

Abt Associates

Bold Ideas. Real Results.



Abt Associates is a global research and technical services firm. We think boldly, crossing disciplines, methods and geographies to move people from vulnerability to security worldwide. Here's how.

Education

Abt helps policymakers and practitioners identify, understand, and apply the evidence that matters in education. Through research, evaluation, technical assistance and dissemination, we assess the effectiveness of programs and put what works into practice. Our projects span early childhood to adults, with an emphasis on disadvantaged and under-represented students. Abt is also a leader in methods development and in helping evaluators ensure their studies meet the highest standards of evidence.

Environment & Energy

Abt works in the U.S. and globally to solve complex environmental challenges, supporting governments and other stakeholders to achieve long-term sustainability goals. We factor in multiple impacts—economic, health, policy and social—across air, water and land, and include sophisticated modeling and scenario analysis. Our work includes environmental science, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster management, policy and regulatory analysis, benefit-cost analysis, and health risk assessments.

Food Security & Agriculture

Agriculture is ages-old, yet never more critical to health and well-being. Abt Associates provides services so farmers contribute to economic growth, nutrition improves for all, and livelihoods for women and men grow. We build on the pillars of food security—availability, access to and consumption of food within stable systems. Driven by data and technological innovations, our approaches are nutrition-sensitive, market-oriented, and climate-smart. For more than 30 years, we have worked with and for smallholder farmers, entrepreneurs, civil society, associations and governments for measurable, lasting, country-led impact.



Governance & Justice

Abt supports the development of effective and transparent institutions—public sector institutions that make policies, allocate resources and deliver services to citizens; democratic institutions that enable citizens to hold their governments to account, and legal institutions that uphold the rights of citizens, the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

Health

Utilizing a health system lens to maximize impact and sustainability, Abt increases access to care and improves health outcomes worldwide, especially for vulnerable populations. From communities to hospitals, our work focuses on behavioral health; infectious and chronic diseases; reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health; nutrition; and the care of elders and persons with disabilities. Working closely with clients, payors, public and private stakeholders, we design, implement and evaluate evidence-based programs; strengthen systems, policies, and organizations; encourage innovation; and empower individuals and communities.

Housing, Communities, & Asset Building

Abt has helped shape the nation's most visible housing policies and programs through rigorous studies, qualitative research, and expert technical assistance. Our work for federal, state and local governments and foundations has contributed to safe, affordable housing; sustainable communities; interventions and systems to prevent and end homelessness, and asset building and financial education programs that promote well-being and self-sufficiency.



Workforce & Economic Mobility

Abt's innovative research and technical assistance on workforce development, economic growth and mobility, public benefits, and social insurance supports work and family well-being worldwide. We study ways to help individuals gain skills for family-sustaining jobs and strategies to strengthen the healthcare workforce. We also focus on inclusive economic growth, including small business financial services, industry sector need assessments, women's economic empowerment, working conditions, and promotion of trade and investment.

Our Expertise

Communications & Behavior Change

Abt draws on a whole-system perspective to combine communications approaches, behavior change theories, formative research and creative design in a methodology that incorporates interpersonal communication, community mobilization, mass media, and policy advocacy. Our multidisciplinary team works across the globe to ensure people are served in meaningful and lasting ways.

Data Capture & Surveys

Our data collection capabilities extend beyond surveys, spanning administrative records, medical record abstraction, classroom assessments and observations, bio-specimens, GPS, cognitive computing, and web scraping. We develop customized solutions to suit clients' data requests, including web-based applications, automated data harmonization and interactive data reporting. We offer advanced analytics and large-scale data management for client and public consumption, and ensure our products and services meet the highest privacy and security standards.

Digital Transformations

Abt focuses on the technologies, methods, and expertise needed to help our clients solve problems and achieve their goals using a variety of digital and technology-based solutions. We offer mobile-based solutions, look for efficiencies through technology, and provide digital information and data capture to ensure clients have effective handling and processing of large, complex, or unstructured datasets. From Blockchain to cloud computing, our scientists help clients uncover insights through data visualization and dynamic dashboarding, as well as digital information dissemination.

Research, Monitoring, & Evaluation

Abt is a global leader in research, monitoring and evaluation. Harnessing rigorous methodologies—ranging from randomized experiments and rapid cycle evaluations to performance monitoring and in-depth qualitative analysis—we enable decision makers to answer hard questions and solve challenging problems. We know how to test what works, discover why it works, and provide timely evidence-based recommendations to inform important decisions about policy and practice.

Technical Assistance & Implementation

We address the world's most pressing problems—from infectious disease and environmental factors to educational outcomes and economic security—using sound technical assistance and implementation strategies. Spanning diverse cultures, geographies, and sectors, we enable local stakeholders to drive their own solutions and identify pathways to change through a focused approach on capacity building, collaborative learning and evidence-based practices.

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