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Fortnightly links: is global poverty falling, South Sudan, celebrities and vaccinations, and more

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Vox [explains](#) who's right and who's wrong in the latest debate about whether global poverty is really falling.

The Guardian [reports on](#) the ongoing travails of South Sudan.

Jason Hickel [writes](#) on what he calls the real scandal of British aid: too much of it gets paid to British firms.

Are celebrities more effective than evidence in spreading the word about vaccinations on Twitter? An experiment in Indonesia offers an answer. ([Gated](#); [un-gated](#)).

[This CGD article](#) looks at how DAC countries should engage with China in international development.

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