

# Session agenda



Evelyn Nakimera, a CHP in Mabanda village, Wakiso district, Uganda elaborating how of contraceptive pills should be used to fellow peers

Photo Credit: Crane Media Productions

- Overview of the Stars in Global Health program
- RFP focus areas and anticipated outcomes
- Key funding details & dates
- Project eligibility
- Overview of the screening & review process
- Application tips
- Open Q&A period

## Who we are

The Stars in Global Health program is Grand Challenges Canada's flagship portfolio to test the potential of new pipeline in areas of strategic interest for GCC and our funders. It is also a flexible and responsive platform that allows adaptability at each round of funding to meet the most salient development needs.

The Stars program provides funding to explore transformative ideas at proof-of-concept. GCC supports innovators as they iterate on their ideas and develop strategic partnerships that can improve sustainability and achieve meaningful impact.



VPack beneficiaries at the rescue centre during graduation ceremony  
Photo credit: ChildsLife International



## Stars in Global Health program results



**1,292 lives saved**  
through the use of innovative  
products and services



**232,486 lives improved**  
through the use of innovative  
products and services



**3,176,919 people**  
exposed to innovative  
products and services



**186 policies influenced**  
through engaging  
government officials and  
decision makers



**250 publications**  
in peer-reviewed journals



**21,544 jobs created**  
and/or livelihoods  
strengthened, with **over 95%**  
in low-resource countries



## The problem

Sexual and reproductive health and rights are fundamental to gender equality and the empowerment of women, girls, adolescents, children and LGBTQI+ people. Although substantive progress has been made, these advances have been inequitable across and within countries.

Due to the associated economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, significant barriers to access key sexual and reproductive health and rights education and services have been heightened, reversing years of progress.

It is projected that, for every 3-month lockdown period:



- An additional 2 million women and adolescent girls will be unable to access modern contraceptives, and
- 15 million additional cases of sexual and gender-based violence will occur.

Additionally, it is projected that between 2020–2030:

- 13 million additional child marriages will occur, and
- An additional 2 million cases of female genital mutilation will occur.

## Round 11 – focus

### Areas of focus

We seek bold ideas that will improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women, adolescents, children and LGBTQI+ people in Sub-Saharan Africa. The bold ideas are expected to **improve the access, use and quality of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and services** and **to be resilient to pandemic control measures** like those introduced to control COVID-19. Of particular interest to Grand Challenges Canada are innovations that improve responses to sexual- and gender-based violence.

### Priority outcomes

- Increase met need for comprehensive contraception care and education
- Decrease rates of sexual and gender-based violence
- Decrease in the impact of sexual and gender-based violence
- Decrease in the incidence of female genital mutilation
- Decrease in the incidence of child, early and forced marriage

We encourage proposals for innovation in all forms – technologies, products, services, processes, business models, policy approaches, and/or delivery mechanisms.

## Funding opportunity

### Amount

- CAD \$100,000

### Timeline

- 12 months

### Awards

- 60-70 grants for this round of funding

### Geographic Scope

- Implementing in low- and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa

### Target users

- Underserved populations including women, adolescents, children and LGBTQI+ people

## Eligible institution

- entity
- jurisdiction of incorporation (Canada or LMIC)
- capacity to receive & administer funding

## Complete application

- all required information
- all questions addressed
- submitted in only English or French

## Geographic scope

- implementation or testing within eligible LMICs in SSA

## SEED FUNDING SELECTION PROCESS



\*Grant negotiations are estimated to take three months. Negotiations for this round of funding are expected to take place in two cohorts with two timelines, impacting anticipated project start dates.

Key Dates	Event
May 20, 2021 at 2:00pm EDT (6:00pm UTC)	Deadline to register for a Fluxx account
June 3, 2021 at 2:00pm EDT (6:00pm UTC)	Application submission deadline
October 2021	Notification of approval or rejection
October 2021 to March 2022	Negotiation of award
January to April 2022	Anticipated project start date

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To access the Grand Challenges Canada Fluxx Portal, you must first create an account to identify yourself and the organization that will be applying for a grant. A response will be provided within one business day.

