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NEW GLOBAL RESEARCH TO QUESTION AID EFFECTIVENESS IN AFRICA

The Global Development Network (GDN) has [launched a new call](#) for expressions of interest in studying the effectiveness of international aid in Africa. Early career researchers from developing countries will compete to win four grants of \$24,000, to fund institutional, comparative, cross-country research efforts looking at why (and why not), and how aid works in sub-Saharan Africa.

“The uniqueness of this global research competition is that we are asking local research institutions to look at issues from the point of view of the countries receiving the aid,” said Francesco Obino, Program Manager at GDN. “The results of these studies will not only strengthen the voice of local researchers, but also provide valuable information to donor countries about how to work in the future.”

The need for local knowledge on aid effectiveness, particularly in Africa, is mounting in the face of a growing number of donors as well as the controversial effectiveness of aid in developing economies, which has been known to create dependency, market distortions and fuel corruption. Findings will inform the critical rethinking needed to combat underdevelopment in key sectors.

The GDN supported global research will provide a 12 month boost to new or ongoing institutional efforts to shed light on aid effectiveness in the context of health and agriculture for sustainable development. The call for expressions of interest will close on September 11, 2016, after which shortlisted researchers will be asked to submit full proposals by the end of October.

The Global Development Network is a public international organization that supports high quality, policy-oriented, social science research in developing and transition countries, to promote better lives. Founded in 1999, GDN is currently headquartered in New Delhi with an office in Washington DC.

GDN supports researchers with financial resources, global networking, access to information, training, peer review and mentoring. It acts on the premise that better research leads to more informed policies and better, more inclusive development. Through its global platform, GDN connects social science researchers with policymakers and development stakeholders across the world.

See [launch video](#).

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