Every year, in conjunction with International Women’s Day, Women Deliver celebrates the progress made on behalf of girls and women worldwide. Our “Women Deliver 100” list in 2011, which featured 100 of the most inspiring people who have delivered for girls and women, was covered by over 100 traditional and new media sources. This year, to continue the momentum, we are spotlighting the top 50 inspiring ideas and solutions that deliver for girls and women.

Below are the top 25 selections in each of the following categories.

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Special thanks to our great Selection Committee that took on the difficult task of narrowing down so many deserving submissions:

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- Lyric Thompson, Special Assistant to the President at the International Center for Research on Women
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ADVOCACY & AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

1. **Organization**: Voice of Libyan Women  
   **Country**: Libya  
   **Solution**: Libyan Women’s Charter  
   Voice of Libyan Women is developing the Libyan Women’s Charter to inspire a unified women’s movement in Libya. Members are currently conducting a national tour to speak with women and identify significant issues facing women across the country. Through an online presence and nationwide outreach, Voice of Libyan Women wants every woman to unite under a single charter, or call for action, that can be used to influence the Constitution.  
   **Website**: https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.200344886731200.40111.135705886528434&type=1

2. **Organization**: American Bar Association (ABA)  
   **Countries**: Global  
   **Solution**: Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI)  
   ABA ROLI is a non-profit program working across Africa and Eastern Europe, including the Democratic Republic of Congo and Liberia, to protect women’s rights. In the DRC, ABA ROLI has established a mobile court system that allows victims of gender-based violence to access the judicial system. ABA ROLI has advocated for legislation, which was eventually passed, to protect women from domestic violence and exploitation.  
   **Website**: http://apps.americanbar.org/rol/

3. **Organization**: TERREWODE  
   **Country**: Uganda  
   **Solution**: Sustainable Obstetric Fistula Awareness Network  
   The Sustainable Obstetric Fistula Awareness Network provides women who are suffering from obstetric fistula with treatment, counseling, and social reintegration services. The program trains a diverse set of volunteers to serve as advocates, identify and support obstetric fistula survivors, and educate their communities. Through community-wide collaborations, the network raises awareness of fistula and advocate for women’s health and political rights.  
   **Website**: http://terrewode.org/

   **Countries**: Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda  
   **Solution**: East African Caravan on Maternal Health  
   Prior to the start of the African Union (AU) Summit in 2010, the East African Caravan on Maternal Health traveled through Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda to advocate for improved maternal health. At each stop, the Caravan held public rallies where they shared information on sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, distributed supplies, and provided medical services. At the end of the journey, the Caravan presented the ACT Now petition at the AU Summit, reminding officials that “no woman should die while giving life.” Through television,
radio, newspapers, social media, and websites, the Caravan has reached an estimated 45 million people throughout Africa.


5. **Organization:** Aawaaj  
**Country:** Nepal  
**Solution:** Helping Rural Communities Combat the Violence and Discrimination of Children and Women  
Since 1999, Aawaaj has helped initiate and mobilize grassroots movements against trafficking, violence, neglect, abuse, and exploitation of women in Nepal. Working with both men and women, Aawaaj helps rural communities establish support networks that raise awareness about sexual abuse and violence and offer support to survivors. These networks bolster the community’s capacity to respond to reports of such issues.

Website: [http://www.aawaaj.org.np/](http://www.aawaaj.org.np/)

6. **Organization:** Bayer  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** World Contraception Day  
Held annually on September 26, World Contraception Day is an international initiative launched by Bayer Pharmaceuticals to improve awareness of contraception and reproductive health. Every year, countries around the world organize events on the occasion to demonstrate their commitment to raising awareness of contraception and improving education regarding reproductive and sexual health. The campaign envisions a world where every pregnancy is intended.


7. **Organization:** Y-PEER  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** 10 Days of Activism  
On July 1 – 10, 2011, the “10 Days of Activism” campaign brought together young people from 50 countries to speak about pressing issues affecting them, including the importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights. “10 Days of Activism” took place at multiple international venues, and was complemented by a social media campaign to strengthen dialogue with local government representatives, through seminars, radio broadcasts, TV shows, and multimedia contests.

Website: [www.10daysofactivism.com](http://www.10daysofactivism.com)

8. **Organization:** United Nations Foundation, Nike Foundation, NoVo Foundation, Coalition for Adolescent Girls  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** Girl Effect  
The Girl Effect is a movement that aims to raise awareness and funding to lift adolescent girls in poor countries out of poverty. Through innovative marketing campaigns, such as viral videos, the Girl Effect mobilizes individuals and raises funding for a consortium of organizations dedicated to helping girls in developing countries. The Girl Effect challenges individuals to use their voices, talents, and communities to educate, empower and inspire girls.

