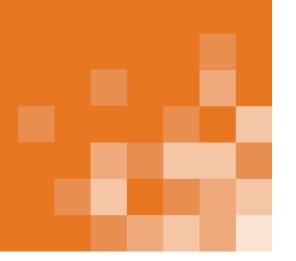
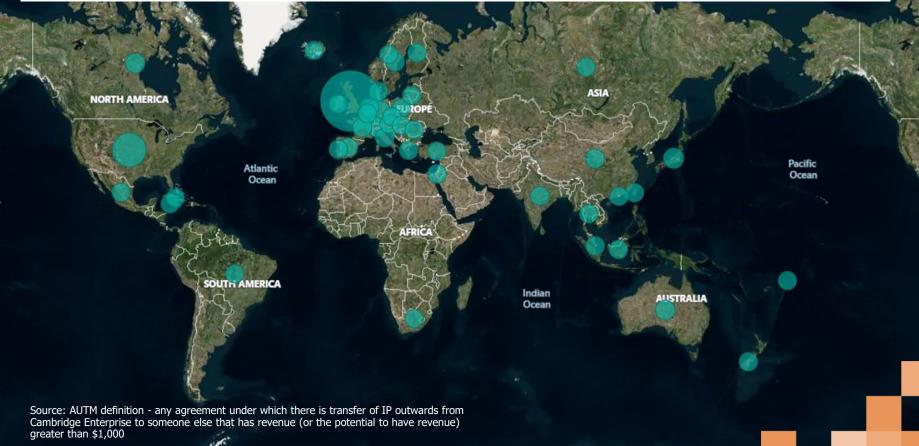
Global impact







Transfer of IP outward from Cambridge Enterprise





Aspuna Group, founded by Maria-Yassin Jah and Dr Luis Prazeres, is a fast-growing social impact commodities business which came through the Cambridge Social Venture Incubator. Aspuna is seeking to unlock Africa's abundant but under-utilised agricultural wealth to help eradicate hunger, poverty and unemployment. Aspuna Group initially targeted its efforts in Gambia, where it focused on building local processing capacities in partnerships with farming communities.

It was one of the first companies to receive Cambridge Enterprise's £20k Social Pathfinder, which it used to set up a factory, create a sustainable business and employ a team of 35 people.



In Aspuna's first factory, cassava was transformed into starch of a quality as yet unrivalled in Africa and with the ability to substitute expensive imports.

Aspuna is currently extending its processing operations to include tomatoes and mangoes, while also setting up new joint ventures in Tanzania, Nigeria and other African countries. It has also expanded into new lines of business including trading operations. These offer international market access for local farming communities and advisory services to assist public and private organisations in extending African processing capabilities.

Evidence-Based Policing

Last year Professor Lawrence Sherman, Dr Peter Neyroud and other colleagues from the Institute of Criminology were contracted to run a two-year programme to train 600 mid-career police chiefs in India.



They worked with the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Policy Academy, the top police training institute in India, to develop a programme.

The programme covered police professionalism, Evidence-Based Policing, hotspot policing, drug trafficking, hostage negotiation, body-worn cameras and police ethics.



Having concluded its first two years, the programme has been judged a success. It was recently presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Indian Director-Generals of Police at the Prime Minister's annual conference with senior police chiefs in Pune.

Changing the culture of a police force is not a simple task, but it is one that the University is well-equipped to handle.



Useful Links:	
Aspuna	Aspuna website
Evidence-Based Policing	Case study: Sharing expertise outside the University - Evidence-Based Policing goes to India

