



GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Local Research. Global Knowledge. Informed Policies. Better Lives.

Who we are

The Global Development Network (GDN) is a public international organization that supports high quality, policy-oriented, social science research in developing and transition countries, to promote better lives. We see ourselves as a global research entrepreneur that promotes research to inform development policy and debate.

What we do

GDN works along three complementary axes: We generate knowledge through global collaborative programs, we build the capacity of research institutions in poor countries, and we make social science research in developing countries more useful by increasing its quality and connecting researchers to other stakeholders. Since 1999, GDN has supported more than 4,000 research grantees from 132 developing and transition countries.

Why we do it

GDN acts on the premise that better research leads to more informed policies and better, more inclusive development. We also believe that knowledge needs to be localized to be useful for policy, and that empowering developing country researchers leads to better informed policy debate, increased policy ownership, and more sustainable policy choices.

How we work

We rely on the support provided by our funding partners. With the help of a versatile and professional staff, we build partnerships and catalyze global research-based initiatives. We believe in Independence, Openness, Effectiveness, Democracy, and Plurality.

How we are governed

Formed in 1999 as a unit of the World Bank, GDN became independent in 2001, and is now a public international organization governed by an International Assembly with representatives from Colombia, Hungary, India, Spain and Sri Lanka. Executive decisions are taken by the President who reports to a 16-member Board made up of highly respected global scholars.

Where you can find us

GDN is headquartered in New Delhi, with an office in Washington DC, and a global network in over 80 countries. Please write to communications@gdn.int or visit our website www.gdn.int. Find us on social media: Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr.