Website: [http://www.girleffect.org/](http://www.girleffect.org/)
9. **Organization:** Freedom to Roam  
**Country:** Uganda  
**Solution:** Hate No More  
Launched in August 2011, Hate No More was a four-month campaign which raised awareness about homosexuality to end discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people in Uganda. Hate No More campaigners conducted a nationwide poster campaign, and engaged religious leaders, civil society organizations, health providers, and politicians in active discussions about LGBT rights. Led by the Freedom and Roam Uganda organizations, 30 other groupss joined the campaign, including Global Fund for Women and the Human Rights Campaign.

10. **Organization:** UNFPA  
**Country:** Republic of Macedonia  
**Solution:** Real men never hit women  
“Real men never hit women” is a national public awareness campaign that aims to reduce violence against women. Supported by the United Nations, the campaign employs positive messages to address the role of men in ending violence against women and to empower survivors of domestic violence.  
**Website:** [http://www.facebook.com/#!/zaednoprotivnasilstvo](http://www.facebook.com/#!/zaednoprotivnasilstvo)

11. **Organization:** Healthcare Information for All by 2015  
**Country:** Africa and Asia  
**Solution:** Cost Innovation to Assess the Needs of Healthcare Providers & Citizens  
HIFA2015 (Healthcare Information For All by 2015) is a global campaign and knowledge network administered by the Global Healthcare Information Network, a non-profit organization working to improve the quality of health care in developing countries. HIFA2015 is part of HIFA Global Networks, which brings together more than 7000 health workers, librarians, publishers, researchers and policymakers in 2000 organizations across 158 countries worldwide. These organizations are all committed to a common goal: By 2015, every person worldwide will have access to an informed health care provider.  
**Website:** [www.hifa2015.org](http://www.hifa2015.org)

12. **Organization:** Plan International USA  
**Country:** Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Sierra Leone, and Vietnam  
**Solution:** Because I am a Girl initiative  
Plan International USA’s “Because I am a Girl” initiative fights gender inequality and promotes girls’ rights in eight countries in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Plan International USA leads girl-focused workshops which educate and empower local girls to take an active part in their communities. As part of this effort, Plan International USA is teaming up with corporations, governmental agencies, and other non-profits to achieve gender equality.  
**Website:** [www.planusa.org/girls](http://www.planusa.org/girls)

13. **Organization:** The Elders  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** Girls Not Brides – The Partnership to End Child Marriage  
Girls Not Brides is a global partnership of organizations working to end child marriage around the world. Girls Not Brides was launched in 2011 by The Elders, a group of accomplished leaders
brought together by Nelson Mandela to promote peace and human rights. By bringing together activists from around the world, Girls Not Brides raises awareness about the scale and impact of child marriage and mobilizes support to end child marriage at the local, national, and international levels.

Website: www.girlsnobrides.org

   Country: Global
   Solution: Respectful Care Charter, The Universal Rights of Childbearing Women
   White Ribbon Alliance (WRA) facilitated the development of a charter that affirms the universal rights of childbearing women. Through policy and advocacy activities, WRA and partners work to ensure that every woman’s right to respectful care at birth is upheld. Theirs is the first charter that specifically defines the rights of childbearing women.
   Website: www.whiteribbonalliance.org/respectfulcare

15. Organization: Rutgers WPF. Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oxfam Novib, I+Solutions
   Country: Global
   Solution: Universal Access to Female Condoms (UAFC) Joint Program
   The Universal Access to Female Condoms (UAFC) Joint Program works to make female condoms available, accessible and affordable to all women. To achieve this goal, the UAFC joint program introduced a unique three track strategy in 2008: combine large scale country programs, stimulate research and develop different types of female condoms, and focus on international advocacy. This strategy provides a platform to address the misconceptions around female condoms and to advocate for increased numbers of contraception choices at reduced prices.
   Website: www.condoms4all.org

16. Organization: Center for Reproductive Rights
   Country: Global
   Solution: Using Litigation to Fight Maternal Mortality
   The Center for Reproductive Rights uses human rights litigation to fight the maternal mortality crisis by establishing legal protections for reproductive rights. They support the work of advocates and policymakers to dismantle barriers to maternal healthcare, so that women can obtain the services they need. In August 2011, the Center won an important victory when a United Nations committee established that governments have a human rights obligation to guarantee that all pregnant women in their countries have access to timely, non-discriminatory, and appropriate maternal health services.
   Website: www.reproductiverights.org

17. Organization: United Nations Foundation (UNF)
   Country: Global
   Solution: Shot@Life Campaign
   Shot@Life aims to educate, connect, and empower Americans to champion vaccines as one of the most cost-effective ways to save the lives of children in developing countries. The grassroots campaign rallies the American public, members of Congress, and civil society partners around the fact that through expanded access to vaccines, a child’s life can be saved every 20 seconds. By encouraging Americans to advocate for vaccines, the UNF’s Shot@Life campaign aims to
decrease vaccine-preventable childhood deaths and give children everywhere a shot at a healthy life.

