**KIVA CROWDFUNDING DATASET (reference: www.kaggle.com)**

1. **About KIVA:**

Kiva.org is an online crowdfunding platform to extend financial services to poor and financially excluded people around the world. Kiva lenders have provided over $1 billion dollars in loans to over 2 million people. To set investment priorities, help inform lenders, and understand their target communities, knowing the level of poverty of each borrower is critical. However, this requires inference based on a limited set of information for each borrower.

1. **Data Description:**

We have 4 files in our dataset, as listed below:

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| FILE NAME | DESCRIPTION |
| Kiva\_loans.csv | File provides details about the loans given by Kiva |
| Kiva\_mpi\_region\_location.csv | File provides the regions, country name, MPI and latitudes and longitudes of the countries that took loans from Kiva |
| Loan\_theme\_ids.csv | Gives themes about loans along with its ids |
| Loan\_themes\_by\_region.csv | Provides the themes of the loans in various regions along with the partners who have provided the loans, amount, geo locations |

1. **Objective:**

For the locations in which Kiva has active loans, our objective is to pair Kiva's data with additional data sources to estimate the welfare level of borrowers in specific regions, based on shared economic and demographic characteristics.