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## **Evaluating What Works in Development**

Which development initiatives work and which do not? It is a simple question, but there has been surprisingly little attempt to answer it rigorously. Over the past decade, some economists have been trying to change this. They are applying a tool long used in the pharmaceutical world-randomized control trials (RCTs)-to evaluate the real impact of programs intended to help people.

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