

Reply to “An Open Letter in response to the *World Development Report 2015*”

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There is a need for more research on the impact of CLTS in many countries, and on its interaction with subsidies, information campaigns, and other more traditional interventions. The WDR team does not mean to prejudge the findings of future research. It is our hope that the WDR will increase investment in the needed studies, including studies based on productive collaboration among longstanding members of the CLTS community and researchers drawing on a rigorous research methods.

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