## Annex 1. Low-Income Countries (World Bank Classification)

ESPA's research needs to be able to contribute to reducing poverty and improving the lives of poor people living in low-income countries. Research will normally be conducted in one or more low-income country. Where research is conducted in a middle-income country, research proposals will need to show how the results have the potential to benefit poor people in one or more low-income country and describe what projects will do to ensure that this happens

The ESPA programme uses the World Bank Group's classification to define low-income status. http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications

The list of low-income countries recognised by the World Bank in March 2012 is below:

Afghanistan

Bangladesh Benin

Burkina Faso Burundi Cambodia

Central African Republic

Chad Comoros

Congo, Dem. Rep

Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gambia, The
Guinea
Guinea-Bisau

Haiti Kenva

Korea, Dem Rep.

Kyrgyz Republic

Liberia Madagascar Malawi Mali

Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Niger
Rwanda
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Tajikistan
Tanzania
Togo
Uganda
Zimbabwe