

Fortnightly links: of cash transfers and sloth, fundraising dilemmas, poor countries rising, and more

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Do cash transfer programs in developing countries reduce incentives to work? Abhijit Banerjee, Rema Hanna, Gabriel Kreindler and Benjamin Olken provide [good evidence they don't](#). (The World Bank also has an [interesting discussion](#) of what recent research says about designing effective cash transfers.)

Does NGO fundraising resemble the tragedy of the commons? And if it does, what can be done? [Three interesting blog](#) posts discuss.

Is China's aid program popular in China? Not particularly, according to [this](#) Brookings commentary. Also on China, Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Brad Parks, Austin Strange and Michael Tierney have a [fascinating blog](#) on the mischaracterisation of Chinese aid in Africa. Also on China-Africa development cooperation, Deborah Bräutigam (author of [The Dragon's Gift](#) and the [China in Africa](#) blog) writes: "[Don't get excited, China is not the new aid superpower](#)".

The Washington Post has an [imperfect, but still useful, summary](#) of the new Aid Data [Listening to Leaders research](#).

Chris Hoy at ODI has a good [post](#) on inequality, poverty and development.

And, to end on a happy note, Steven Radelet has a [well-argued article](#) in the *Journal of Democracy* in which he contends that development is occurring, and occurring quite rapidly, even in (most) of the world's poorest countries. The article is paywalled, but an excellent talk based on the article can be found [here](#).

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