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Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development Announces Round 8 Call for Innovative Solutions to Prevent Infant & Maternal Deaths

WASHINGTON – Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development has launched its eighth call for groundbreaking, sustainable innovations to save the lives of mothers and newborns in the hardest to reach corners of the world. In Round 8, Saving Lives at Birth seeks to catalyze scale and sustainability of the most promising solutions that bring together cutting-edge science and/or low-cost technologies, service delivery, and demand innovation in transformative new ways.

In conjunction with Round 8, Saving Lives at Birth will launch their next generation acceleration model to provide tailored support to accelerate the most promising innovations towards equitable, sustained impact.

Saving Lives at Birth has mobilized the world's brightest thinkers to address the critical issue of maternal and newborn health. Globally, an expansive pipeline of audacious maternal and newborn health innovations has emerged over the past seven years and to date, the Grand Challenge for Development has funded 116 unique innovations. **In the eighth call for solutions, there will be an increased focus on advancing the most successful and transformational innovations as they transition to scale.** This approach has been a critical part of the global effort to bring an end to the 303,000 maternal deaths, 2.7 million newborn deaths, and 2.6 million stillbirths that occur each year.

The program has begun taking applications, with submissions due by February 28th at 2pm EST. Award nominees will be announced later in 2018.

Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development partnership, launched in 2011, includes the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Government of Norway (NORAD), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges Canada (funded by the Government of Canada), the U.K.'s Department for International Development (DFID), and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). Since 2011, the program has invested in over 100 innovations, from diagnostics for preeclampsia, to medical devices for obstructed labor, to novel service-delivery approaches. Several of these groundbreaking solutions are already being scaled-up around the world with continuous support from the Saving Lives at Birth program playing an important role in driving progress along the path to impact.

To learn more about Saving Lives at Birth Round 8 and to apply, go to: www.savinglivesatbirth.net. To download a PDF copy of this announcement, please click [here](#).