

NOVAFRICA

2021 IN REVIEW & 2022 PREVIEW



2021 was a year of resilience and renewal!

We turn challenges into solutions and expand our research with the goal of fighting poverty through economic development.

Here are our 2021 achievements & 2022 goals

NOVAFRICA Highlights

NEW PROJECTS



[Let's Call! Using the Phone to Increase Acceptance of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)



[Countering Islamic Radicalization in Northern Mozambique: Radio Campaigning and Adolescent Sensitization in Religious Schools](#)



Raising Educational Aspirations – An Experimental Evaluation



Salience and accessibility of disaster risk information in Mozambique



Infant and Maternal Health



Mentoring Success of Immigrant College Students



Entrepreneurship as a Social Mobility and Inclusion Strategy

RESEARCH PROJECT CONCLUDED



NOVAFRICA's research project **Information Gaps and Irregular Migration to Europe** developed in Gambia, with funding from the European Union, was concluded this year. The project highlighted the importance of providing alternatives to irregular migration from Africa to Europe, in addition to information about the risk of the "backway" journey.

PUBLICATIONS

Information, get-out-the-vote messages, and peer influence: Causal effects on political behavior in Mozambique

Matilde Grácio, Pedro C. Vicente



WORKING PAPERS

Armand, Alex, Coutts, Alexander, Vicente, P. C., Vilela, Inês, (2021). ["Measuring Corruption in the Field Using Behavioral Games"](#).

Armand, Alex, Augsburg, Britta, Bancalari, Antonella, (2021). ["Coordination and the Poor Maintenance Trap: an Experiment on Public Infrastructure in India"](#).

Armand, Alex, Fracchia, Mattia, Vicente P. C., (2021). ["Let's Call! Using the Phone to Increase Acceptance of COVID-19 Vaccines"](#).

Bah, Tijan L., Batista, Catia, Gubert, Flore, McKenzie, David (2021). ["How Has COVID-19 Affected the Intention to Migrate via the Backway to Europe and to a Neighboring African Country? Survey Evidence and a Salience Experiment in the Gambia"](#).

Batista, Catia, McKenzie, David, (2021). ["Testing Classic Theories of Migration in the Lab"](#).

Batista, Catia, Sequeira, Sandra, Vicente P.C., (2021). ["Closing the Gender Profit Gap"](#).

Bohnet, Lara, Peralta, Susana, Pereira dos Santos, João (2021). ["Cousins From Overseas: The Labour Market Impact of Half a Million Portuguese Repatriates"](#).

Cardim, Joana, Molina-Millán, Teresa, Vicente, P. C., (2021). ["Can Technology Improve the Classroom Experience in Primary Education? An African Experiment on a Worldwide Program"](#).

Custódio, Cláudia, Mendes, Bernardo, Mendes Diogo, (2021). ["Firm Responses to Violent Conflicts"](#).

Custódio, Cláudia, Mendes, Diogo, Metzger, Daniel (2021). ["The Impact of Financial Education of Executives on Financial Practices of Medium and Large"](#).

Fracchia, Mattia, Molina-Millán, Teresa, Vicente, P. C., (2021). ["Motivating Volunteer Health Workers in an African Capital City"](#).

Fourati, Maleki, Girard, Victoire, Laurent-Lucchetti, Jeremy, (2021). ["Sexual Violence as a Weapon of War"](#).

Gazeaud, Jules, Ricard, Claire, (2021). "[Conditional Cash Transfers and the Learning Crisis: Evidence from Tayssir Scale-up in Morocco](#)".

Seither, Julia, (2021). "[Keeping Up With the Joneses: Economic Impacts of Overconfidence in Micro-Entrepreneurs](#)".

EVENTS

In 2021 we continued to share knowledge through our [webinars](#), [seminars](#), and [special lectures](#).

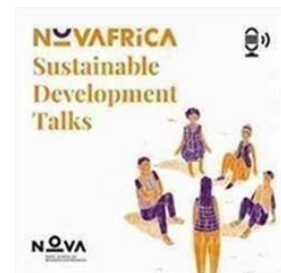
Although COVID-19 prevented us from hosting some of our speakers in person, several development economists based at top universities and international organizations worldwide shared of their research with the **NOVAFRICA community**.

KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

NOVAFRICA Sustainable Development Talks

A series of podcasts about development in Africa that brings together experts from a wide range of institutions.

Listen the podcasts from [season 1](#), [season 2](#) and [season 3](#).



CAPACITY BUILDING

NOVAFRICA aims to support the African leaders of tomorrow! The [NOVAFRICA Merit Scholarship](#) is a way to contribute to this goal. In 2021 we awarded one of these scholarships to a brilliant Nigerian student, Nwabueze Prince Okenna.



NOVAFRICA developed and implemented a [Leadership Training Program](#) for promising young managers of Millennium BIM in Mozambique.



NOVAFRICA IN THE MEDIA

Our work was featured in many renowned national and international media outlets such as [The Economist](#), [Financial Times](#) or [Forbes](#) in 2021. The COVID-19 Pandemic, irregular migrations, the conflict in Cabo Delgado were some of the topics of **NOVAFRICA** research projects that were in the spotlight.



NSG is part of the **DNA of NOVAFRICA**.

This group of students is actively involved in the research that the center produces. Several students help to implement projects on the ground with local populations in several African countries and in Portugal.



GOALS FOR 2022

The **NOVAFRICA International Conference on Economic Development** will take place at Nova SBE in June 2022. This event will be part of the celebration of 10th anniversary of **NOVAFRICA**.

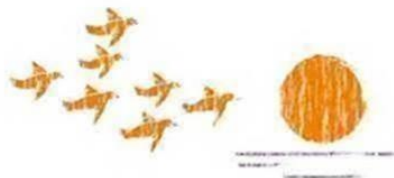


Continue to invest in research to **produce evidence that promotes business and economic development in Africa and in the world to address the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.**

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NOVAFRICA WISHES YOU A PROMISING NEW YEAR WITH JOY, PEACE, LOVE, AND HOPE!

JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY!



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Happy new year!