

2008 **BBVA** Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards

BBVA FOUNDATION FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE AWARDS

AWARD DECISION DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION CATEGORY

Madrid, January 19, 2009.

The jury of the **2008 BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards** in the **Development Cooperation** category, formed by:

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Meeting together on January 19, 2009 in the offices of the BBVA Foundation in Madrid, Spain, in order to deliberate and decide, have resolved to grant the

2008 BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award in the Development Cooperation category

Award-winning nomination:

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Reasons for award:

J-PAL has successfully promoted the scientific evaluation of development interventions by using randomized trials applied to areas including education, health and financial markets. This method has been shown to be a valuable tool for answering specific policy questions. By synthesizing scientific contributions to development using experiments and building on field experience, the work of J-PAL has led to the expanded use of this approach by development practitioners and researchers. The method has been extended to policy questions where nobody had previously thought to use it and, in some cases, has led to important policy actions.

And in witness whereof sign the present document in the place and on the date first above written.

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