

■ **HEALTH:** Organization looks at issues facing poor countries

Addressing Grand Challenges

TORONTO — Each year nine million children in the developing world die before their fifth birthday.

Now, a \$225-million Canadian organization has been created to address health problems facing poor countries.

Grand Challenges Canada will bring together Canadian

scientists, researchers and the private sector to tackle the issue.

"Innovation saves lives," said Dr. Peter Singer, CEO of Grand Challenges Canada and director of the McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health at the University Health Network in Toronto.

"Diagnosis is the prelude to

effective treatment. Bringing diagnostic tools to the patient's bedside is better, faster and cheaper than sending a sample to a lab 100 kilometres away."

Singer says diagnostic improvements will save more than 100,000 lives a year from malaria-related deaths alone.

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