

## UKRI International Development Peer Review College



The UKRI research funding landscape



# Welcome

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UKRI has designed this presentation for you as a new College member as an introduction to:

- the UK research funding landscape
- the Newton Fund
- the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)

# The UK research funding landscape

Research funding allocated on the basis of excellence:

- academic impact/broadening the stock of knowledge
- broader societal benefit - impact

Excellence is ensured by:

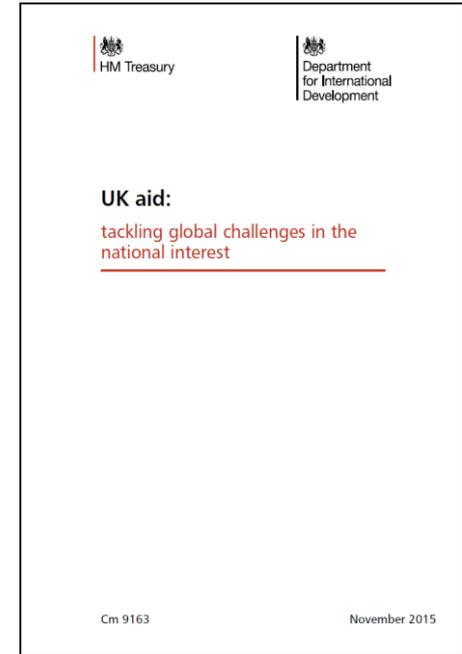
- prospective evaluation of research proposals (Research Councils and other delivery partners including National Academies)
- retrospective evaluation of research outputs, impacts and environment (HE Funding Bodies, the Research Excellence Framework)

# Research for development

# Global Context: UN Sustainable Development Goals



- ❑ Strengthening global peace, security and governance
- ❑ Strengthening resilience and response to crises
- ❑ Promoting global prosperity
- ❑ Tackling extreme poverty and helping the world's most vulnerable



# UK Funding for Research for Development

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- ❑ Department for International Development (DfID) (£1.5bn)
- ❑ Newton Fund (£735m UK contribution; partner countries providing matched resources within the fund)
- ❑ The Global Challenges Research Fund GCRF (£1.5bn)
- ❑ Ross Fund (£1bn focused on health)
- ❑ Fleming Fund (£195 million focused on antimicrobial resistance)

# The Newton Fund





# Newton Fund

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The Newton Fund uses research and innovation partnerships to **promote economic development and social welfare of partner countries**. It does this through collaboration with partner countries and working with 15 UK delivery partners.

The Newton Fund is also part of the UK's official development assistance (ODA).

The Newton Fund was launched in 2014 and now has a total UK investment of £735 million to 2021, with partner countries providing matched resources within the fund.

# Newton Fund versus GCRF

Same primary and secondary objectives:

- to **promote economic development and social welfare** of developing countries
- to contribute to the continued **strength of the UK's research and innovation base** and our wider prosperity and global influence

Newton Fund	GCRF
Requires partnership with one of 16 specific partner countries, identified as emerging knowledge economies	Allows proposals addressing more widespread issues rather than requiring partnership with a specific country
Partner countries provide match funding for every programme	Match funding not required
Primarily focused on Middle Income Countries on the OECD DAC list	Covers any countries included on the OECD DAC list



**Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy**

Part of UK's official development assistance (ODA) budget. UK committed to spending 0.7% of Gross National Income on International Development. Its aim is to develop science and innovation partnerships that promote the economic development and social welfare of partner countries, plus supporting development challenges globally

The UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy manages the Fund.

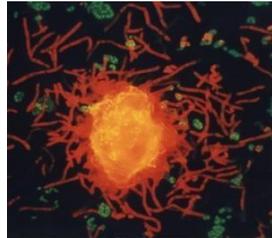
**Launched in April 2014** for 5 years and £75M per year  
**2015 UK Spending review** agreed to **extend** and **expand** Newton Fund

