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INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION
PEACE AND RECOVERY PROGRAM
Guiding Principles and Funding Priorities

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- Reducing violence and promoting peace
- Reducing "fragility" (i.e. fostering state capacity)
- Preventing, coping with, and recovering from crises, focusing on conflict but including non-conflict humanitarian crises such as COVID-19

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I. Competitive Fund Overview

P&R's sixth call for proposals is currently open. Proposals are due **November 8, 2021.**

Through our competitive fund, we support the following types of research:

- **Exploratory work**, contributing to the development of impact evaluations
- **Pilot studies**, for the purpose of informing full impact evaluations
- **Full studies**, including randomized evaluations, long-term follow-ups, downstream studies, and, in exceptional cases, high-quality natural experiments
- **"Infrastructure" and "public good" creation**, involving the creation of new data and measurement tools that will be public goods for the research community
- **Reviews and meta-analysis of relevant literatures**, including but not necessarily limited to program evaluation evidence
- **Evidence and policy outreach support**, for the purpose of establishing relationships, supporting the take-up and dissemination of evidence, sharing and analyzing administrative data, and exploring opportunities for experimental evaluations

The program prioritizes studies that develop, illustrate, or test fundamental theories of peace, violence, and recovery, especially those that challenge common beliefs, pioneer innovative interventions, and produce evidence where little currently exists.

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