

The Small and Growing Business (SGB) Evidence Fund, a joint effort of the International Growth Centre (IGC) and the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), supports collaborations between researchers and practitioners to understand the most effective ways to support SGBs and the economic and social impact of SGB growth.

WHY DID WE LAUNCH THIS FUND?

In 2018, ANDE and IGC synthesized the academic research related to SGB growth and developed a [research agenda](#) that outlines the main gaps in the existing evidence.

Now, with the generous support of the Argidius Foundation, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), this fund will support practitioner-researcher collaborations that rigorously tackle these gaps. The resulting evidence will help inform thinking and practice of practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and funders on the most effective ways to support SGBs.

WHAT TOPICS ARE WE INTERESTED IN?

We welcome proposals on any topic related to growth and productivity of SGBs in Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and Latin America, though have a particular focus on:

- The role of SGBs in helping communities adapt and become more resilient to climate change
- The effectiveness of different accelerator/incubator models, building on the broad analyses of the [Global Accelerator Learning Initiative](#);
- The effects of peer learning, mentoring, and management training on SGB growth
- The effect of new models of finance on SGB growth for [different segments of SGBs](#);
- The effectiveness of SGB support interventions to drive gender equality
- The economic and social impact of SGB growth, including job creation, poverty alleviation, and social benefits from access to beneficial products or services

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

The Autumn 2022 call for proposals is now open. **The online application form is available [here](#)**. The call will close on **6 January 2023 at 00:01 GMT**. Further information is available [here](#).

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