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# Ruth Levine on the Urgent Need for Flexible Funding

On the Center for Effective Philanthropy's blog, Ruth Levine writes on the need for global research funders to allow organizations full flexibility to respond quickly and responsibly to the coronavirus pandemic. Levine rallies for funders to loosen and eliminate funding restrictions, make additional funding available when possible, and communicate with research and policy organizations and the public. As an example of the beneficial ways that flexible funding can be redirected toward crisis response, Levine cites IPA research that monitored food prices and availability during the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone.

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