

ALL LIVES HAVE EQUAL VALUE

An Introduction to the
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Grand
Challenges

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EVERY PERSON
DESERVES
THE CHANCE
TO LIVE A
HEALTHY,
PRODUCTIVE
LIFE.



WHAT WE FOCUS ON

What are
the areas
of greatest
need?



Where can
we have
the greatest
impact?



How We Make a Difference

Amplify

We amplify the effectiveness of proven tools through delivery and distribution.

Innovate

Where tools do not exist, we invest in innovation and research.

GLOBAL HEALTH

Discovering and developing affordable vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics for people in the developing world.

Programs:

- Enteric and Diarrheal Diseases
- HIV
- Malaria
- Neglected Infectious Diseases
- Pneumonia
- Tuberculosis



GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

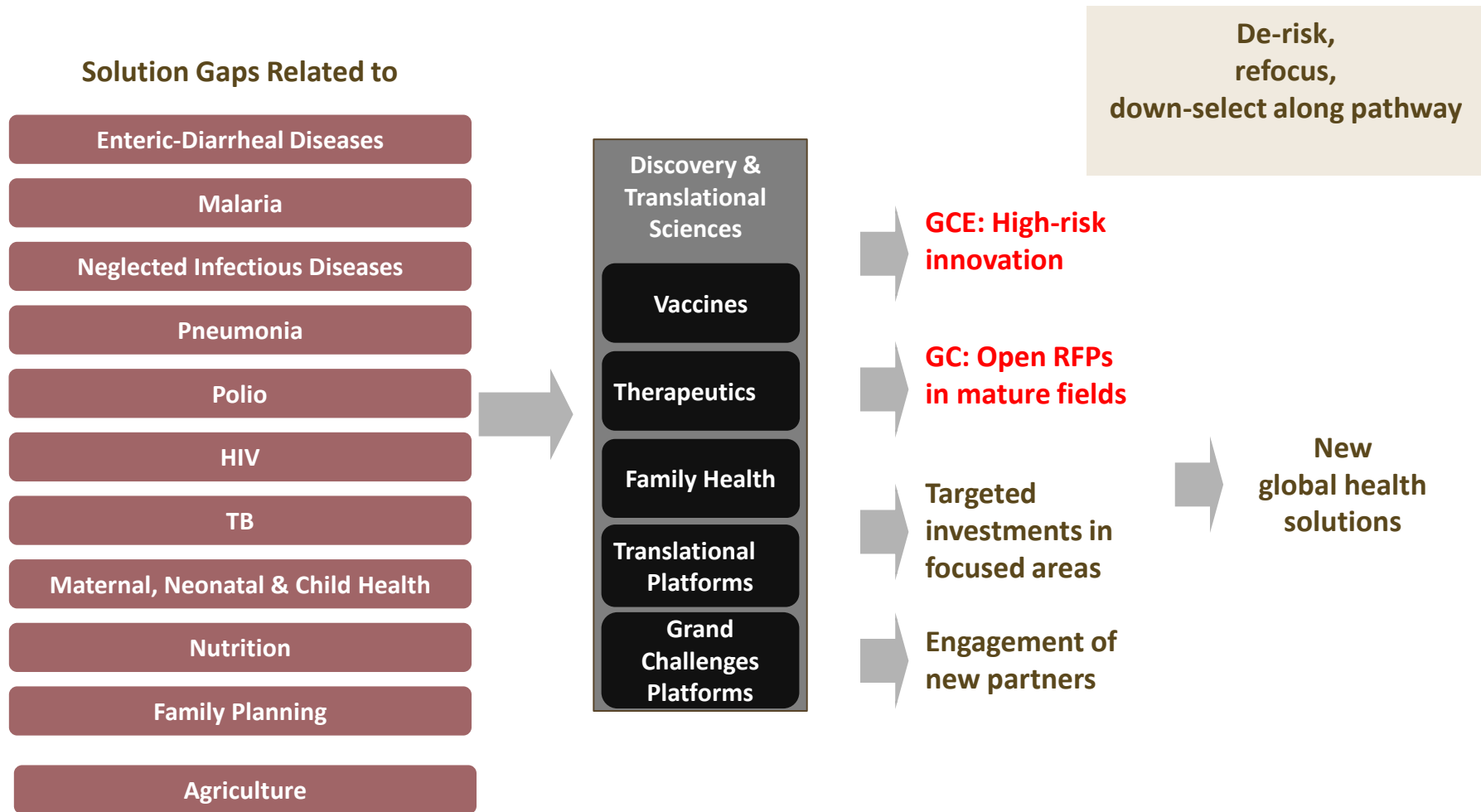
Delivering health and development solutions that help people lift themselves out of poverty.

