



Programme Partnerships and Objectives

u'Good!? will be implemented by South Africa's National Research Foundation (NRF) and the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). The NRF will be responsible for fund and programme management targeted to researchers from selected countries in the Global South, and the HSRC will be responsible for synthesising strategic learning outcomes, using a relational approach to monitoring, evaluation and strategic learning, to assess and further develop the relational wellbeing framework in the Global South.

The objectives of u'Good!? are:

- To test and further develop relational approaches to young people's wellbeing in methodological, and operational terms.
- To generate empirical insights into the key contemporary challenges with and for young people's wellbeing in urban and peri-urban environments, and how young people are addressing these challenges.

The NRF will make single country and multi-country grants available to researchers from the 12 focal Global South countries to study youth wellbeing in the Global South using a RWB lens, through empirical work, intervention focused initiatives and conceptual projects. Applications will also be open to researchers seeking to test and critique the relational wellbeing approach purely from a theoretical vantage point (i.e. not directly related to the thematic areas). In addition, funded development projects of Fondation Botnar who focus their work at the interface of young people in the 12 eligible countries can apply to this .funding opportunity.

u'Good!? is structured into four thematic areas that act as entry points for investigations on the wellbeing of Young People: Livelihoods, Climate change, Digitalisation and Mental health. Applicants may choose to centre their work in one of these themes or may choose to do projects that cut across different themes. Applicants can also implement projects that advance theory and test relational wellbeing as a conceptual approach. However, projects must be embedded within the RWB framework.