Already have an account? [Login here: gcc.fluxx.io](https://gcc.fluxx.io)

Please note that the person and organization information entered below will appear on the application (Project Lead and applying Organization). You will not be able to edit this on the application.



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INFORMATION

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APPLICATIONS / DEMANDES

Drafts / Ébauches

Submitted / Présenté

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Declined/Refusé

PROJECTS / PROJETS

Active / Actif

COMPLETED / terminé

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## OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Stars in Global Health

The Stars in Global Health program supports Bold Ideas with Big Impact® and in Canada, to address some of the most pressing global health challenges. Integrated Innovation® in order to sustainably bring solutions to scale.

We seek bold ideas that will improve the sexual and reproductive health of women and girls in low- and middle-income countries. The bold ideas are expected to improve the access, use and quality of to pandemic control measures like those introduced to control COVID-19 responses to sexual- and gender-based violence.

[New Stars Request](#)

**ALL applications MUST be submitted through the Fluxx portal**

## Stars webpage – reference documents

Please visit [grandchallenges.ca/programs/stars-in-global-health/](https://grandchallenges.ca/programs/stars-in-global-health/)

Links to the following key documents: (in both English and French)

- Request for Proposals
- Frequently Asked Questions
- 2 Pager | Overview
- Application questions
- Fluxx Quick Reference Guide

## SEED FUNDING SELECTION PROCESS



### Is the proposed idea **RELEVANT** to the call?

- Potential to lead to the priority outcomes
- Apply to the target users

### Is the proposed idea **INNOVATIVE**?

- Boldness
- More than incremental improvement
- Resilient in pandemic settings

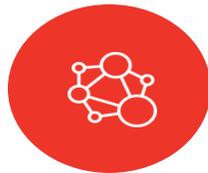
**ONLY a sub-set of application questions (those marked with an asterisks) will be read at this stage, so ensure these questions are adequately addressed.**