Website: www.shotatlife.org

18. Organization: Women’s World Banking and Banco ADOPEM
Country: Dominican Republic
Solution: Can a Soap Opera Change a Woman’s Life? Contracorriente
Contracorriente is a soap opera created to improve financial literacy and money management among low-income women in the Dominican Republic. Centered on a working class family encountering financial challenges and conflicts within the home, the program raises topics such as money management and household financial dynamics, and issues relating to exploitation, abuse, and gender identity. Messages from the show are complemented by radio ads, billboards, and educational training sessions.
Website: http://www.swwb.org/content/can-soap-opera-change-womans-life

19. Organization: Guerrerias Project
Country: Brazil and UK
Solution: Challenging Narrow Gender Scripts with Football
The Guerrerias Project uses football as a platform to initiate discussions about gender norms, equality, and social change. Launched at the 2011 FIFA Women’s World Cup, the initiative uses a series of tools including multimedia exhibitions, interactive workshops, roundtable dialogues and seminars to engage participants to “making gender visible.” In each session, audio, writings, and still imagery from Brazilian women’s football are used to open discussion on prejudice, privilege, and gender norms.
Website: http://guerreirasproject.wordpress.com/press/

20. Organization: Women Won’t Wait
Country: Global
Solution: Women Won’t Wait
Women Won’t Wait is an international coalition of organizations and networks promoting women’s health and human rights, with a focus on HIV/AIDS and ending all forms of violence against women. The campaign uses online videos and films to educate audiences, raise awareness, and increase political will. By formulating policies and programs that integrate HIV/AIDS and violence against women, it improves gender equality, strengthens women’s empowerment, and reduces the spread of HIV.
Website: http://www.womenwontwait.org/

21. Organization: Promundo
Country: Brazil, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, India and Tanzania
Solution: Program M
Instituto Promundo is a Brazilian NGO that seeks to promote gender equality and end violence against women, children and youth. Program M, in particular, seeks to promote the health and empowerment of young women through critical reflections about gender, rights and health. The program uses educational workshops, community campaigns, and innovative evaluation instruments to promote young women’s awareness about gender inequities, and become more empowered in their lives.
Website: http://www.promundo.org.br/en/activities/activities-posts/program-m/
22. **Organization:** United Nations Foundation  
   **Country:** Global  
   **Solution:** Every Woman, Every Child  
   Every Woman Every Child is a global movement that mobilizes governments, multilaterals, civil society, and the private sector to address the major health challenges facing women and children around the world. It aims to save the lives of 16 million women and children by 2015. Through the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health, Every Woman Every Child enhances financing, strengthens policy, and improves health services for the most vulnerable women and children.  
   **Website:** [http://www.everywomaneverychild.org/](http://www.everywomaneverychild.org/)

23. **Organization:** Palestinian Center for Communication and Development Strategies  
   **Country:** Palestine  
   **Solution:** Protecting the Rights of Working Women  
   The Palestinian Center for Communication and Development Strategies uses radio broadcasting, training sessions, and awareness campaigns to educate women about their rights. The Center focuses on women who work in small factories and workshops, where women’s rights and labor laws are often disregarded or little known. The organization also runs campaigns encouraging decision makers to enact laws to protect the rights of working women.  
   **Website:** [http://www.pccds.com/index%20english.html](http://www.pccds.com/index%20english.html)

24. **Organization:** We Change  
   **Country:** Iran  
   **Solution:** One Million Signatures  
   The One Million Signatures Campaign collects signatures in support of changing discriminatory laws against women in Iran. The Campaign educates citizens, particularly women, about the negative impact of these inequitable laws on the lives of women and society as a whole. To date, over 1,000 individuals have been trained to educate and raise awareness about the petition in communities across Iran.  
   **Website:** [http://www.we-change.org/english/](http://www.we-change.org/english/)