Programs:

- Agricultural Development
- Emergency Response
- Family Planning
- Financial Services for the Poor
- Global Libraries
- Maternal, Neonatal & Child Health
- Nutrition
- Polio
- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



Discovery & Translational Sciences Targets and Funding Mechanisms



GRAND CHALLENGES

A family of grant programs fostering innovation to solve key global health and development problems




- Define challenges whose solution would unleash progress in key areas
- Engage the world's most innovative researchers
- Focus research on making an impact for those most in need
- Build partnerships to accelerate impact
- Build on an expanding global network of programs and partners

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Grand Challenges
in Global Health

Grand Challenges | EXPLORATIONS

		
What do we seek	Innovation , Experience, Capacity, Proposal Value, Impact	Innovation, Impact
Funding	Matched to specific challenged (\$0.5M - \$20M)	Phase I = \$100K Phase II ≤ \$1M
Timing	Annually on selected topics	Twice yearly on multiple topics
Proposals	Format matched to challenge	Two page application, no data required
Partners		

Grand Challenges: Grant Opportunities



PUTTING WOMEN AND GIRLS AT THE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT

Goal: Determine how to effectively reach and empower the most vulnerable women and girls to improve health, development and economic outcomes, as well as gender equality



Creating and Measuring Integrated Solutions for Healthy Birth, Growth and Development

Goal: Develop new measurement tools and new combinations of approaches to ensure all children thrive – that they not only survive, but also have the chance to lead healthy productive lives



New Interventions for Global Health

Goal: Create innovative concepts for vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics with the potential to be translated into safe, effective, affordable and widely-used interventions

GRAND CHALLENGES EXPLORATIONS



ONE GREAT IDEA

**TWO PAGES TO FILL OUT.
\$100,000 TO PROVE IT.**

GREAT IDEAS CAN COME FROM ANYWHERE. ALL CAN APPLY.

Anyone can apply

- From any country and any discipline and at any level of experience
- From academia, government, non-profits, or industry
- Review is “blind” and champion-based

Applying is easy

- Two-page application
- No preliminary data required

Awards are frequent and rapid

- Two opportunities to apply each year
- Awards made in 4-6 months
- Phase 1 funding of \$100,000 can lead to Phase 2 funding of up to \$1 M

