



# SAVING LIVES THROUGH BETTER DATA

## Strategies and Tactics from the BID Initiative

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Edition

## Letter from the Director

This summer, the **BID Initiative's** initial grant period formally drew to a close. To mark the occasion, we're sharing our successes, challenges, and lessons in a new web feature.

The **BID Story** highlights the value of collaborative, country-driven planning, local leadership, and continuous learning and adaptation when developing and deploying new tools. Using a combination of **personal perspectives** from those involved in **BID's design** and **implementation**, an **infographic**, and a comprehensive account of BID's journey, it also illustrates why we are optimistic about the progress in Tanzania and Zambia, and future efforts to improve health outcomes by transforming data collection, quality, and use. We hope it will help other countries and immunization stakeholders learn from our challenges and experiences along the way.

Though the original BID Initiative grant has drawn to a close, the overall portfolio will continue as we work with the governments of Tanzania and Zambia to scale their electronic immunization registries (EIRs). We've also begun a new effort to support other countries interested in implementing similar data quality and use interventions **through a mentorship model**, continued activities with the **BID Learning Network**, including the **launch of the BLN/Gavi Data Quality and Use Collaborative**, and are leveraging the data captured through the EIRs to answer priority questions about Tanzania's and Zambia's national immunization programs. Stay tuned for more information about the BID portfolio work that will continue into 2019.

Sincerely,

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The BID Learning Network (BLN) is intended to be a platform where participants can contribute ideas, share experiences and actively participate, helping each other as they face similar challenges.

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## NOTEWORTHY BLOG POSTS

[BID joins colleagues from PATH's Vietnam office to swap experiences about digital registries](#)

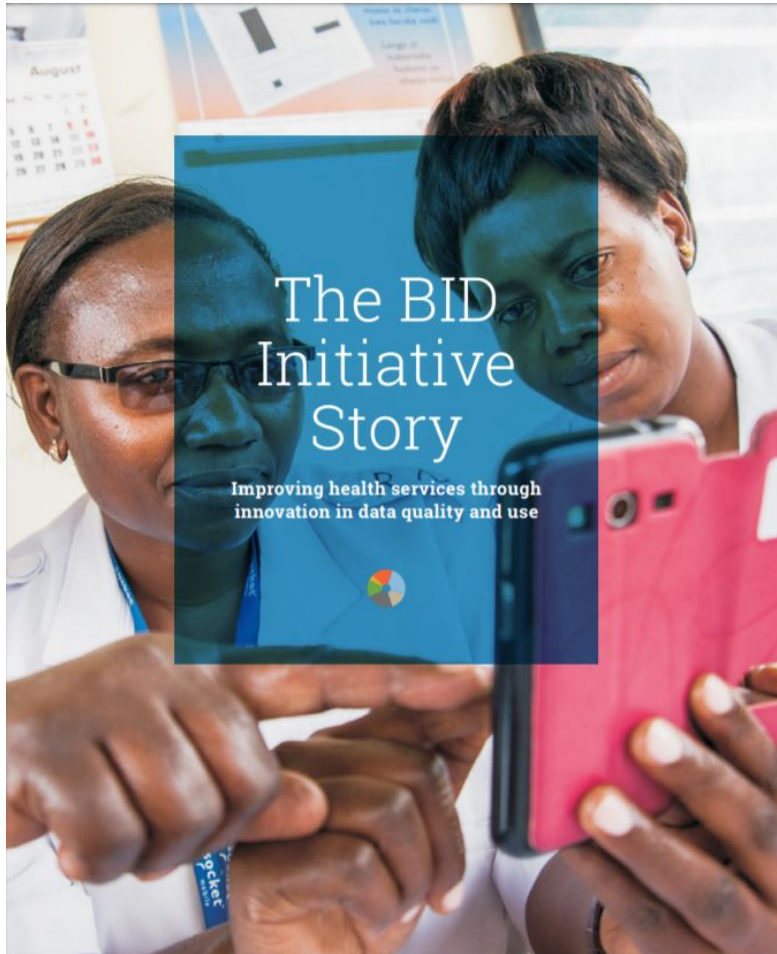
[BID analytics: Leveraging data from electronic immunization registries for meaningful insights](#)



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## The BID Initiative Story



Explore the [BID Initiative Story](#).

BID launches generic tools to help other likeminded countries implement data quality and use interventions

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### NOTEWORTHY RESOURCES

[BID Initiative Lessons Learned Encyclopedia](#)

[BID Initiative Monitoring and Evaluation Reports \(Tanzania and Zambia\)](#)

[BLN Webinar: Lessons Learned in Change Management and Data Use](#)

[The BID Story: The Transformative Power of Data and Country Ownership](#)

*Led by PATH and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the BID Initiative is grounded in the belief that better data, plus better decisions, will lead to better health outcomes. Its vision is to empower countries to enhance immunization and overall health service delivery through improved data collection, quality, and use.*



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