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## Omidyar Network gives \$4.3M to RDI

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The **Omidyar Network**, the philanthropic investment company established by **eBay Inc.** founder Pierre Omidyar and his wife, Pam, has given \$4.3 million to the Rural Development Institute (RDI) to help buy land for poor people in rural India.

The Omidyar Network is based in Redwood City. RDI is a Seattle nonprofit that will target the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh with the grant to help extremely poor people, especially women, buy land to "build a sustainable livelihood and a better economic future."

"This grant will allow RDI to expand our collaboration with Andhra Pradesh's state government and other partners to implement programs that provide land and opportunity for the more than 2 million rural landless families who live there," said RDI CEO Tim Hanstad in a statement.

RDI has been working in India for the past eight years and earlier this year, was given an endorsement when India endorsed a plan in line with RDI's views that could eventually help lift 90 million people out of poverty.

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