GCE STATS

Phase I Applications

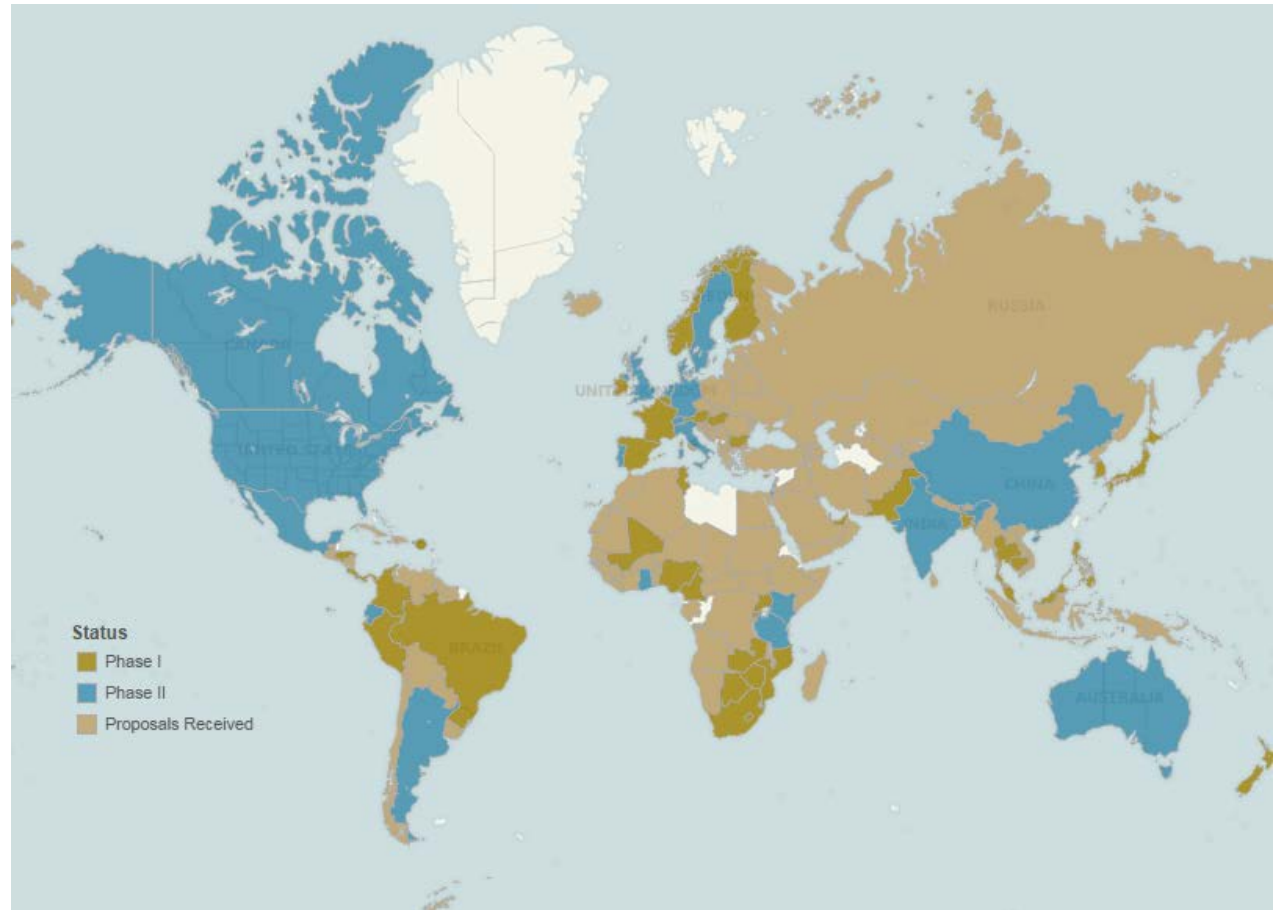
14 rounds of solicitations
Over 50,000 applications
from over 190 countries

Phase I Grants

18 months, \$100k
1042 grants
from 61 countries

Phase II Grants

Up to 2 years, up to \$1M
105 grants
from 20 countries



**Accepting applications until May 13, 2015
at www.grandchallenges.org**

To date:

- Over 50,000 applications from 190 countries
- Over 1100 Phase I awards to researchers from 60 countries
- Over 100 projects with Phase II funding

Round 15 topics:

- Addressing Newborn and Infant Gut Health Through Bacteriophage-Mediated Microbiome Engineering
- Explore New Ways to Measure Delivery and Use of Digital Financial Services Data
- Surveillance Tools, Diagnostics and an Artificial Diet to Support New Approaches to Vector Control
- New Approaches for Addressing Outdoor/Residual Malaria Transmission
- Reducing Pneumonia Fatalities Through Innovations that Improve Pneumonia Diagnosis & Referral of Malnourished Children
- Enable Merchant Acceptance of Mobile Money Payments

PAST GCE TOPICS

Just a few examples:

- Create the Next Generation of **Sanitation Technologies**
- Design New Approaches to Optimize **Immunization Systems**
- New Approaches for the Interrogation of **Anti-malarial Compounds**
- Explore **Nutrition** for Healthy Growth of Infants and Children
- Develop the Next Generation of **Condom**
- Labor Saving Strategies and Innovations for **Women Smallholder Farmers**
- **Protect Crop Plants** from Biotic Stresses From Field to Market

