

Awardees : IDRC's 2020 Research Ideas Competition

Pursuing the co-benefits for Health and Environments through food system change

On behalf of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) as administered by the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health, seven awardees for the [Research Ideas Competition](#) have been identified given the available funding envelope, a strong pool of applicants, the consideration of health and environmental co-benefits, and the ranking of proposals by our interdisciplinary peer-review Committee following a rigorous and fair peer review process using the published criteria of the Research Ideas Competition.

The awardees (listed in no particular order) consist of:

Title	Research Idea Location	Awardee Details
Interlinkages between food systems, health risks and environmental dimensions in Sri Lanka: A machine learning approach	Sri Lanka	Kanchana Wickramasinghe PhD Student Griffith University
Generating inclusive governance for Latin American and Caribbean urban food markets: potentials drivers and barriers	Latin America and Caribbean countries	David Smith Post-doctoral Fellow Université de Montréal
Understanding the Intersections between Food Sovereignty, Food Security, and the Sustainability of Africa's Food Systems during and beyond COVID-19: A comparison of Botswana and South Africa.	Botswana and South Africa	Tebogo Thandie Leepile PhD Student University of British Columbia
Nutrition upgrade to forest conservation	Madagascar	Ranaivo Andriarilala Rasolofoson Post-doctoral Fellow Cornell University
Smart Toolbox for practitioners looking to improve local food systems: A collaborative and convergent research initiative	Colombia	Jenny Melo Velasco PhD Student University of Missouri-Columbia
Consumer Behaviour for Sustainable Healthy Diets: Understand underlying motivations for current food preferences in South Africa	South Africa	Chuma Banji Chinzila Post-doctoral Fellow University of KwaZulu-Natal
Exploring the Double Burden of Malnutrition in Children and Adolescents in Low- and Middle-Income Countries through the Lens of the Food Environment: A Mixed-Methods Approach	Still to be determined which low- and middle-income countries	Bianca Carducci PhD Student University of Toronto

Next, the IDRC with support from the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health will be working with awardees on further strengthening their research idea through a forum for capacity building and mentorship. Furthermore, a virtual symposium addressing the theme of "Pursuing the co-benefits for Health and Environments through food system change" is tentatively organized for the end of September 2021.

On behalf of the IDRC, we would like to thank all applicants for their interest in IDRC's [Research Ideas Competition](#).

Sincerely,

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