Fortnightly links: aid and democracy, empowering women, South Sudan, and more

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Sarah Blodgett Bermeo has a great, non-technical, post explaining what we know about the relationship between aid and democracy.

Interesting evidence from IPA on the nuances of using tools of financial inclusion to empower women.

Oxfam UK has a (short) reflective report on how they came up with their "killer facts" on wealth inequality, and the lessons learnt along the way.

Charles Kenny describes the need for, and possible approaches to, global collective action on antibiotic resistant bacteria.

In the New Yorker Helen Epstein tells the sad tale of South Sudan's descent into conflict.