25. **Organization:** The 30 for 30 Campaign  
   **Country:** U.S.  
   **Solution:** Protecting Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights  
   The 30 for 30 Campaign aims to increase comprehensive integrated health care, prioritize programs for women both locally and nationally, and to protect women’s sexual and reproductive health and rights. The campaign was created as a response to the lack of HIV/AIDS resources for women, who make up 30% of the epidemic in the U.S.  
   **Website:** [http://www.facebook.com/30for30#!/30for30?sk=info](http://www.facebook.com/30for30#!/30for30?sk=info)

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**EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

1. **Organization:** She’s The First  
   **Country:** U.S.  
   **Solution:** National Tie-Dye Cupcake Bake-Off
In 2011, She’s the First sponsored the Tie-Dye Cupcake Bake-Off across the U.S. to raise money to send young girls in developing countries to school. Led by student teams in the U.S., the bake-off raised $22,400 to sponsor more than 46 girls for another year of education. She’s the First believes that education is the key to helping girls find better jobs and enable them to break the cycle of poverty in their families and communities.

Website: [http://www.shesthefirst.org](http://www.shesthefirst.org)

2. **Organization:** Chanan Development Association (CDA)  
   **Country:** Pakistan  
   **Solution:** Providing Sexuality Education Including HIV/AIDS Prevention Among Rural Women of District Lahore through Interactive Theatre  
   The Chanan Development Association (CDA) is a youth-led organization that provides opportunities to youth and women through an interactive theatre program. CDA strives to build capacity and empower community women through this program by allowing them to discuss topics considered taboo in Pakistani society, such as sexuality, HIV/AIDS, family planning, and sexual education.  
   Website: [http://www.cdapak.org/programs5.html](http://www.cdapak.org/programs5.html)

3. **Organization:** Grassroot Soccer  
   **Country:** South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe  
   **Solution:** Skillz Street: Changing the Game for Girls  
   Grassroots Soccer developed Skillz Street, a girls-targeted after school soccer league, to educate and empower young women to avoid risky behavior and protect themselves from HIV. Skillz Street challenges gender norms by creating a safe space for young women to be themselves and learn new skills—while playing the male-dominated sport of football. During 2011, Grassroot Soccer ran 20 Skillz Street leagues across five sites, graduating 2,174 young women.  

4. **Organization:** TESSA, U.K. Open University Teacher Education in Sub Saharan Africa  
   **Country:** Malawi/Sub-Saharan Africa  
   **Solution:** Access to Teaching Scholarship  
   The Malawi Access to Teaching Scholarship focuses on recruiting women to become teachers in their own rural communities. The program supports local women by providing Leadership Assistant roles in schools and by supporting women to re-take secondary school exams, a requirement for admittance to teacher education programs. The Access to Teaching Scholarship offers an innovative model of work-based learning to address barriers to female continuing education and chronic teacher shortages. The scholarship offers rural women a chance to develop their teaching skills, while also providing young girls with local role models.  

5. **Organization:** Akilah Institute  
   **Country:** Rwanda  
   **Solution:** Hospitality Management and Entrepreneurship Degree Programs for Rwandan Women & Girls  
   The Akilah Institute for Women operates diploma programs in hospitality management and entrepreneurship to Rwandan women and girls. The degree programs provide training in leadership, communications, community development, business, and personal development.
Through training, women and girls have a better chance to find formal employment. By 2014 the organization is hoping to expand its work to help women in Uganda and Burundi.

**Website:** [www.akilahinstitute.org](http://www.akilahinstitute.org)

6. **Organization:** Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital  
**Country:** Ethiopia  
**Solution:** Hamlin College of Midwives  
The Hamlin College of Midwives has trained and graduated two classes of midwives to work in rural villages in Ethiopia. Designed to address the lack of skilled birth attendants in the country, it is the first in the country to approach midwifery as an autonomous profession. Founded in 2007 by the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, the College aims to provide every rural community with a midwife to give vital maternal care services.  

7. **Organization:** Ngong Road Children Association  
**Country:** Kenya  
**Solution:** Friends of Ngong Road  
Friends of Ngong Road (FoNR) provides children with school tuitions, uniforms, books, regular meals, medical care and access to computers. For the past five years, FoNR has served children who have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS in the Dagoretti slums of Nairobi, Kenya. The program has seen great success: 100% of 8th graders have gone on to secondary or trade school. With this opportunity to access quality education, these children can end the cycle of continuing poverty.  
**Website:** [http://ngongroad.org/default.aspx](http://ngongroad.org/default.aspx)