- Inciting Healthy Behaviors: nudge, disrupt, leapfrog, reach
- The "One Health" Concept: Bringing Together Human and Animal Health for New Solutions
- Apply Synthetic Biology to Global Health Challenges

GRAND CHALLENGES: EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS



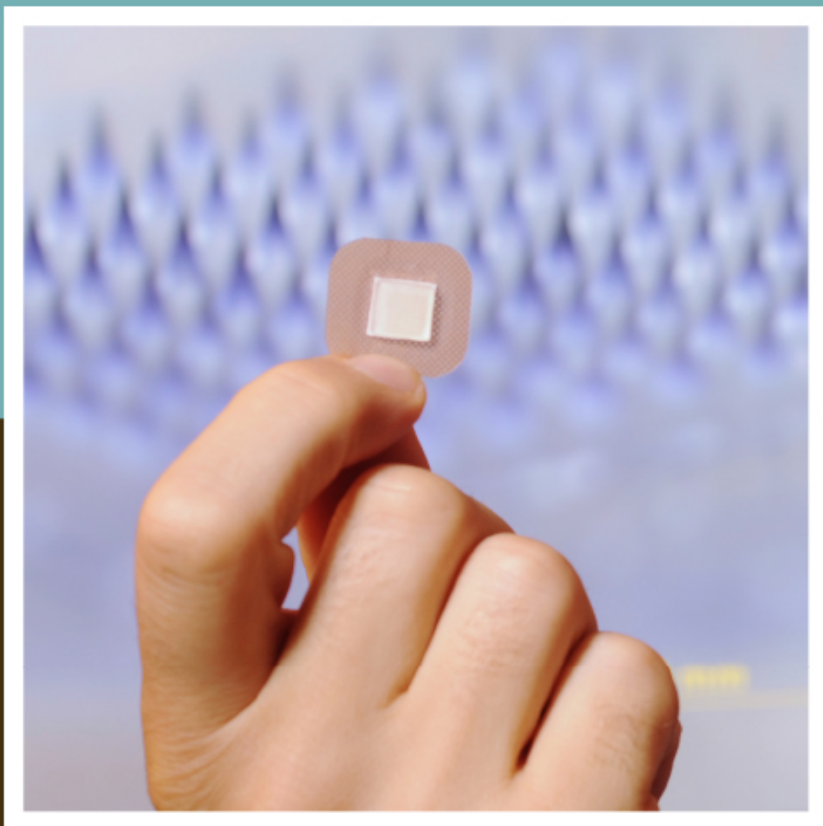
AN INVISIBLE BEDNET



Project: Using infrared light — like the kind that comes from TV remote controls — to repel malaria-transmitting mosquitoes

Researcher: Szabolcs Marka (astrophysicist),
Columbia University, USA

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MICRONEEDLES FOR VACCINES

Project: Developing a microneedle patch to more simply and efficiently deliver vaccines

Researcher: Mark Prausnitz,
Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

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BIOPLASTICS FOR LATRINES

Project: Developing biodegradable building blocks for sustainable construction of pit latrines

Researcher: Antonio Avila, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

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INNOVATIONS FOR WOMEN FARMERS: ADAPTING A ROTARY PUNCH PLANTER FOR WOMEN



August Basson
KEL Growing Nations Trust
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THANK YOU



OUR HISTORY



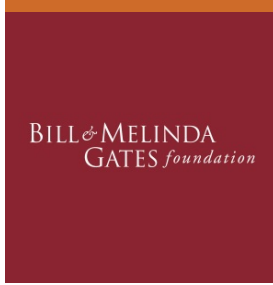
1994

Bill Gates Sr. starts a small philanthropic foundation at his son's request.



1997

Bill and Melinda read an article about rotavirus and are inspired to act.



2000

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is created, with a focus on health, education, and libraries.



2006

Warren Buffett pledges Berkshire Hathaway stock valued at \$31 billion.



2008

Bill joins Melinda full-time at the foundation.



2011

The foundation moves to its new permanent home in Seattle.

OUR GLOBAL REACH AND PRESENCE



1,200

2012 active grantees

\$3.4B

2012 grant payments

1,100

2012 employees worldwide