**Extension** – Newton Fund extended to 2021

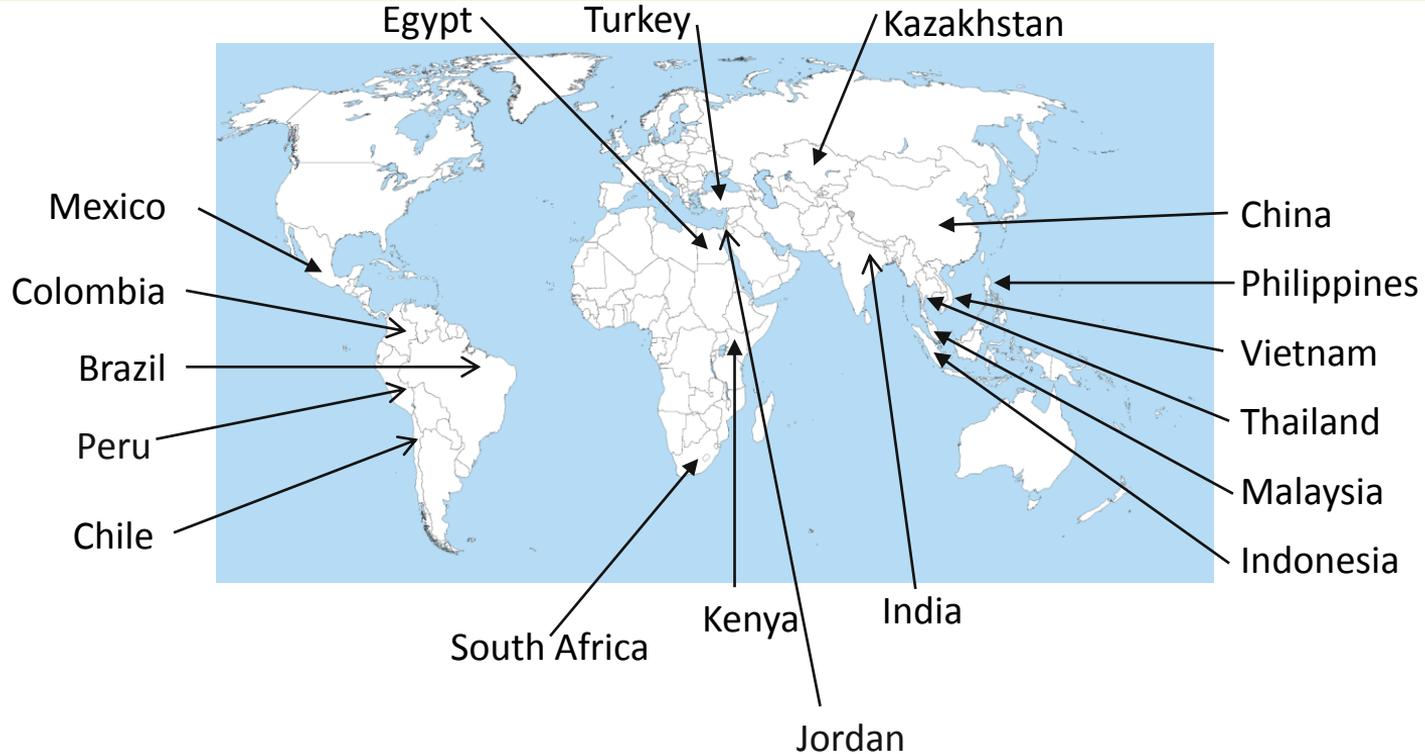
**Expansion** – Newton Fund £90M in 2017 and up to £150M by 2021. £735M UK investment to 2021 with partner countries providing **matched resources** within the Fund



- The Newton Fund aims to **promote the economic development and social welfare working with partner countries**
- **Working in partnership** - All Newton Fund investment is matched by partner countries
- **Building strong, sustainable and systemic relationships** by working together on bi-lateral and multi-lateral programmes
- **Excellence is key** - Newton Fund is allocated through an open, transparent and competitive process – to fund the best people and projects ensuring continued excellence of science and innovation



# Newton Fund



- Newton Fund calls are run in collaboration with one or more Newton partner countries.
- You may be asked to provide reviews for applications under a Newton Fund call.
- More information on the Newton Fund can be found here <http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/>



# Global Challenges Research Fund - GCRF





*Cutting edge research which addresses the problems faced by developing countries*

2015 Government Spending Review Outcomes

- ❑ Address global challenges through disciplinary and interdisciplinary research
- ❑ Strengthening capability for research and innovation, within developing countries and the UK
- ❑ Agile response to emergencies and opportunities

- ❑ £1.5billion ODA funding
- ❑ 2016-2021
- ❑ Distributed across 17 delivery partners
- ❑ Challenge led / researcher driven
- ❑ Interdisciplinary research with impact
- ❑ Strengthening capacity



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## ***Equitable access to sustainable development***

to create new knowledge and drive innovation that helps to ensure that everyone across the globe can prosper through access to health, food, water, education, energy etc.