8. **Organization:** Maasai Girls Education Fund (MGEF)  
**Country:** Kenya  
**Solution:** MGEF Community Education Program: Elders & Mothers Workshop Series  
The Maasai Girls Education Fund (MGEF) Community Education Program is a workshop series that engages both men and women in the fight for gender equality. The joint workshop structure consists of men and women learning at the same time but in separate groups, and then rejoining at the end of the day to recap the discussions. The workshops foster conversation and seek to show that school drop-out rates, teen pregnancy, early marriage, and FGM can be detrimental to the whole society—not just girls.  
**Website:** [http://www.maasaigirlseducation.org/what-we-do/community-education](http://www.maasaigirlseducation.org/what-we-do/community-education)

9. **Organization:** Action Kivu  
**Country:** Democratic Republic of Congo  
**Solution:** Actions pour le Bien être de la Femme et de l'Enfant au Kivu (ABFEK): The Kivu Sewing Workshop and the Educational Assistance Program  
Action Kivu provides the Democratic Republic of Congo’s victims of violence with the opportunity to rebuild their lives on a foundation of hope, dignity and economic self-sustenance. Their approach is spearheaded through two programs: The Kivu Sewing Workshop and the Educational Assistance Program. The Sewing Workshop is an eight month course that teaches students how to sew, knit, and embroider, with the goal that they will use their skills as an opportunity to earn money. The Educational Assistance Program partners with primary schools in DRC to fund the education of vulnerable children affected by ongoing conflict.  
**Website:** [http://actionkivu.org/aboutus.html](http://actionkivu.org/aboutus.html)
10. **Organization**: Innovative Participatory Health Educational Approach  
**Country**: Sudan  
**Solution**: Addressing Women’s Health in Sudan with Pictograms, Songs, and Theater  
The Innovative Participatory Health Educational Approach (IPHE) brought together researchers, development workers and local women to identify the most important issues related to women’s health in Renk County, South Sudan. Researchers and participants collaborated to develop health education materials in the form of pictograms, songs, and theater. After consultation amongst the various stakeholders, the materials were tailored and delivered by local residents, making the messages relevant to each community.  
**Website**: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxLzC8uW9_I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxLzC8uW9_I)  

11. **Organization**: Legal Assistance Center  
**Country**: Namibia  
**Solution**: Comics for Gender Equality  
The Legal Assistance Center, which fights for human rights throughout Namibia, launched The Gender Research and Advocacy Project to produce comics as an awareness-raising tool.  
Through simple language and interesting storylines, the comics explore serious issues in a manner that is easy to read and understand, including domestic abuse, marital rape, and gender equality. Comics are published in national newspapers to reach various audiences across Namibia, and they are also distributed to schools, hospitals, police stations, and civil society organizations.  

12. **Organization**: Focal Point Global  
**Country**: Namibia  
**Solution**: U.S.-Namibia HIV Education Initiative  
Focal Point Global aims to empower youth to tackle community issues through global education and innovative technology. The US-Namibia HIV Education Initiative was launched to link high school students in the U.S. and Namibia via Skype to discuss HIV and ways to combat the disease in their communities. The program will expand in 2012 through the use of e-learning and social networking tools to connect 40 additional youth, predominately girls, in the U.S. and Namibia to address HIV.  

13. **Organization**: Concern for Women and Children Empowerment (COFCAWE)  
**Country**: Uganda  
**Solution**: Gender Integrated Education Program on Reproductive Health and STDs/HIV/AIDS  
Concern for Women and Children Empowerment (COFCAWE) aims to improve the quality of life of vulnerable children and women. Through the Gender Integrated Education Program, COFCAWE educates communities about child rights, gender equity, sexual health, and STDs/HIV/AIDS prevention through advocacy workshops, training sessions, and other programs. The project engages local leaders, public authorities, and religious leaders to promote community involvement and works closely with the Uganda Media Women’s Association to reach a national audience through their radio program.  
**Website**: [http://www.cofcawe.or.ug/index.php](http://www.cofcawe.or.ug/index.php)  

14. **Organization**: UNFPA
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Country: Niger
Solution: Husband Schools for Maternal Health
UNFPA’s project, the Husband Schools for Maternal Health, educates married men about reproductive health in an effort to improve access to maternal and newborn health services in Niger. Endorsed by official authorities, traditional leaders, and religious leaders, the school brings together well-respected men in the community twice a month to discuss specific reproductive health issues noted within the community. Members work with a support group of women to find solutions for barriers to improving maternal health. Since the establishment of the schools there has been increased use of contraceptives, increased visits to integrated health centers, and double the number of births attended by a skilled health worker.
Website: http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/news/pid/7542

