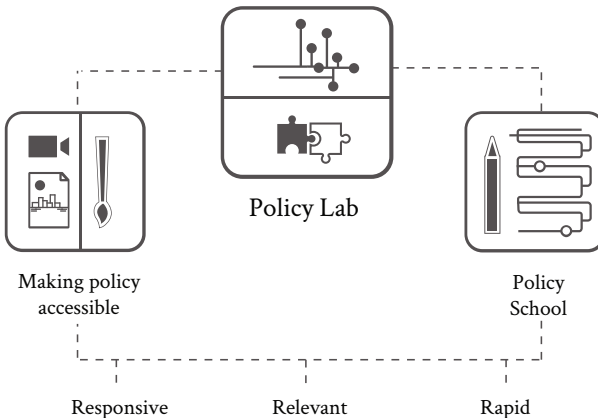


FIELDS of VIEW

OUR GOAL

Can policymaking be made more relevant to the lives of people affected by it? Can policymaking be more responsive to the constantly changing social-economic-environmental context? Can we reduce the time taken for a policy to go from the drawing board to implementation? The answer to all these questions is yes, provided we have the right set of tools. Our goal thus at Fields of View is to undertake research at the intersection of technology, social sciences, and art to design these tools for policymakers and people. We are a not-for-profit group based in Bangalore.



HOW DO WE GO ABOUT IT?

Our work involves three inter-related threads in order to make better policy:

Policy Lab

In the Policy Lab, we undertake research at the intersection of technology, social sciences, and arts. We work in the areas of urban poverty, energy, disaster management, transportation, and water. Our research involves creating and designing new methods and tools in the areas of simulations and games.

School of Policy

Training programmes and workshops for government agencies and civil society organisations across South Asia on these new tools and methods.

Making policy accessible

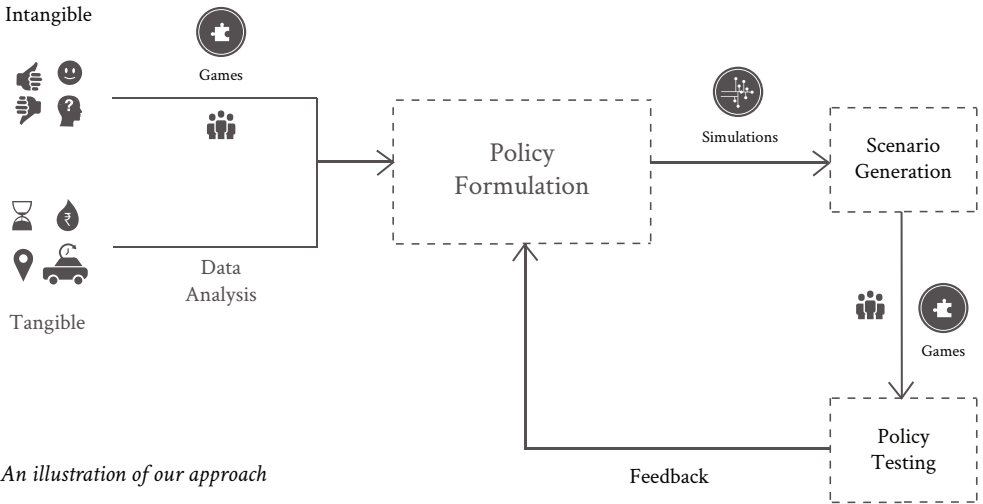
Artifacts, which include graphic novels, games, and videos to make policy more accessible and actionable.

APPROACH

The Policy Lab approach

Games allow us to model complex issues without losing nuance, and are accessible to people with different levels of literacies. We use games as data collection mechanisms to elicit needs and preferences of people, which becomes an input for our simulations. The simulations at FoV allow us to meld data at both micro and macro-levels. These simulations are exploratory, which allow policymakers to explore different scenarios and experience consequences of their choices in an immersive fashion. The scenarios chosen by the policymakers can be tested using games, before implementation. Thus using a combination of games and simulations allows us to make policymaking more rapid, relevant, and responsive.

We seek partners from the government, academia, civil society, and industry to further our goal of understanding cities better.



An illustration of our approach

