



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 who promotes research to inform development policy and debate. Since 1999, we have supported over 4,000 researchers and grantees from over 140 developing and transition countries.

GDN seeks support from funding partners to provide research opportunities to developing country researchers. With versatile and professional staff, we provide a whole range of research-oriented services: diagnostics of country research systems, mentoring on the design, choice of methodology and quality of research projects, organization and management of research, peer review and quality control, research communication, dissemination and publication.

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ACTIVITIES 2022

AFD-GDN Biodiversity & Development Awards

Doing Research - Assessing the Environment for Social Science Research in Developing Countries

GlobalDev - A blog on global development research

Global Development Awards Competition

Public Development Banks and the Sustainable Development Goals

2022 Global Development Conference - Tax Policy for Sustainable Development

WHY GDN ?

GDN acts on the premise that contextualized and locally driven 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. As part of a global network, researchers can take advantage of global expertise and cross-fertilization opportunities.

OUR STRATEGY

GDN follows a three-pronged strategy:

- partnering with research institutions in low-income countries to strengthen their capacities
- organizing and supporting high-quality collaborative research across geographies and disciplines
- promoting and facilitating the use of development research by policymakers and other stakeholders

Our key activities include global research programs, global development conferences, awards and a research blog. We work on topics such as development finance, agriculture, research systems, governance, industrial productivity, natural resource management, biodiversity, education, and more.

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. A first-class, diverse academic Board of Directors formed by the Assembly appoints the President and fulfills executive functions.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US

GDN is headquartered in New Delhi, India, maintains a presence in Washington, D.C., United States, and is opening a new office in Clermont-Ferrand, France, in 2022. Write to communications@gdn.int for further information.

FOOTPRINT

In 2022, GDN's programs are reaching researchers in 26 countries, mainly in the global South:

Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Romania, Rwanda, Singapore, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Thailand, Timor Leste, Uganda, United Kingdom, Vietnam.

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

- Doing Research in Myanmar – Country Update 2022
- Social Science and COVID-19 | The Southeast Asia Response
- Measuring Impacts -- The Experience of the EIB-GDN program
- Global Development Conference 2021: 'Evidence for Development: What Works Global Summit 2021'

