Counter-terrorism, violence and human rights
We explore how violence is experienced and perpetrated, and how it can be prevented in a sustainable and effective way. We also examine pathways to promote and protect human rights and dignity.

➡ Global health
We examine contextual opportunities and challenges for everyone to attain the highest level of health.

➡ Governance and economic growth
We examine the challenges and opportunities that states, communities and the private sector are facing in order to facilitate economic growth.

➡ Global Britain
We examine Britain’s role in a changing world including in policy areas such as armed conflict, migration, health crises, and climate change.

Across the organisation more widely, we also have subject expertise in children and families; communities, travel, employment, and income; health (both physical and mental); crime and justice-related issues; and equalities research.

Our partners

We engage with a wide range of donors and collaborators including the American University in Cairo (AUC), the Geneva Graduate Institute, the Home Office, the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR), Saferworld, the Sanaa Centre for Strategic Studies, Shabaka, Swedish International Development Agency, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), the University of Naples, and the Wellcome Trust.



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