15. Organization: Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR)
Country: Burundi
Solution: Training of illiterate and semiliterate women ex-combatants in Burundi
The Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR), operated by James Madison University, envisions a world in which people can build peaceful and prosperous futures free from the repercussions of conflict and disaster. In 2011, CISR trained 25 female veterans of Burundi’s civil war, many of whom were illiterate or only semi-literate, to become peer-support workers. The workshop focused on important peer counseling skills, such as how active listening, empathy, and understanding can facilitate the recovery processes resulting from traumatic events. At the end of the workshop, each woman had gained a range of peer support skills to take back to her community.
Website: http://cisr.jmu.edu

16. Organization: UNFPA Pakistan, Youth Action for Change (YAC) and Youth Dividend
Country: 99 Countries
Solution: Youth & the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) E-Course
Youth Dividend is committed to empowering and enabling youth and adolescents to influence international and national policy frameworks and be positive agents of change. "Youth and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)" is an online course designed for young people aged 18-30 who are actively involved in making a difference in their communities. The course educates youth on MDGs and empowers them with the knowledge to design and start small community projects designed around the MDG outcomes. Now in its fifth phase, the course has reached more than 120 participants from over 70 countries around the globe.
Website: http://www.youthdividend.org/youth-and-mdg.php

17. Organization: Thunderbird School of Global Management
Country: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jordan, Peru, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Palau, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan
Solution: Thunderbird for Good - Management Education Programs for Women in Developing Countries
Thunderbird for Good provides management education programs to women in developing countries to help them start their own companies. The courses teach aspiring entrepreneurs how to write business plans, manage cash flows, and market their enterprises. Graduates of Thunderbird for Good programs create jobs, share knowledge, and improve living conditions in
their communities. As of February 2012, over 46,000 women had participated in Thunderbird for Good programs.

**Website:** [www.thunderbird.edu/t4g](http://www.thunderbird.edu/t4g)

**18. Organization:** The Digital STEM

**Country:** U.S.

**Solution:** Teaching Middle School Girls from Underprivileged Backgrounds Mathematical Reasoning, Computational Science, & Computer Engineering.

The Digital STEM teaches middle school girls from underprivileged backgrounds about mathematical reasoning, computational science, and how to refurbish used computers. Each girl receives the computer that she refurbishes and is encouraged to engage her household and community in additional educational opportunities. Through this effort, the initiative aims to inspire girls to succeed in a normally male-dominated subject area.

**Website:** [www.thedigitalstem.org/](http://www.thedigitalstem.org/)

**19. Organization:** HERproject

**Country:** Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Pakistan, Vietnam

**Solution:** Delivering Reproductive Health Education to Female Factory Workers

HERproject (Health Enables Returns) is a program that works with global brand-name companies, suppliers, locally-based nonprofits, and health service providers to deliver general and reproductive health education programs to female factory workers. The initiative brings peer education-based programs to the factory floor, helping to connect women with the information and services they need to stay healthy. The program has impacted more than 120,000 women in over 90 factories around the world since its launch in 2007.

**Website:** [www.herproject.org](http://www.herproject.org)

**20. Organization:** Fundazucar

**Country:** Guatemala

**Solution:** Mejores Familias

Fundazucar develops, executes and promotes human development programs in Guatemala. Fundazucar’s education program, Mejores Familias (MF), organizes women into groups that meet over a three-year period to address issues relating to health and nutrition, responsible parenthood, self-esteem, and reproductive health. The programs include monthly growth monitoring of children under five. Additionally, the program promotes community engagement by building women’s capacity to attain their needs, exercise their rights, and transfer benefits to their families and communities.

**Website:** [http://www.fundazucar.org/educacion.html](http://www.fundazucar.org/educacion.html)

**21. Organization:** Midwives for Haiti

**Country:** Haiti

**Solution:** Reducing maternal mortality in Haiti by training skilled birth attendants

Midwives for Haiti is helping reduce Haiti’s devastating maternal mortality rate by training Haitian women as skilled birth attendants to save the lives of mothers and babies. The students are taught by volunteer midwives from North America and Europe who donate time in Haiti and fundraise back home to support the program. Graduates of the program help to bridge the gap between traditional birth attendants and nurse-midwives trained in the medical model so that more women in Haiti have access to skilled care.

