DFID
Growth Research

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Background

- Research and Evidence Division (RED), UK’s Department for International Development
- DFID scale up funding for research for development
- Commitment to spend £1 billion over next 5 years on research
- Research Strategy; health, agriculture, governance/poverty, climate change and economic growth
3 Objectives

- High quality research on economic growth in LICs
- Ensuring research is used and has impact on policy
- Building capacity of researchers to do research
How we work

- Focus is Commission Research, Scoping Research and Consultation
- Our portfolio - ‘Economic Growth Theory’ - neoclassical and endogenous - strong focus ‘drivers growth’ and ‘structural transformation’

- Finance (financial sector development)
- Productivity/Innovation
- Labour/Labour markets/skills
- Capital (infrastructure)
- Macroeconomic
- Institutions and growth
- Gender and Conflict/Fragile states
- Urbanisation
- Rising Powers (Brazil, China, India and other RPs)
How we spend money - Partnerships

- IGC (International Growth Centre - LSE/University of Oxford)
- DEGRP (DFID ESRC Growth Research Programme)
- PEDL (Private Enterprise Development in Low Income Countries - CEPR/DFID)
- IZA – (German based Institute for Labour Studies)
- World Bank (enterprise survey, Knowledge for Change programme, Gender Innovation Lab)
- IMF (Macroeconomic Research in Low Income Countries)
- Core funding (WIDER)
- Capacity Building (AERC, PEP-PAGE)
How to get involved

To find out more - researchers:

- Project Webpages
- GOV.UK Webpages
- Sign up growth research E-newsletter
- Twitter account

To find out more – policy makers:

- R4D and project webpages
- E-newsletter
- Journals
- Twitter account
Latest News from PEDL

The 10th Call for Exploratory Research Grants is now open

You can now apply for an Exploratory Research Grant under the PEDL initiative. The deadline for the 10th call is 31st July 2013.

The 9th Call for Exploratory Research Grants is now closed

The applications are now being reviewed. Applicants will be notified about the outcome via the email addresses provided.

New Proposal Template for Exploratory Research Grant Applications

A new proposal template is now available for Exploratory Research Grant (ERG) applications that includes enhanced guidelines for applicants. The new template will apply to all ERG applications from 1st June (10th Round) onwards.
Macro Research for Development: An IMF-DFID Collaboration

May 20, 2013

Having weathered the 2008-09 financial crises, most low-income countries (LICs) have reported steady growth since early 2010.

With the external environment as uncertain as ever, and daunting developmental goals unmet, LICs are still facing a whirlwind of macroeconomic challenges. Therefore, the IMF is partnering with the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID) to study critical LIC macroeconomic policy issues. The project will focus on six topics:

1) Monetary and exchange rate policies;
2) Public investment, growth, and debt sustainability;
3) Macroeconomic management of natural resources;
4) Macroeconomic policies and income distribution;
5) Financial deepening for macroeconomic stability and sustained growth; and
6) Growth through diversification.

To secure maximum policy impact, the team will collaborate closely with...
Growth and Labour Markets in LICs (IZA)
International Growth Centre (IGC)

IGC South Asia Growth Conference 2013
The IGC South Asia Growth Conference 2013 will be held on 18-19 July. The conference provides a platform for the presentation of research undertaken by the IGC South Asia country programmes, and to promote regional dialogue inspired by ideas generated by the IGC. Find out more...

Ideas for Growth newsletter - May 2013
The May 2013 edition of Ideas for Growth focused on the launch of the latest in John Sutton’s Enterprise Map series. Launched in Lusaka at the end of April, An Enterprise Map of Zambia provides a detailed account of Zambia’s current industrial capabilities. The newsletter also included two stories on the IGC’s newest partners country, Liberia. The first profiled research done by Justin Sandefur and Dilip Sridhar that asks whether improving

Countries: Liberia, Ghana, India - Bihar, India - Central, Zambia Research programmes:
Helping developing countries' economies to grow

Organisations: Department for International Development + 1 other
Updated: 14 May 2013
Topic: International aid and development
Ministers: The Rt Hon Justine Greening MP

Policy

Helping developing countries to remove barriers to trade and investment
Helping developing countries to improve their infrastructure
Helping people in developing countries access financial services
Stimulating private sector investment in developing countries

Detail

Supporting detail:

Research evidence on economic development in developing countries

We carry out and fund research to produce high quality evidence on economic growth in poor countries, and we help developing country governments use the evidence to inform their policies.
Overview

This page is aimed at organisations and researchers looking for information on funding opportunities in development research. It lists a selection of current calls with a research, evidence or evaluation theme which are being run by DFID or by our programme partners. If you are interested in working for DFID you should also look at...
Growth Research News
May 2013

Welcome!

This edition of Growth Research News constitutes an overview of DFID’s growing portfolio of activities in growth research. It is aimed at policy makers, donor partners, researchers and others with an interest in growth in Low Income Countries.

The term “growth research” is very broad. However, there is a clear boundary on DFID’s growth research interests within this area. The big question is why are some countries persistently up to 100 times poorer than the leading economies of the world? We want to see substantial growth in low income countries (LICs), sufficient enough to transform them into middle income countries (MICs). We are interested primarily in the growth which sustains a transition away from low income status. We are also interested in who benefits from growth.

Our work on growth research is organised against three over-arching themes:

- Capital, Labour, Gender, Innovation
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