CPAN has been working with its partners to understand poverty dynamics (escaping poverty, impoverishment, chronic poverty) in low and lower middle income countries since 2011, building on the work of the Chronic Poverty Research Centre. It works with a combination of household panel survey and qualitative research data (life histories, focus group discussions and key informant interviews), draws out policy implications and engages with national and international policy makers and other stakeholders. It produces international Chronic Poverty Reports, the last of which was on Growth, and is starting work on a new Report on the pandemic.

During the pandemic CPAN researchers returned to re-interview people interviewed pre-pandemic, and produced a number of bulletins as part of a Covid-19 Poverty Monitoring Initiative. It is continuing and synthesising this work.