# External Peer Review

## SEED FUNDING SELECTION PROCESS



IMPACT



INNOVATION



PROJECT  
EXECUTION  
PLAN



LEADERSHIP  
CAPABILITY



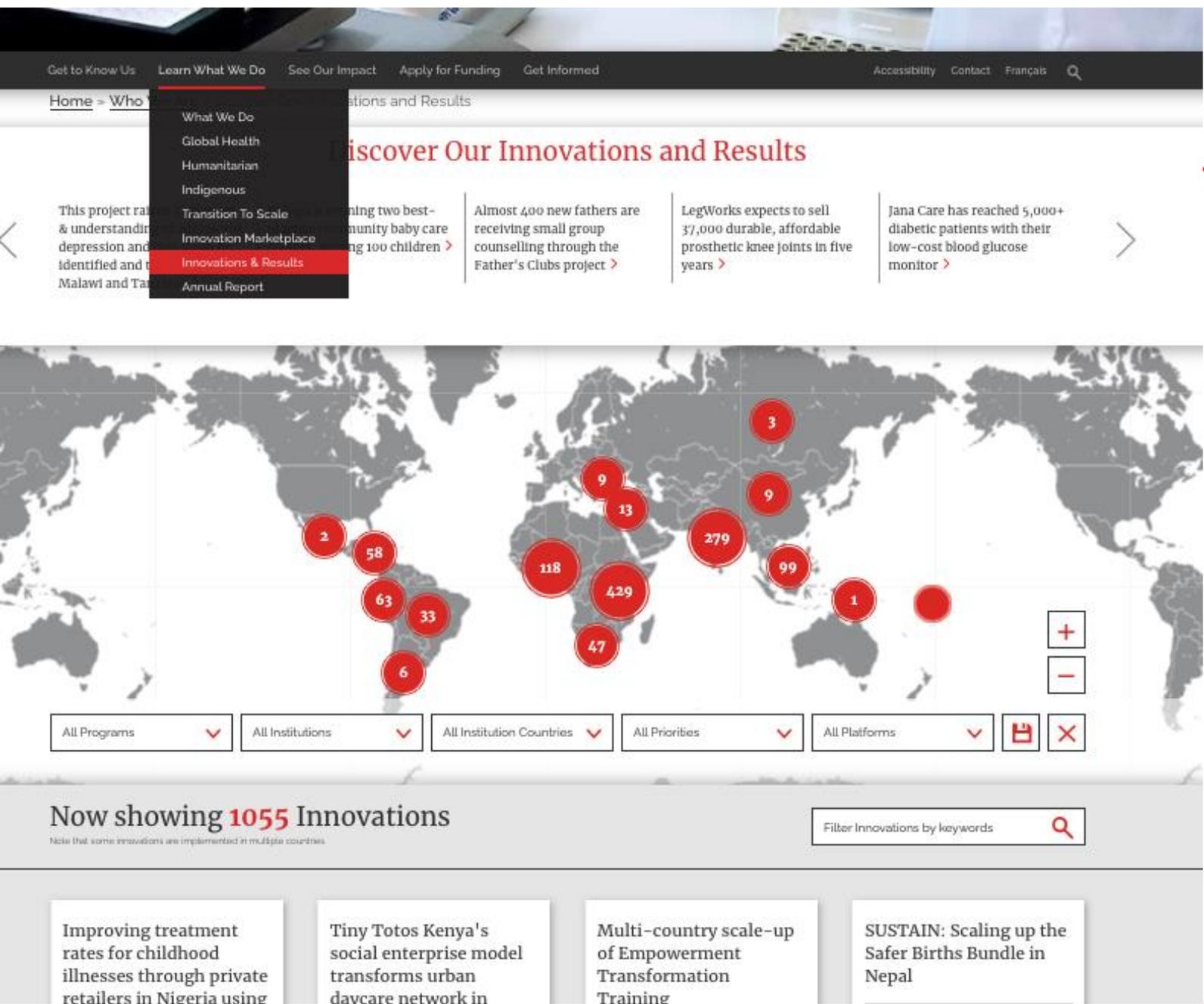
VALUE  
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## Application tips

- Be mindful of the character limits
  - only be highly descriptive when it's necessary to convey the key message
  - concise answers are best
- Respond in a narrative format, rather than in bullet points
- Address all parts of each question
  - read the questions carefully
  - some questions have multiple components - all sections are required to successfully submit the application
- Be sure to take note of the questions with the asterisks
  - these questions will be the **ONLY** ones reviewed at the Innovation Screen stage
  - so be sure that you've taken particular care in providing strong, complete responses

## What we WON'T fund

- 1) Projects involving establishing proof-of-concept of innovations for which the core intellectual property rights are owned by a third-party institution, unless that third party:
  - a) grants the applicant sufficient license rights to the innovation to permit eventual scaling in low- and middle- income countries; or
  - b) signs an undertaking to comply with our Global Access Policy.
- 2) Projects similar to ones Grand Challenges Canada has already funded – please review our searchable database of funded innovations for more information on previously funded projects.
- 3) Projects implementing in countries **NOT** listed in Appendix A (low- and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa).
- 4) Projects that are focused strictly on capacity building and/or advocacy and do not involve the testing of an innovative proof of concept.



## GCC's innovation database

Go to [grandchallenges.ca/who-we-are/discover-our-innovations-and-results/](https://grandchallenges.ca/who-we-are/discover-our-innovations-and-results/)



Project staff working with Ndibaisa Jennipher (Community Facilitator) and group leaders to check the accuracy of Kyebajjatobona women's group financial records  
Photo credit: Coalition for Health Promotion and Social Development (Uganda)

## Please add your questions to the chat!

Reminders:

- The application deadline is June 3, 2021
- Applications must be submitted via the Fluxx portal

Following this session, additional questions can be directed to [stars@grandchallenges.ca](mailto:stars@grandchallenges.ca)



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