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How can you tell if a policy is working?

Run a trial

Politicians are ignorant about trials, and they're weird about evidence. It doesn't need to be this way. In international development work, resources are tight and people know that good intentions aren't enough: in fact, good intentions can sometimes do harm. We need to know what works.

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