



# INNOVATION FUND

*Brussels, Belgium*

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## What's new

The fund is the Coalition's flagship initiative for inspiring and financing new tools, research, and other activities that help people access and use affordable and quality supplies. The fund was re-launched in November 2013 with the following new features:

- › Eligibility by members of all the Coalition's Implementing Mechanisms
- › Options for both competed and non-competed awards
- › Funding earmarked for developing country applications
- › Technical support for proposal development



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## Achievements

- › 2013 saw the obligation of funding for one new IF grant, the extension of two existing grants to 2014, and the close-out of three completed grants.
- › Five fact sheets on IF projects were produced, uploaded on the Coalition website, and distributed at Delhi 2013, ICFP 2013, and Women Deliver.
- › Results of two IF-funded projects were presented at Delhi 2013: MSI/Sierra Leone (Duty Free Waiver on FP) and MSI/Afghanistan IF (Establishing RH Caucus within the Health Committee).



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- › PSI Burundi leveraged the original \$40,000 grant to obtain a \$6 million grant from the Netherlands to scale up a social franchising total market initiative.
- › MSI Sierra Leone used \$40,000 in seed funding to change national importation policies that will allow for annual savings of an estimated \$200,000 on the importation of contraceptive commodities.
- › MSI Afghanistan successfully formed the country's first Sexual and Reproductive Health Caucus. With the support of that Caucus, and the involvement of key religious leaders, Afghanistan's national regulatory authority approved registration of Jadelle®.



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- › MSI Tanzania used funds for district based advocacy to increase financial allocations for family planning commodities. The advocacy efforts succeeded in Pemba region, which saw new allocations of almost 2 million Tsh.
- › Uganda Family Planning Consortium monitored national budget allocations for FP supplies where they discovered a backlog of released funds that had not been utilized due to procurement issues. UFPC advocated for the use of the funds for FP/RH supplies that lead increasing annual expenditures on RH supplies.



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## New Awards (Feb 2014)

- › FHI 360 will use \$123,484 to support a public-private partnership to pilot the introduction and commercialization in Kenya of LNG20, a low-cost LNG intrauterine device manufactured by Medicines360.
- › International Consortium for Emergency Contraception is receiving \$76,522 to apply a total market approach to ensure more equitable access to emergency contraception.
- › International Center for Reproductive Health/Ghent University will use \$196,400 to explore the link between stockouts and health worker motivation in order to strengthen health worker capacity as a component of reducing stockouts.
- › The World Bank is receiving \$198,136 for a retrospective study to analyze supply chain performance. The study forms part two of a three phased initiative that seeks to shape the policy dialogue with governments and other stakeholders towards functional, modern, and sustainable supply systems.



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## New Awards LAC Fund

- › Investigación en Salud y Demográfica (INSAD) will develop and validate a methodology to identify and prioritize populations with high need of reproductive health services. The methodology will serve the purpose of targeting donor/government resources to regions that have high unmet need for sexual and reproductive health services and supplies.
- › IPPF/RFO launching an advocacy campaign to heighten awareness of the need for commodity security, the importance of prioritizing adequate financing for supplies by national governments, and the inclusion of provisions to reference commodity security in donor requests for proposals.
- › Pathfinder Peru will use their grant funds to develop a political advocacy plan and enhance citizen involvement in ensuring that reproductive health commodity security gets on the health policy agenda.



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- › INSAD will undertake two discreet sets of activities. First, they will document the factors that prompted the Mexican Secretary of Health choose to return to centralized procurement of RH commodities. Second, they will identify vulnerable populations by determining gaps in contraceptive use and their unmet need with particular focus on LARCs.



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## Innovation Fund 2009-2015

### *Income*

|                                           |                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| DFID                                      | 1,000,000           |
| Gates Foundation                          | 2,316,354           |
| Norad                                     | 1,300,000           |
| USAID LAC Fund                            | 200,000             |
| <b>TOTAL Fund</b>                         | <b>\$ 4,816,354</b> |
| <b>Awarded</b> January 2009-February 2014 | <b>\$ 3,132,017</b> |
| <b><i>Allocations</i></b>                 |                     |
| Round 11 April 2014                       | 700,000             |
| Round 12 September 2014                   | 500,000             |
| Round 13 November 2014                    | 300,000             |
| Targeted requests                         | 150,000             |
| <b>FUND BALANCE</b>                       | <b>34,337</b>       |

- › Resources will be required for granting in 2015-16
- › Funds awarded in late 2014 or early 2015 will have a short implementation period



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## Issues

- › Provide technical assistance support for proposal development
- › Provide increased engagement during implementation
- › Increase our ability to tap the new knowledge and results from the projects to further the Coalition goals and objectives
- › Continual replenishment of the fund



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