

Tavneet Suri: Bio

Tavneet Suri is an Associate Professor of Applied Economics at the MIT Sloan School of Management. Her expertise is in development economics, specializing in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Tavneet's work cuts across multiple sectors related to international development, such as mobile money and digital financial services for the poor, agriculture, and governance. Most of her recent work has focused on how mobile money reduces extreme poverty in Kenya. Her ongoing projects include studying the use and impacts of digital bank accounts and the role of digital bonds in the financial portfolio of the poor and whether holding such bonds may improve their financial literacy.

Over the last fifteen years she has spent a significant amount of time in the field across Sub-Saharan Africa.

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