

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Local Research for 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. It sees itself as a global research entrepreneur that promotes research to inform development policy and debate. Since 1999, GDN has supported over 4,000 researchers and grantees from over 140 developing and transition countries.

What we do

GDN follows a three-pronged strategy. It partners with research institutions in low-income countries to strengthen their capacities. It organizes and supports high-quality collaborative research across geographies and disciplines. It promotes and facilitates the use of development research by policymakers and other stakeholders. GDN's key activities include global research programs, global development conferences, awards and a research blog. It works on topics such as development finance, agriculture, research systems, governance, industrial productivity, natural resource management, biodiversity, education, and more.

Why we do it

GDN acts on the premise that better research leads to more informed policies and better, more inclusive development. It also believes 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.. We believe that researchers around the world can help each other as part of a global network.

How we work

GDN relies on the support provided by its funding partners, its partners around the world, and the strength of its global network in over 140 countries. With the help of a versatile and professional staff, it builds partnerships and catalyzes global research-based initiatives and outputs. GDN promotes the values of Inclusiveness, Transparency, Efficiency and Research Ethics and Quality.

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. GDN has a first-class, diverse academic Board of Directors, who delegate executive decisions to the President. GDN also provides program and financial management services to like minded organizations.

Where you can find us

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