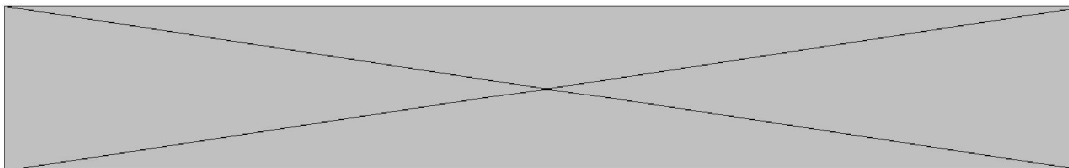


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Dear Colleague,

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is announcing grants awarded under Grand Challenges Explorations Round 24 and grant opportunities that are still open from our partners.

#### Grand Challenges Explorations grants awarded

Eleven researchers from three countries each received an initial grant of (10)(2b) under the [Grand Challenges Exploration](#) initiative. Please see the funding [announcement](#) with links to descriptions of the projects and a [photo slideshow](#) of some of the funded projects, a [blog series](#) highlighting projects from the first ten years of the initiative, and an [interactive world map](#) of investments across the global Grand Challenges funding partner network. Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) has awarded initial grants to 1524 investigators in 72 countries to date, targeting a diverse set of global health and development challenges. The next Grand Challenges application round will be in September 2020.

#### Perspective on COVID-19

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. To best achieve this mission across the Grand Challenges family of initiatives, we will be exploring with existing and new grantees - where relevant and on a case-by-case basis - how we can work together to find opportunities to balance long-standing needs in global health and development with new needs from the perspective of COVID-19. The Gates Foundation has [committed](#) funding to the global response to COVID-19. To learn more about the foundation's broader work and how the COVID 19 pandemic is being addressed across the foundation, please visit the foundation's [website](#) and also sign-up for [The Optimist newsletter](#).

#### Grant opportunities from our partners

- (10)(2e): [Calls for proposals](#) with different deadlines
- (10)(2e) Group: [Call for proposals](#) for innovation around preparedness and response to COVID-19 (deadline May 31, 2020)

Congratulations to the Grand Challenges Explorations grant recipients. Our thanks go to them for their commitment to solving the world's greatest health and development challenges.

Wishing you and those close to you all the best,

The Global Partnerships & Grand Challenges Team

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