

# U.S. Ed Leaders Gather at AED to Discuss the Future of Education Research

Top education experts from across the U.S. gathered at AED in May to discuss the relationship between research and teaching and learning. The federal No Child Left Behind Act places a high value on education practices that are drawn from scientifically based research. Still, data and evidence are not routinely incorporated into policies and programs.

“Six years after the No Child Left Behind Act was passed, it was time for the leading thinkers in education research and practice to come together and discuss where we’ve been and where we are going,” said Denise Glyn Borders, Ed.D., senior vice president and director of the AED U.S. Education and Workforce Development Group.

At the forum, “Towards 2014: Education Research on the Leading Edge of School Improvement?” participants discussed the definition of high-quality

education research, how education research has been used effectively, and future challenges and opportunities researchers will face.

“Clearly, there is much more work to be done before education research is used systematically and effectively in classrooms across the United States,” said Borders. “This conference helped move that discussion forward in a much-needed way.”

The event was sponsored by AED in partnership with Education Sector, the Knowledge Alliance, and the American Institutes of Research.



More information about the conference is available at [www.aed.org](http://www.aed.org).

## Tabletop Water Purification Products Save Lives



Camille Saade

In India, AED is leveraging the power of micro-finance to provide safe drinking water and prevent diarrhea, a leading cause of death in young children in the developing world.

Through public-private partnerships and USAID support, the Point-of-Use Water Disinfection and Zinc Treatment project makes tabletop water filtration and safe-storage products—requiring no running water or electricity—available and affordable for the region’s poor via micro loans.

In collaboration with manufacturers, the project also promotes tabletop filters to “self-help groups” of women micro-enterprise owners.



Tess Davis

### FIRST LADY OF TANZANIA VISITS AED

Her Excellency Salma Kikwete, the first lady of Tanzania, spoke with AED President Stephen F. Moseley and AED gender equity specialists during her February visit to discuss the importance of girls’ education, women’s empowerment, and the work of her foundation.