**E2 - Justification of funding requested from the ARC** DP240101563

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| Cost Description | Total Cost | Justification |
| Personnel | | |
| *All Personnel salaries have been costed at applicable University of Sydney academic and professional staff rates and include 30% oncosts* | | |
| HDR (Higher Degree by Research stipend) | $86,610 | Funding is requested for an HDR stipend – this HDR appointment will help the student to develop skills and expertise in the interdisciplinary area of research connecting political science, economics, and data analytics. Upon completion, the student is expected to have co-authored papers with the Project team, and be positioned to successfully apply for positions in governmental or nongovernmental sectors, including in academia.  Year 1: $28,870; Year 2: $28,870; Year 3: $28,870 |
| Research Assistants x 3 @ HEO 6/1 | $461,345 | Funds are requested for 3 Research Assistants (RAs) over the life of project. In Year 1, the RA will be employed to assist with data collection and analysis, and conducting programming work to translate geographically granular data into format applicable to the research needs of the Project. In Year 2, the RA will be employed to help with literature review and data analysis. In Year 3, the RA will be employed to set up the online platform for early warning of food crises and famines based on price and conflict data.  The RAs will each be employed for one day a week @ FTE 0.2 for 20 weeks in Year 1 and 3 of the project, and for 10 weeks in Year 2 of the project.  Year 1: $150,598; Year 2: $153,760; Year 3: $156,989 |
| Teaching Relief | | |
| Teaching Relief for CI Ubilava and Hastings | $62,500 | Teaching relief has been requested by CIs Ubilava and Hastings. The teaching relief will allow Ubilava the time to take the lead in overseeing each stage of the project, including managing the RAs, as well as doing the data work and econometric analysis. The teaching relief will allow Hastings the time to take the lead in developing a conceptual framework across papers of the project and pulling together the policy brief for stakeholders, arranging the dissemination trips, and presenting the papers at conferences during the crucial year 2 of the project.  CI Ubilava has requested 25% teaching relief in each year of the project; CI Hastings has requested 50% teaching relief in Year 2 of the project.  Year 1: $12,500; Year 2: $37,500; Year 3: $12,500 |
| Travel | | |
| *All travel is costed at economy rates in line with university travel policy, excludes GST and calculates regional domestic accommodation and all domestic and international living allowances at 70% of ATO rates.* | | |
| CI International Conference Travel | $49,758 | Funds are requested to cover CI international conference travel in each year of the project. The conference participation is crucial for successful completion of this Project, as it affords the opportunity to share the preliminary findings of the work and receive much necessary feedback, which will factor in further development of papers that would lead to peer-reviewed publications. Disseminating research in this way is an accepted and, indeed, anticipated avenue for raising awareness and impact of the research.  International Conference Travel is based on attendance at any of the following conferences: International Studies Association (ISA), Royal Economic Society (RSE), Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) and ASSA. ISA and ASSA conferences are typically held in the USA and RSE/CSAE are held in the UK.  US travel is costed as return economy airfare ($4090), accommodation x 5 nights ($970), living allowance at 70% ATO rates for 5 days (840) and ground transport at $260. Total $6160  UK travel is costed as return economy airfare $2642, accommodation x 5 nights $1054, living allowance at 70% of ATO rates x 5 days $840 and ground transport $220. Total = $4756  Registration fees are included in requested funds for each US and UK conference and exchange rates have been calculated on Oanda.com as of 7 Feb 2023.  Budgeting in each year has accounted for one or more CIs to attend a combination of US and UK conferences, depending on individual specialties. In Year 1 and 3, the School of Economics at the University of Sydney will contribute towards international conference travel.  Year 1: $0; Year 2: $30,000; Year 3: $19,000 |