



Background

Grand Challenges Canada

Grand Challenges Canada is dedicated to supporting Bold Ideas with Big Impact.[®] Funded by the Government of Canada and other partners, Grand Challenges Canada funds innovators in low- and middle-income countries and Canada. The bold ideas Grand Challenges Canada supports integrate science and technology, social and business innovation—known as Integrated Innovation.[®]

One of the largest impact-first investors in Canada, Grand Challenges Canada has supported a pipeline of over 1,300 innovations in over 100 countries. Grand Challenges Canada estimates that these innovations have the potential to save up to 1.78 million lives and improve up to 64 million lives by 2030.

OPTions Initiative

The goal of the Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation Initiative (OPTions Initiative) is to support Bold Ideas with Big Impact.[®] We seek innovative and transformative approaches that put women, girls, and people with diverse sexual and gender identities in control of where, when, and how they terminate their pregnancy, in countries where there are one or more legal grounds to support it. Our focus is to support the testing and development of:

1. New or improved approaches to increasing early access to existing abortion products and services in low- and middle-income countries, and
2. Next-generation methods of pregnancy termination, menses induction, or conception interruption.

The OPTions Initiative launched its first round of seed investments in 2019, investing \$4.75 million CAD into 19 pregnancy termination innovations. Most of the innovations focus on access to existing pregnancy termination methods in low- and middle-income countries, with three focusing on next-generation methods to pregnancy termination. The projects have started to close, with all expected to be completed by September 2022. The initiative seeks a consultant to conduct an impact evaluation of the Round 1 innovations.

Role

Impact Evaluation Consultant

Objective

The objective of the role is to evaluate the impact of OPTions Initiative's Round 1 innovations, capture lessons learned, and synthesize the findings in a final impact evaluation report to inform operational and strategic decisions for future investments. The report should review innovations in both the 'Access' and 'Next-Generation Methods' streams of funding, addressing how the innovations added value and complemented the ecosystem.

Methodology

The Consultant should develop a detailed work plan with a feasible timeframe to be agreed upon with Grand Challenges Canada. Through a consultative and participatory process, the Consultant will work with OPTions Initiative, a learning platform, and innovators to perform the following activities, but not limited to:

- Preparing an overview of the type of information to be collected and detailed collection procedures;
- Establishing a checklist and other data collection tools;
- Create a data management procedure and analysis plan;
- Identify ethical issues related to the evaluation, including informed consent procedure and privacy and confidentiality procedures;
- Collaborate with the learning platform in collecting reports and capacity building materials;
- Prepare a draft report and present to Grand Challenges Canada, and;
- Incorporate feedback from Grand Challenges Canada to produce a final report and presentation.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Contractor will complete data collection, review, analysis, and synthesis to develop an impact evaluation report for all OPTions Initiative Round 1 proof of concept innovations. This survey does not require ethical approval.

The Contractor's roles and responsibilities may also more specifically include:

- a. Desk review of 'Access' innovations, including a review of documents and reports, analysis of the progress of projects against the set objectives, interviews with the stakeholders and innovators, and impact on women and girls in accessing safe abortion;
- b. Desk review of 'Next-Generation Method' innovations, including a review of documents and reports, analysis of the progress of projects against the set objectives, interview with stakeholders and innovators, and the role of the innovation within the ecosystem;

- c. Coordinate collection of quantitative and qualitative data from primary and secondary sources;
- d. Create data collection tools (survey, focus group and in-depth review);
- e. Collection of raw data including but not limited to quantitative survey data, qualitative survey data, transcripts, and video recordings;
- f. Creation and sharing of analysis tools with Grand Challenges Canada, such as files, statistical software, and qualitative thematic analyses;
- g. Conduct data analysis to summarize results;
- h. Identify lessons learned and provide recommendations to inform future rounds of investment;
- i. Develop visualization of results for use in reports, presentations, and other learning or knowledge activities;
- j. Provide monitoring and evaluation advice to Grand Challenges Canada based on findings;
- k. Synthesis and communication findings in a final impact evaluation report, and;
- l. Attend regular meetings with the Grand Challenges Canada team and provide status updates and progress communications.

Reporting

Bi-weekly, monthly, or quarterly reporting will be required, along with a final impact evaluation report upon project completion.

Timeline

Start date of February 2022 with a 4-month contract period, or the project is completed.

Administrative Arrangement & Compensation

Compensation is to be paid at an hourly rate; the rate is to be discussed with Grand Challenges Canada. Invoices to be submitted to Grand Challenges Canada regularly for approval and payment.

Qualifications/Experience

- A minimum of 3 to 5 years of work experience in monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL), sensemaking, and/or impact evaluations in Africa and/or Latin America
- Knowledge and/or experience of safe abortion and sexual reproductive health in low- and middle-income contexts
- Demonstrated qualitative and quantitative data analysis, data management, data application skills, narrative reporting skills, and storytelling skills
- Highly developed verbal and written communication abilities
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in a collaborative environment
- Self-driven and highly organized
- Previous work experience with early-stage investments and research is an asset
- Fundraising experience is desirable

Grand Challenges Canada reserves the right to accept or reject an application at its option. Submission of an application does not create a contractual relationship or any obligation with Grand Challenges Canada.

Apply

The application submission deadline is **Monday, January 31 at 5:00pm EST**. To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV to info@optionsinitiative.org.

Contact

For questions related to this opportunity, please email info@optionsinitiative.org.

Additional Resources

To learn more about Grand Challenges Canada, please visit www.grandchallenges.ca

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