

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

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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 based on gross national income (GNI) per capita in 2014.

The list of low-income countries recognized by the World Bank is below:

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### **Low-income countries (GNI per capital of \$1,045 or less)**

Afghanistan	Gambia, The	Niger
Benin	Guinea	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Haiti	Somalia
Cambodia	Korea, Dem. Rep.	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Liberia	Tanzania
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Uganda
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Mali	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Mozambique	
Ethiopia	Nepal	

### **Lower-middle-income countries (GNI per capital of \$1,046 to \$4,125)**

Armenia	Indonesia	Samoa
Bangladesh	Kenya	São Tomé and Príncipe
Bhutan	Kiribati	Senegal
Bolivia	Kosovo	Solomon Islands
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyz Republic	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Lao PDR	Sudan
Congo, Rep.	Lesotho	Swaziland
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Syrian Arab Republic
Djibouti	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tajikistan
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Moldova	Timor-Leste
El Salvador	Morocco	Ukraine
Georgia	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Ghana	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Guatemala	Nigeria	Vietnam
Guyana	Pakistan	West Bank and Gaza
Honduras	Papua New Guinea	Yemen, Rep.
India	Philippines	Zambia

**Upper-middle-income countries (GNI per capital of \$4,126 to \$12,735)**

Albania	Fiji	Namibia
Algeria	Gabon	Palau
American Samoa	Grenada	Panama
Angola	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Paraguay
Azerbaijan	Iraq	Peru
Belarus	Jamaica	Romania
Belize	Jordan	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	South Africa
Botswana	Lebanon	St. Lucia
Brazil	Libya	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Bulgaria	Macedonia, FYR	Suriname
China	Malaysia	Thailand
Colombia	Maldives	Tonga
Costa Rica	Marshall Islands	Tunisia
Cuba	Mauritius	Turkey
Dominica	Mexico	Turkmenistan
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Ecuador	Montenegro	