



2021 Impact Report



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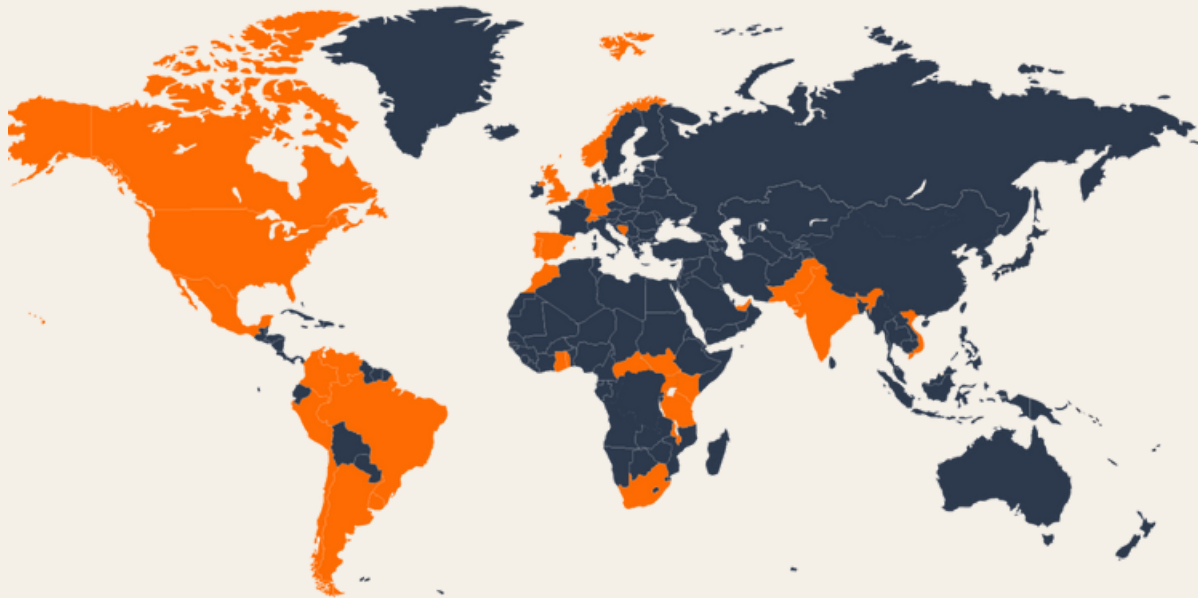
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MISSION

Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) is a research, evaluation, and learning network with worldwide reach that promotes rigorous knowledge accumulation, innovation, and evidence-based policy in various governance domains, including accountability, political participation, mitigation of societal conflict, and reducing inequality. It does so by fostering academic-practitioner collaborations, developing tools and methods for analytical rigor, and training academics and practitioners alike, with an intensive focus in the Global South.

EGAP GLOBAL NETWORK

EGAP is a global research network for researchers and practitioners who are actively engaged in field research on the topics of governance, politics, and institutions, or who provide methodological expertise. EGAP's network is composed of researchers, practitioners of governance innovations, Metaketa researchers across multiple social science disciplines, and policymakers and practitioners interested in policy-relevant research.



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RESEARCHER
MEMBERS

40

INSTITUTIONAL
MEMBERS

33

COUNTRIES

40%

WOMEN

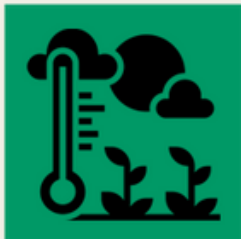
PRIORITY THEMES INITIATIVE

In 2021, EGAP launched an initiative to further focus our research priorities by establishing a set of Priority Themes. The four Priority Themes include Crime Reduction & Police Accountability; Climate Change Governance; Displacement Migration, & Integration; and Democracy, Conflict, & Polarization. These Priority Themes serve to bring EGAP members working in those areas together to advance research related to each theme, along with key outside stakeholders in the academic, NGO, and governmental communities.



Crime Reduction & Police Accountability

The Crime Reduction & Police Accountability research area focuses on promoting citizen security and reducing crime while curbing abuses of power by state-backed law enforcement agents and the criminal justice system in countries around the world.



Climate Change Governance

The Climate Change Governance research area focuses on policy responses to climate change and addressing inequalities across people and communities who bear the brunt of its negative impacts. The research area builds on EGAP's four year (2016-2020) Metaketa round on natural resource governance.



