

## EGAP Metaketa II: Taxation EOI Summary

In August/September 2016, EGAP requested expressions of interest (EOIs) for experimental research projects on taxation and good governance in developing countries. This request for short EOIs sought to identify clusters of research projects with comparable interventions and outcome measures that would form the basis of the main Request for Proposals (RFP). EGAP received 33 EOIs that covered a vast geographical range, including Malawi, Romania, Myanmar, Colombia, India, China, and the Philippines, among others. The EOIs, submitted by academics, scholars, Ph.D. candidates, and practitioners, fell loosely into two clusters: Public Goods and Empowerment of Citizens. There were 3 “grouped” proposals that indicated a pre-formed cluster or link between individual projects.

The EOIs in the Public Goods cluster fell into two subsets. The first subset assessed the effects of the provision of public goods (e.g., road upgrading, electricity, water, schools, policing, etc.). The second subset sought to replicate and extend previous research in the area of taxation and good governance, but expanded the range of settings and focused on types of interventions that have proven successful in the past.

The EOIs in the Empowerment of Citizens cluster sought to extend research on the impact of empowering citizens via civil society initiatives including informational campaigns, community organizing, varying the delivery of information by various actors, etc.

Three EOIs did not fit into the two clusters mentioned above. These covered topics such as endorsement experiments and training locally elected officials about social accountability, among others.

After reviewing the EOIs, the selection committee settled on a combination of the Public Goods and Empowerment of Citizens clusters to form the basis of the RFP. These clusters had the greatest number of EOIs, a reflection of where the most interest lies, and these proposals followed the most consistent logic.

### The Breakdown:

Status of Applicants	Number
Faculty	22
Postdoctoral Fellows	3
PhD Students	6
Private Sector	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>

<b>Geographic Focus</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>
Africa	11
Asia	10
Latin America	8
Middle East and North Africa	1
Europe	3
United States	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>

How many applied with an on-the-ground implementing partner? **28**

How many grouped applications were there? **3**

<b>Thematic Focus</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>
Public Goods	8
Empowerment of Citizens	14
Both Public Goods and Empowerment of Citizens	8
Other	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>