There is mounting evidence that micro-credit plays a valuable role in improving the lives of people in need (Credit: PWRDF/Flickr/CC BY 2.0)

Fortnightly links: micro-credit, revenge post-ISIS, an aging population, and more

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The ABC [has a report](#) on Victorian of the year, Mark Sullivan. Sullivan played a key role in developing a drug to help treat river blindness.

Vox has a [handy explainer](#) on what micro-credit can and cannot do.

The New Yorker has a [grim report](#) on how the Iraqi government has been exacting revenge post-ISIS.

Japan has been hit hard by an aging population, but Global Policy has [three case studies](#) of Japanese cities transforming to meet this challenge.

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