Displacement, Migration, & Integration

The Displacement, Migration, & Integration research area focuses on the safety and well-being of individuals displaced by violence, disasters, or other hardships, or who are moving for economic opportunities. It also focuses on facilitating these individuals' integration into new communities or back into home communities.



Democracy, Conflict, & Polarization

The Democracy, Conflict, & Polarization research area addresses the challenge of polarization across partisan or identity-based lines, including both increased affective polarization and polarization in perceptions on core issues like the economy, public safety, inequality, and climate change.

PRIORITY THEME RESEARCH GRANTS

EGAP seeks to further our knowledge on governance innovations and policy outcomes by funding research that advances these goals. EGAP funded a total of twenty two grants to teams led by principal investigators from the Global South. A critical feature of the grant was that it sought to fund quantitative research in the Global South that could lead to an accumulated understanding of promising governance innovations in each area of study.

15

Countries

22

Grants

\$260K+

Awarded

Research areas:

Crime Reduction & Police Accountability
Climate Change Governance
Displacement, Migration, & Integration
Democracy, Conflict, & Polarization
COVID-19 pandemic

Research countries:

Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana,
India, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan,
Peru, Philippines, Turkey, Uganda,
Zimbabwe

"We have seen that people are wearing more masks, and people are even complying with public health measures."

Esther Owelle, Research Manager at the Busara Center for Behavioral Economics, on how her research, funded by EGAP's COVID-19 grant, helped slow the spread of Covid-19 in rural Africa



REGIONAL HUBS

EGAP seeks to expand its capacity for global research exchange through the establishment of Regional Hubs. Under this model, EGAP's activities will allow for locally rooted scholars to identify local priorities, set the research agenda, share knowledge and foster collaboration across regions. EGAP has developed partnerships with universities over the past decade to co-host regionally focused events, including EGAP meetings, policy forums, and Learning Days workshops.

LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL HUB

The Latin America Regional Hub was established in early 2021 in alliance with the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. This Regional Hub will focus its activities around the theme of displacement, migration, & integration.



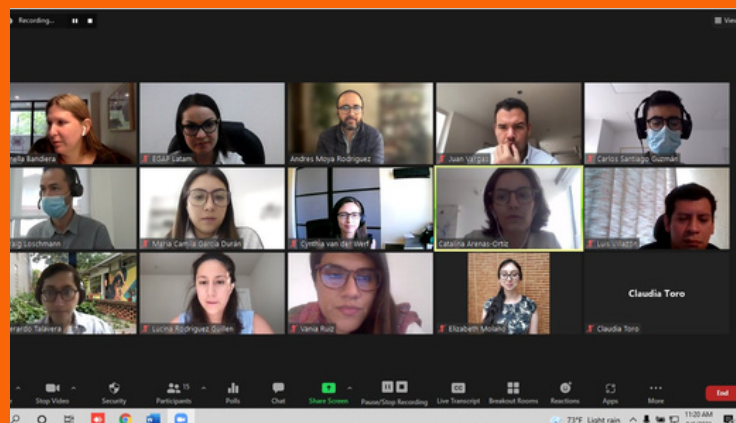
WEST AFRICA REGIONAL HUB

The West Africa Regional Hub was established in late 2021 in alliance with Centre for Research and Action for Peace (CERAP) in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. This Regional Hub will focus its activities around the theme of democracy, conflict, & polarization.



Latin America Regional Hub Learning Days Workshop

The Latin American Regional Hub organized a Learning Days workshop on experimental research methods as part of the launch of the Regional Hub office at Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. The five-week workshop supported researchers, practitioners, and implementing partners in the design of their experimental work on migration and forced displacement in Latin America.



POLICY-RELEVANT RESEARCH

EGAP's work addresses challenges of producing and sharing rigorous evidence on governance interventions and critical current global issues to help make policy-relevant recommendations. EGAP seeks to foster partnerships between researchers and practitioners through policy fora to advance evidence-based policy making and improve the quality of empirical research in the social sciences.

Priority Theme Seminar Series

EGAP's new seminar series based on the four priority themes focuses on intervention research and highlights examples of researcher-practitioner collaboration in testing interventions.



Policy Briefs

EGAP policy briefs provide summaries of members' research projects, highlighting the policy implications of the research for policymakers and practitioners of governance innovations. A total of 76 policy briefs published since 2014.

