



COLLABORATING TO TACKLE THE WORLD'S MOST URGENT HEALTH ISSUE

Faced with the escalating Ebola epidemic and need for a coordinated global response, USAID, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Defense (DoD), and the Government of Sweden see a clear and urgent need for innovative ideas around improving the delivery of care and stemming the spread of the disease. In response to this challenge, these partners launched **Fighting Ebola: A Grand Challenge for Development** to help health care workers on the front lines provide better care and stop the spread of Ebola. The first part of this Challenge is a collaboration with **OpenIDEO**. The OpenIDEO Challenge will serve as a knowledge gathering, idea sharing and collaboration space in which ideas are generated, workshopped, and built upon.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Define the challenge by convening an interdisciplinary network of community members experts.
2. Design collaboratively utilizing both online and offline engagement tools, enabling diverse communities around the world to participate in the innovation process.
3. Encourage participants from a broad cross-section of fields and geographic locations to comment on and build upon one another's ideas, leading to new, surprising and potentially more impactful solutions.
4. Strong ideas that form as part of the OpenIDEO Challenge will be encouraged to submit to the Challenge grant competition.
5. Achieve real-world impact by connecting innovative ideas with partners that have the capacity to scale them.

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