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William D. Savedoff is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development (CGD) and a Senior Partner at Social Insight. Dr. Savedoff works on questions related to improving the accessibility and quality of social services in developing countries. His primary expertise relates to improving the provision of services through changes in institutions, organizations, contracting and evaluation. Dr. Savedoff has worked on these issues in many settings, first as an Associate Researcher at the *Instituto de Pesquisa de Economia Aplicada* (Rio de Janeiro) and later as an economist at the Inter-American Development Bank (Washington, DC) and the World Health Organization (Geneva). He has published books and articles on labor markets, health, education, water, aid effectiveness and housing.

Experience

2010-present	Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC
2004-present	Senior Partner, Social Insight, Bath, Maine USA
2008-2010	Visiting Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC
2007-2008	Non-Resident Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
2001-2004	Senior Health Economist, World Health Organization, Geneva
1991-2001	Senior Economist & Economist, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC
1989-1991	Visiting Researcher, IPEA/Rio de Janeiro

Education

1992	Ph.D. in Economics, Boston University
1986	M.A. in Economics, Boston University
1982	A.B. in Social Studies, Harvard University

Selected Publications – Journal Articles and Books

Julia Raifman, Felix Lam, Janeen Madan Keller, Alexander Radunsky & William Savedoff. 2018. "[How well are aid agencies evaluating programs? An assessment of the quality of global health evaluations](#)," *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, published online March 21, 2018.

Savedoff, William D. and Peter C. Smith. 2016. "Measuring Governance: Accountability, Management and Research," Ch. 4 in Scott L. Greer, Matthias Wismar, and Josep Figueras, eds. [Strengthening Health System Governance: Better Policies, Stronger Performance](#). Berkshire, England: Open University Press.

Levine, Ruth and William Savedoff. 2015. "[Aid at the frontier: building knowledge collectively](#)." *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 7(3):275-289.

Fan, Victoria Y., and William D. Savedoff. 2014. "[The Health Financing Transition: A Conceptual Framework and Empirical Evidence](#)." *Social Science & Medicine*, 105:112-121.

Savedoff, William D., David de Ferranti, Amy L. Smith and Victoria Y. Fan. 2012. "[Political and Economic Aspects of the Transition to Universal Health Coverage](#)." *The Lancet*, 380(9845):924-932. September 8.

Savedoff, William D. and Karen Grépin. 2012. "Health Sector Corruption in Ethiopia." Chapter 2 in Janelle Plummer, ed. [Diagnosing Corruption in Ethiopia: Perceptions, Realities, and the Way Forward for Key Sectors](#). Washington, DC: World Bank.

Birdsall, Nancy and William D. Savedoff with Ayah Mahgoub and Kate Vyborny. 2010. [Cash on Delivery: A New Approach to Foreign Aid with An Application to Primary Schooling](#). Center for Global Development: Washington, DC.

Vian, Taryn, William Savedoff and Harald Mathisen, eds. 2010. [Anticorruption in the Health Sector: Strategies for Transparency and Accountability](#). Kumarian Press, Sterling, VA.

Savedoff, William D and Pablo Gottret, eds. 2008. [Governing Mandatory Health Insurance: Learning from Experience](#). World Bank, Washington, DC.

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James, Chris, Guy Carrin, William D. Savedoff and P. Hanvoravongchai. 2005. "[Clarifying Efficiency-Equity Tradeoffs through Explicit Criteria, with a Focus on Developing Countries](#)." *Health Care Analysis* 13(1):33-51. March.

Sekhri, Neelam and William D. Savedoff. 2005. "[Private Health Insurance: Implications for Developing Countries.](#)" *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 83(2): 127-134. Feb.

Savedoff, William D. 2004. "[Is there a case for social insurance?](#)" *Health Policy & Planning* 19(3):183-184.

Giuffrida, Antonio, Roberto Iunes and William D. Savedoff. 2002. "[Occupational Risks in Latin America and the Caribbean: Economic and Health Dimensions of the Problem.](#)" *Health Policy and Planning* 17(3). September.

Di Tella, Rafael and William D. Savedoff. eds. 2001. [Diagnosis: Corruption. Fraud in Latin America's Public Hospitals.](#) Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC.

Savedoff, William D. and T. Paul Schultz. eds. 2000. [Wealth from Health: Linking Social Investments to Earnings in Latin America.](#) Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC.

Savedoff, William D. and Pablo T. Spiller, eds. 1999. [Spilled Water: Institutional Commitment in the Provision of Water Services.](#) Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC.

Savedoff, William D. ed. 1998. [Organization Matters: Agency Problems in Health and Education in Latin America.](#) Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC.

Savedoff, William D. 1995. *Wages, Labour and Regional Development in Brazil.* Aldershot, England: Avebury Press.

Selected Publications – Working Papers and Other

Savedoff, William D. 2018. "[Competing or Complementary Strategies? Protecting Indigenous Rights and Paying to Conserve Forests.](#)" CGD Working Paper 490. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.

Savedoff, William. 2016. "[Anti-Corruption Strategies in Foreign Aid: From Controls to Results.](#)" CGD Policy Paper 076. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.

Savedoff, William and Albert Alwang. 2015. "[The Single Best Health Policy in the World: Tobacco Taxes.](#)" CGD Policy Paper 062. Washington DC: Center for Global Development.

Perakis, Rita and William D. Savedoff. 2015. "[Does Results-Based Aid Change Anything? Pecuniary Interests, Attention, Accountability and Discretion in Four Case Studies.](#)" CGD Policy Paper 052, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development. February.

Kenny, Charles and William D. Savedoff. 2013. "[Can Results-Based Payments Reduce Corruption?](#)" Working Paper 345. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.

Savedoff, William D. 2012. “[Global Government, Mixed Coalitions, and the Future of International Cooperation.](#)” CGD Essay. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.

Savedoff, William D. 2011. “[Incentive Proliferation? Making Sense of a New Wave of Development Programs.](#)” A CGD Essay. Center for Global Development: Washington, DC.

Savedoff, William D., Ruth Levine and Nancy Birdsall, Co-chairs. 2006. “[When Will We Ever Learn? Improving Lives through Impact Evaluation.](#)” Report of the Evaluation Gap Working Group. Center for Global Development, Washington, DC. May.

Journal Boards and Review

Editorial Board Member of Health Policy & Planning (2004-2010)

Reviewer for: Health Affairs; Health Economics, Policy and Law; Health Policy and Planning; International Journal for Quality in Health Care; Journal of Development Effectiveness; The Lancet; Public Administration and Development; Social Science & Medicine; WHO Bulletin; and World Development.

International Commissions, Panels and Associations

- Director, Metrics for Management (San Francisco, CA)
- Ministerial Advisory Committee on National Health Insurance for South Africa
- Peer Review Committee, America’s Society/Council of the Americas
- Editorial Advisory Panel, *Global Corruption Report 2006*, Transparency International
- Evaluation Gap Working Group of the Global Health Policy Research Network
- Working Group member for *Millions Saved*
- Member of Working Group 1, Commission on Macroeconomics and Health
- American Economic Association
- International Health Economics Association

Languages

English, Portuguese, Spanish, French