

CREATING HOPE IN CONFLICT: A HUMANITARIAN GRAND CHALLENGE

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ABOUT US

We're a partnership of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), the Government of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with support from Grand Challenges Canada. We find and support solutions to complex humanitarian challenges.

WHAT WE DO

Our goal is to identify new solutions that have the potential to create wider changes within the humanitarian sector in order to provide energy; safe water and sanitation; life-saving information; and health supplies and services, to help conflict-affected people. We envision a world where new systems, processes, technologies and other solutions equip conflict-affected communities to mitigate the impacts of humanitarian crises caused by conflict.

We identify and support groundbreaking solutions that draw from the experiences of affected communities, and have potential to engage the private sector, in order to significantly improve and save the lives of vulnerable people affected by conflict. Funding of up to \$250,000 for seed innovations, and up to \$3,000,000 for Transition To Scale innovations is awarded. Successful applicants also receive networking and mentoring support, and the chance to collaborate with other innovators working on similar problems.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are seeking proposals from local and international humanitarian organizations, researchers, innovators, academics, and the private sector that aim to address the most difficult challenges facing people living in active conflict, internally displaced persons, and refugees. We seek innovations that focus on people who are particularly vulnerable in conflict-affected humanitarian crises. This includes people who are particularly vulnerable due to their gender, sexuality, religion, age, or income; people with disabilities, chronic health conditions; as well as people who are stateless, minorities, or unable to evacuate to safety. Innovations must involve input from the affected communities they seek to serve, and preference will be given to locally-led solutions.

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