

# Evaluating the impact of aid to Africa: lessons from the Millennium Villages

## Description

3 July 2012 17:00-18:30 (GMT+01 (BST)) Public event, [Overseas Development Institute](#) and screened live online

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At the turn of the century, Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University, in partnership with the United Nations, established integrated rural development projects, known as [Millennium Villages](#) in ten African countries. When they came to be evaluated in 2011, an intense row broke out between development experts about their impact and sustainability.

ODI and the [Royal Africa Society](#) are delighted to host Michael Clemens who will argue that aid projects in Africa need much more careful impact evaluations that are transparent, rigorous, and cost-effective. Our panel of experts will also discuss the Millennium Villages project within the wider context of international aid to Africa, analysing other development models and questioning the impact of each one.

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