"We condensed that information and took it to the Hill and showed how it could be possible to reduce support for violence."

Rebecca Wolfe, Senior Lecturer & Executive Director of International Policy at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago, reflecting on the collaboration between EGAP researchers and Mercy Corps' work to reduce violence conflict.



RESEARCH-PRACTITIONER COLLABORATIONS

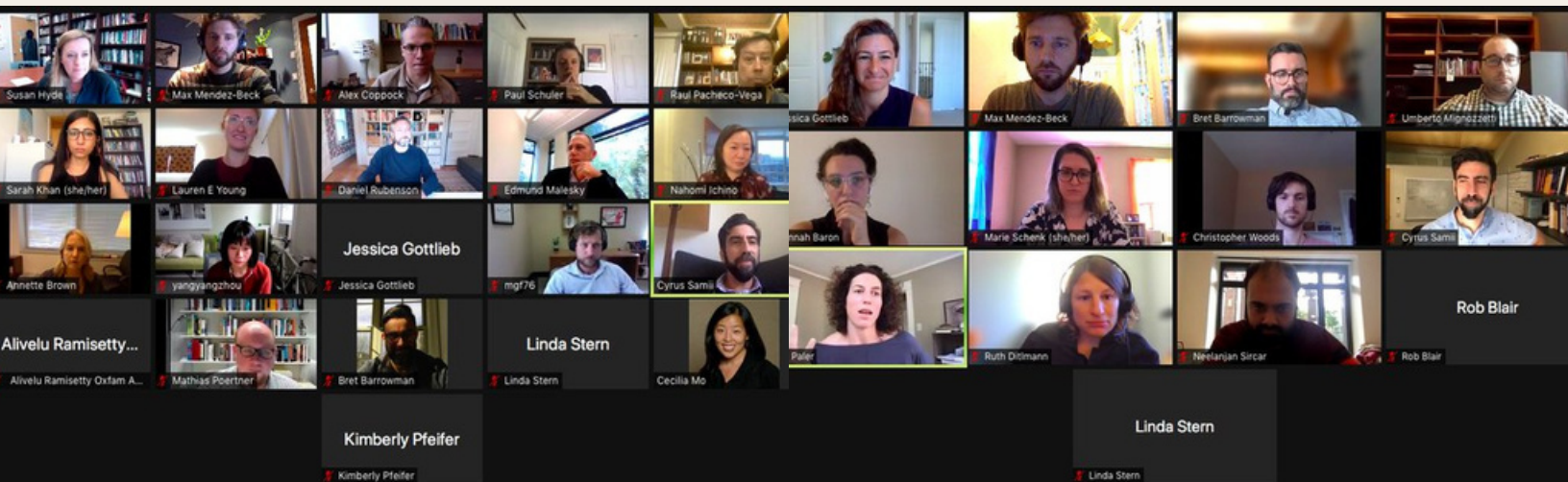
At EGAP's meetings, researcher and practitioners receive extensive feedback on research proposals, designs, and findings, advise on fruitful areas for policy relevant research, and enter into researcher-practitioner partnerships to address pressing questions. These meetings are crucial for getting researchers and practitioners to understand substantive and methodological issues in common terms. Due to the ongoing pandemic, EGAP organized online feedback sessions to allow members to present, discuss, and receive feedback on new and ongoing research projects, designs, and papers in 2021.

Fostering
collaborations
between
researchers &
practitioners of
governance

Improving
research
design
through peer
feedback

Focused
sessions on
cutting-edge
social science
research topics

44
Online Feedback
Sessions
since 2020



"EGAP changed the way I do research. I now follow a protocol like a clinical trial with every experiment I conduct. And that's because of the influence of EGAP and the framework it created."

Brendan Nyhan, Presidential Professor at Dartmouth College, explains how EGAP's methodological tools have helped streamline his research on the spread of misinformation and fake news.

LEARNING DAYS

EGAP's Learning Days workshops aim to build experimental social science research capacity among principal investigators (PIs) in the Global South. The Learning Days workshops offer a combination of design clinics, research presentations, guided work with statistical analysis software, and topical lectures. By sharing rigorous research methods with workshop participants, the Learning Days serve to identify and build researcher networks in the Global South, as well as create productive connections between EGAP members and researchers around the world. EGAP offered a virtual refresher workshop and Latin America Regional Hub Learning Days workshop in 2021.