**Website:** [www.midwivesforhaiti.org](http://www.midwivesforhaiti.org)
22. **Organization:** Population Council  
**Country:** Egypt  
**Solution:** Ishraq - Combating Conservative Gender Roles in Rural Upper Egypt  
The Population Council conducts research to shape more effective policies, programs, and technologies that improve lives around the world. The Ishraq program aims to combat conservative gender roles in rural upper Egypt by providing adolescent girls with safe meeting spaces and training that will improve their educational, health, and social opportunities. Local female high school graduates lead classes and serve as the critical link between the girls, their families, and the surrounding community. In addition, adolescent boys from the same villages attend workshops on adolescent health and gender norms to learn about the challenges that girls face in their communities. Ishraq involves diverse members of rural communities in the process of empowering women.  
**Website:** [http://www.popcouncil.org/projects/40_IshraqSafeSpacesGirls.asp](http://www.popcouncil.org/projects/40_IshraqSafeSpacesGirls.asp)

23. **Organization:** USAID, Yemeni Women’s Union  
**Country:** Yemen  
**Solution:** Safe Age for Marriage Program  
The Safe Age of Marriage program has educated more than 40 community educators and leaders to help alter social norms about child marriage. Educators lead health programs, movie screenings, plays, and lectures discussing the causes of child marriages in Yemen and promote the concept of “model families,” which delay child marriages and educate girls through the 12th grade. The program delayed 53 girl-child and 26 boy-child marriages in its first year.  
**Website:** [http://www.esdproj.org/site/PageNavigator/Yemen_Safe_Age_Marriage](http://www.esdproj.org/site/PageNavigator/Yemen_Safe_Age_Marriage)

24. **Organization:** The Oruj Learning Center  
**Country:** Afghanistan  
**Solution:** Providing Girls and Women With Equal Access to Education in Afghanistan  
The Oruj Learning Center is a grassroots organization dedicated to providing girls and women with equal access to all levels of education throughout Afghanistan. Starting with one class of 36 women in one village, the organization now runs six schools and has educated or trained more than 3,800 girls. It also established Afghanistan’s first women’s community college and will inaugurate the nation’s first four-year university for women of Afghanistan in May 2012. Through this program, the Center aims to change perceptions of women’s education, reduce gender-based violence, and decrease the prevalence of child marriages.  
**Website:** [http://www.oruj-afg.org/](http://www.oruj-afg.org/)

25. **Organization:** Found in Translation  
**Country:** U.S.  
**Solution:** A Free Course Which Trains Bilingual Women in Job Readiness Skills & Financial Literacy  
Found in Translation is a free course which trains bilingual women, or women with limited English proficiency, in job readiness skills and financial literacy. The program aims to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness for bilingual women by giving them an opportunity to achieve economic security through the use of their language skills. A pilot version of the program is currently in session in Boston, Massachusetts where 20 women are receiving training as medical interpreters.  
**Website:** [www.found-in-translation.org](http://www.found-in-translation.org)
HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

1. **Organization:** Women’s Refugee Commission (WRC)  
   **Countries:** Global, South Sudan, Uganda, Haiti  
   **Solution:** Reducing Maternal Mortality through Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Planning  
   The Women’s Refugee Commission (WRC) developed an advocacy plan to ensure that countries incorporate maternal and reproductive health services into their disaster and humanitarian crisis response policies and plans. Through the WE CARE advocacy and training, WRC works to ensure that the needs of women and girls are not forgotten during times of crisis.  
   **Website:** [http://womensrefugeecommission.org/](http://womensrefugeecommission.org/)

2. **Organization:** Ipas  
   **Countries:** Nepal, Ethiopia  
   **Solution:** A Systematic Approach to Expanding Access to Safe Medical Abortion for Women in Their Communities  
   Ipas’ initiatives in Nepal and Ethiopia are making safe medical abortion a reality for women. Programs in these countries facilitate the registration of misoprostol and mifepristone, train healthcare providers, and provide education on safe abortion and post-abortion care, each a crucial element to the success of a maternal mortality reduction program. Ipas aims to change the landscape of women’s health and reduce maternal deaths by harnessing these interventions together.  
   **Website:** N/A

3. **Organization:** Sister Somalia  
   **Country:** Somalia  
   **Solution:** Rape Crisis Center  
   Sister Somalia, the first rape crisis center in Mogadishu, supports sexual violence survivors by providing them with counseling, medical services, relocation services, education, and business starter kits. Through this work, the program aims to ensure that women’s health and safety remains a priority. By serving as a voice for Somali women, the organization hopes to open a global conversation about women’s health and security in Somalia.  
   **Website:** [http://www.sistersomalia.org/](http://www.sistersomalia.org/)

4. **Organization:** Heineken Africa Foundation, Nigerian Breweries  
   **Country:** Nigeria  
   **Solution:** Vesico-Vaginal Fistula Project and clinic  
   The Vesico-Vaginal Fistula Project addresses the medical aspects of vesicovaginal fistula (VVF) by upgrading and expanding the VVF Center at the Hajia Gambo Sawaba General Hospital in Zaria, Nigeria, the only clinic treating this form of fistula in Kaduna State. The project also targets the socio-economic aspects of VVF through prevention and education programs and through efforts to provide economic and social support to women who suffer from VVF.  

