

Canada creates an organization to respond to health challenges in the poorest countries

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Toronto (Canada), May 3 (EFE) .- The Canadian government announced it has created, along with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the organization's Grand Challenges of Canada (GDC), which seek solutions to the most serious health problems besetting the developing countries.

The Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said in Toronto, during the presentation of the organization, the Canadian Government GDC will provide 225 million Canadian dollars over the next five years for funding.

Dr. Peter Singer, GDC executive director and director of the McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health at the University of Toronto, said the first health challenge that the new organization will seek to answer is the creation of rapid diagnostic tools, reliable and cheap.

Over the next five years, GDC selected four other health challenges in developing countries that must be resolved.

Singer said Tuesday that "innovation saves lives. The diagnosis is the prelude to an effective treatment. Provide better diagnostic tools, faster and cheaper than sending a sample to a laboratory 100 miles away."

GDC said that only improved diagnostic tools for malaria could save over 100,000 lives annually and save more than 365 million unnecessary treatments.

Singer provides that the diagnosis of malaria could occur similar to the current pregnancy test in which the result can be available in an almost instantaneous and relatively cheap.

Among others, the features that must meet the tools developed by GDC are: reading simple, low cost, easy to use by staff with little training, resistance to temperatures above 30 degrees Celsius and high humidity, and ability to be stored without refrigeration .

For his part, Dr. Carol Dahl, director of the Global Health Program of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, said the organization created by the founder of Microsoft "supports the mission of the Grand Challenges in Canada and is pleased to work together" the challenge of diagnostic tools.

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