

## Fortnightly links: the stove that didn't cook in the night, donors and poor governance, and more

**Author :** Terence Wood and Camilla Burkot

**Date :** November 20, 2015

An interesting new [article in \*Nature\*](#) on the 'ideal' temperature for development, and what this might tell us about the consequences of climate change (handy summary in the Guardian [here](#)).

An interesting [new IMF paper](#) on the (potential) relationship between gender inequality and economic inequality.

Oxfam's [research guidelines](#), which offer excellent tips all the way from constructing surveys to writing up reports. On the subject of research, the UK House of Commons Library have built on their earlier primers and have produced an [excellent guide](#) on basic statistics for real life. A great tool for increasing your own numeracy, or for using to help others.

The Washington Post tells [the story](#) of the Alliance for Clean Cookstoves---an intriguing tale of development innovation that didn't deliver all that was hoped of it. The work hasn't been a complete failure, but the complexities that are discussed provide a cautionary tale for those who think aid success is all about innovation.

And, finally, the journal *International Organization* has just published an fascinating new study by Simone Dietrich looking at why different donors respond differently to poor governance in recipient countries. (Gated article [here](#); ungated earlier version [here](#).)