

Research meeting
July 25, 2013

GiveDirectly (Eliza)

Eliza shared highlights from a recent call with GiveDirectly. We plan to shortly publish conversation notes from this call to our conversations page:
<http://www.givewell.org/conversations>, followed by a more complete update.

Scientific research (Holden)

Staff continued the discussion from the previous week about GiveWell's approach to learning about scientific research. Holden reviewed the process that led him to choose biomedical research as the first broad focus area within science. Holden explained that one of his primary goals in the conversations he is conducting with funders, scientific researchers, and other related professionals is to collect perspectives on what type of science funding is needed, and where the problems are in the existing funding structure for research.

Criminal justice and drug policy reform (Holden)

Holden recapped a recent conversation that GiveWell had about criminal justice and drug policy reform with Mark Kleiman, Professor of Public Policy at UCLA School of Public Affairs. Conversation notes available here:
[http://www.givewell.org/files/conversations/Mark%20Kleiman%207-2-13%20\(public\).pdf](http://www.givewell.org/files/conversations/Mark%20Kleiman%207-2-13%20(public).pdf)

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