## ***Sustainable economies and societies***

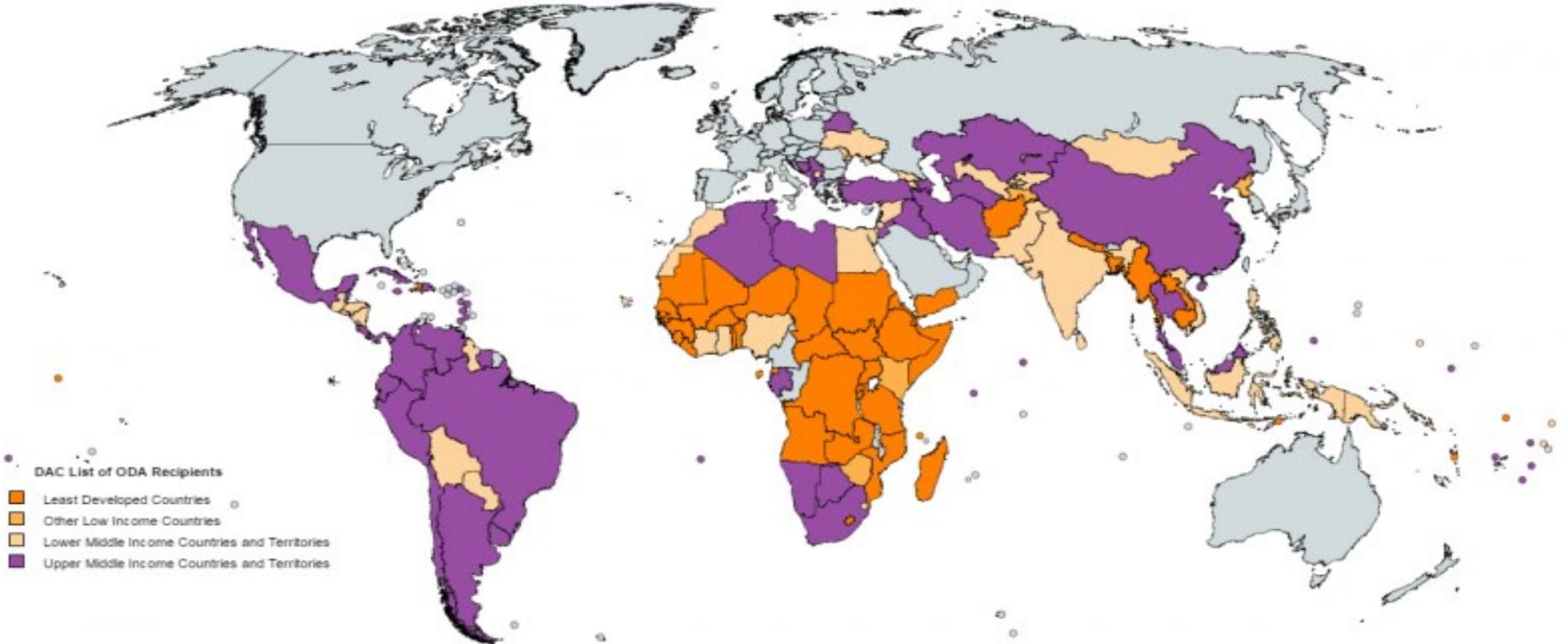
to identify new responses to the challenges arising from changes in population, technology, consumption and pressure on the environment

## ***Human rights, good governance and social justice***

to understand how to strengthen the institutions that underpin peaceful societies, good governance, respect for human rights and the rule of law.

- ✓ **Research Excellence**
  - new approaches not constrained by traditional methodologies or disciplinary silos
- ✓ **Official Development Assistance (ODA) compliance**
  - OECD guidelines
- ✓ **Equitable Partnerships and Building Capacity**
  - strong and enduring partnerships between UK and developing-country researchers to enhance the research and innovation capacity of both
- ✓ **Impact: Problem and Solution Focused**
  - substantial impact on improved social welfare, economic development, and environmental sustainability

# ODA Compliance OECD DAC Country List



Thank you

Questions?

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