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PARTICIPANTS
FROM

26

COUNTRIES
SINCE 2015

42%

WOMEN



IN 2021:

VIRTUAL
REFRESHER
WORKSHOP

&

REGIONAL HUB
LEARNING DAYS
WORKSHOP



Learning Days Book Launch

EGAP members, Jake Bowers, Maarten Voors, and Nahomi Ichino produced an online Learning Days book, *The Theory and Practice of Field Experiments: An Introduction from the EGAP Learning Days*. The book is intended to serve as a resource that EGAP members, workshop alumni, and others can use to organize their own workshops or refresh their training.

METAKETA INITIATIVE

The Metaketa Initiative is a collaborative research model aimed at improving the accumulation of knowledge from field experiments on topics where academic researchers and policy practitioners share substantive interests. The key idea of this initiative is to take a major question of policy importance for governance outcomes, identify an intervention that is tried, but not tested, and implement a cluster of coordinated research studies across countries, clustered by theme, that can provide a reliable answer to the question.

Metaketa Rounds

I: Information and Accountability

Countries: Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, India, Mexico, Uganda

II: Taxation

Countries: Brazil, Colombia, DR Congo, India, Malawi, Nigeria

III: Natural Resource Governance

Countries: Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Liberia, Peru, Uganda

IV: Community Policing

Countries: Brazil, Colombia, Liberia, Pakistan, Philippines, Uganda

V: Women's Action Committees and Local Services

Countries: Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Myanmar, Pakistan, Vietnam



Metaketa Dissemination

In March 2021, the USAID Center for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG) hosted an online session on lessons learned from 27 DRG impact evaluations. EGAP member, Mike Findley, presented findings from a retrospective of the Center's impact evaluations.



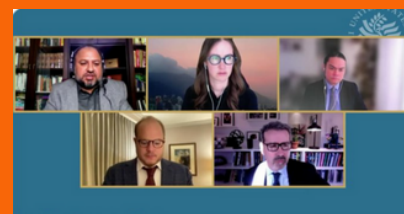
Metaketa II Publication

In July 2021, PNAS published a special issue about the six randomized controlled trials (RCTs) included in EGAP's Metaketa on natural resource governance. The special issue also included a paper that shares the results of the meta-analysis.



Metaketa IV Results

The United States Institute of Peace's (USIP) event "Does Community Policing Build Trust in Police and Reduce Crime?" held in December 2021 showcased the results from the six studies in the community policing Metaketa round.



METHODS & STANDARDS

EGAP develops and disseminates resources to make new methodological tools and debates more accessible to a wider audience. EGAP seeks to improve methods for rigorous impact evaluation throughout the social and behavioral science research community, as well as to make existing methods accessible to a wider audience.



METHODS GUIDES

The Methods Guides are ten-point primers on a range of methodological and research topics. Each guide takes one issue and outlines the ten most important points to understand about it or the ten essential steps necessary to addressing that issue in your work. These guides are intended for both researchers and practitioners. Publication of 30 Methods Guides since 2016.

EGAP REGISTRY

The EGAP Design Registry gives study authors an opportunity to document their research questions and evaluation plans ahead of conducting their analysis. EGAP completed its transition to the Center for Open Science's OSF Registry in 2021. This collaboration was entered into to increase the sharing of accurate and transparent information on research projects. Total registered designs on EGAP Registry since 2011: 2,070.



EGAP BLOG SERIES

EGAP's blog features a range of posts highlighting EGAP members, their work, and the broader connection of that work to general policy areas and the countries in which it is conducted. In addition to the Q&A Series with Members, COVID-19 Governance, and Election Series, EGAP introduced a Priority Theme Spotlight series highlighting research-practitioner collaboration projects around the four themes.



Q&A with Members

Short interviews with EGAP researchers and practitioners, where they answer questions relating to a newsworthy topic that ties-in with their recent research.



COVID-19 Governance

Discussions with EGAP members, their co-authors, and their implementing partners about recent research they've conducted on issues surrounding the pandemic.



Election Series

Video and written interviews bringing together panels of EGAP members with country and/or thematic area expertise to discuss some of the trends and major issues at play in upcoming elections around the world.



Priority Theme Spotlights

Short interviews with EGAP members and their implementing practitioner partners, where they discuss their recent research relating to one of the four priority themes.

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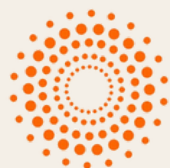
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