



BID Learning Network

Bringing countries together to identify shared problems and test shared solutions that can be applied in a few countries and then deployed at scale in many.



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OVERVIEW

The BID Initiative, led by PATH and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, empowers countries to enhance immunization and overall health service delivery through improved data collection, quality, and use. It is designed with an embedded African-led and member-owned, peer-to-peer learning network, the BID Learning Network (BLN).

The BLN enables peer-to-peer learning exchanges and will help ensure the BID Initiative's solutions will be relevant for and facilitate adoption by other countries interested in improving their health programs through better data and decision-making.

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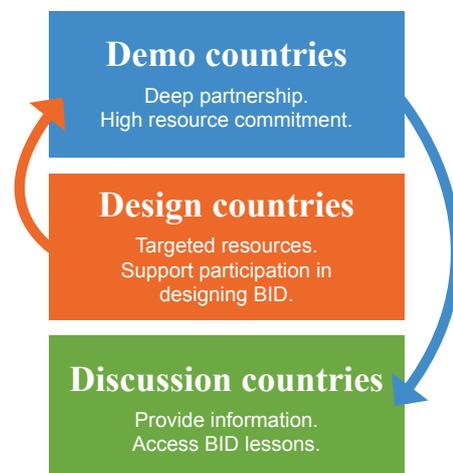
- Bring countries together to identify shared problems and solutions while connecting with peers.
- Use this knowledge to design common information system products, practices, and data policies.
- Experiment with these designs to determine their applicability.
- Use this experience to inform national and global decision-making.

FOCUS AREAS

- Data quality management
- Information systems implementation
- Supply chain tools
- Change management

TYPES OF COUNTRY PARTICIPATION

Countries engage with the BLN through tiered participation: Demo countries (2), Design countries (17), and Discussion countries (open).



DISCUSSION & DESIGN MEETINGS

For Design and Demonstration countries, in-person consulting and design meetings are held multiple times throughout the year across sub-Saharan Africa. These meetings alternate between the different focus areas and include field visits to learn from implementations in the host country.

Discussion meetings are held annually and focus on progress and lessons learned to date with the BID Initiative. The meetings serve as a platform for country representatives to interact with donors and other implementers.



Discussion meeting in Arusha, Tanzania.

SMALL-GRANT PROGRAM

The BLN small-grant program enables the advancement of specific goals for Design countries that are aligned with the BID Initiative priorities. The program allows Design countries to experiment with projects to determine their applicability and then make evidence-based decisions for their health care programs.



Study visit with VaxTrac in Benin.

STUDY VISITS

The BLN study visits facilitate peer learning by enabling participants to visit successful sites where designing and implementing various solutions has improved data access, quality, and use with a demonstrable impact on health care service delivery.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING

A vast amount of knowledge rests in the minds of practitioners. Therefore, BLN members play equal roles as teachers and learners. Participants are updated on the BID Initiative efforts and encouraged to share their knowledge through monthly webinars, blog posts and resources on the website, and Google Group discussions.

LEARN MORE

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