

How would you reinvent foreign aid?

GDN Next Horizons Essay Contest 2014

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The Future of Development Assistance

The world has changed radically since the emergence of official development assistance. How should aid change? Against the backdrop of discussions about the post-2015 development agenda, and **in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Global Development Network (GDN) invites you to submit a written essay** with your innovative ideas and fresh thinking about the future of development assistance. **Up to 20 winning entries chosen by an international jury will receive US\$ 20,000 each.** Select winning ideas may be promoted by GDN and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

We want to hear your views: Which financial instruments should be used to provide aid? How should the donor “aid system” be organized? Should aid be given only to the poorest countries? How could aid improve governance? How should recipient countries allocate aid in the context of other sources of financing? How can data and technology drive improvements in aid transparency and effectiveness?

To apply, go to www.gdn.int/nexthorizons and submit your **essay of up to 5,000 words, sharing your innovative ideas about how to make aid more effective and how to shape the development assistance system of the future.**

- **Submissions are welcome in three languages: English, French and Spanish.**
- **All essays must be submitted by 15 September 2014** (1400hrs GMT).
- Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Please direct all queries to nexthorizons@gdn.int.