



**BID INITIATIVE**

Better data. Better decisions. **Better health.**

# SAVING LIVES THROUGH BETTER DATA

Strategies and Tactics from the BID Initiative

Q1 2017

## Letter from the Director

As we begin the final year of the BID Initiative, I am encouraged by the progress we have made toward better data quality and data use to achieve better health outcomes. We are implementing BID solutions in [Tanzania and Zambia](#) and are working closely with both country governments on scale and sustainability planning.

This year, we were pleased to host many partners in our demonstration countries, including [Melinda Gates](#), and share our progress and key learnings at several conferences and events across the globe.

My hope is that this year we will successfully expand beyond our test sites and ownership of the BID Initiative will continue transitioning to the governments of Tanzania and Zambia. With the impending launch of the digital health toolkit we are developing jointly with the World Health Organization to share the BID Initiative's approach and solutions toward improving data quality and use, other countries will also have the resources and information at hand to adapt and apply to their health programs.

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[BLN webinar: The Uganda eIDSR system](#)

*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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