5. **Organization:** Nairobi Women’s Hospital (NWH)  
   **Country:** Kenya  
   **Solution:** Rescue for Survivors of Gender Based Violence  
   As part of its specialization in gynecology and obstetrics, the Nairobi Women’s Hospital (NWH)
established the Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC), a nonprofit trust that provides free medical and surgical treatment and psychosocial support to survivors of gender-based violence. In addition to hospital-based activities, NWH also trains health service providers and police on the handling of victims of sexual assault and rape.

Website: [http://www.nwch.co.ke](http://www.nwch.co.ke)

6. **Organization**: Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria, Cell-Life  
**Country**: Nigeria  
**Solution**: mHealth for Community in Action  
The Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN) and Cell-Life are working to implement several programs that use mobile technology to improve HIV/AIDS services in local communities. Specific programs include: iDART, a software that supports the dispensing of ARVs in the public health sector; “Cellphones 4 HIV” (C4H), a program that links patients to clinics, enables peer-to-peer support, and enables mass messaging for HIV prevention, medication adherence, and information for “positive living”; and EMIT, a program to capture information on prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) patients for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

Website: [http://www.cell-life.org/component/content/article/129-cell-life-in-nigeria](http://www.cell-life.org/component/content/article/129-cell-life-in-nigeria)

7. **Organization**: Traffina Foundation  
**Country**: Nigeria  
**Solution**: “Let’s Save Our Mothers” Mobile Ante-Natal Services  
The Traffina Foundation’s “Let’s Save Our Mothers” program uses mobile antenatal services to provide appropriate health information on maternal mortality and safe motherhood and to educate communities about harmful cultural practices that can lead to maternal death. Through these services, the Traffina Foundation aims to promote the rights of women, strengthen the capacity of healthcare workers, and improve maternal and reproductive health across Nigeria.

Website: [www.traffinafoundation.org](http://www.traffinafoundation.org)

8. **Organization**: Health Poverty Action  
**Country**: Sierra Leone  
**Solution**: Mobilizing Traditional Birth Attendants and Local Communities to Reduce Maternal Deaths  
Health Poverty Action trains traditional birth attendants as “maternal health promoters” to work alongside often over-burdened local nurses. These attendants work with new and expecting mothers to ensure that they recognize the importance of attending antenatal and postnatal clinics, sleeping under mosquito nets, and breastfeeding their babies after giving birth. The program also provides ‘birth waiting rooms’ at no charge for mothers traveling from distant locations. The program will have soon trained dozens of maternal health promoters to provide safe motherhood education in more than 20 birth waiting rooms.


9. **Organization**: ChildFund International  
**Country**: Senegal  
**Solution**: Bringing Aid to the Nation’s Most Vulnerable  
ChildFund International’s Senegal Community Health Project provides community-based health outreach to both rural and urban areas across the country. The effort focuses on four main areas: maternal healthcare, child healthcare, tropical disease management, and female genital
mutilation/cutting. Services include neonatal and prenatal care, disease management strategies, and targeted pilot programs for community-based distribution of specific interventions, such as misoprostol and Uniject—a safe, non-reusable injection tool that eliminates the reuse of syringes.

Website: [www.childfund.org](http://www.childfund.org)

10. **Organization**: AYZH Inc.
   **Country**: India
   **Solution**: Janma Birth Kit
   AYZH’s US $2 Janma Birth Kit contains the tools a woman needs to have a sanitary birth in even the most remote communities. AYZH aims to prevent potentially dangerous births by supplementing birth kit sales with education and partnering with local organizations to build awareness and capacity. Additionally, AYZH sets up supply chains for local manufacturing to keep costs low and boost economic opportunity. The kits are assembled by women’s self-help groups and distributed through the existing infrastructure of retailers and nongovernmental organizations.
   Website: [http://www.ayzh.com/](http://www.ayzh.com/)

11. **Organization**: LifeOptions, Women’s Health Cambodia
    **Country**: Cambodia
    **Solution**: Chong Nai Hy Midwifery Program
    The Chong Nai Hy Midwifery Program provides midwives with face-to-face education, support, and equipment and provides postnatal visits for women who give birth in supported health centers. To support these efforts, the program provided each health center with a tuk tuk ambulance, allowing facilities to provide assistance more rapidly.

12. **Organization**: John Snow International Research and Training Institute, Inc.
    **Country**: Georgia
    **Solution**: SUSTAIN Project
    John Snow International’s SUSTAIN Project aims to help achieve country-wide access to and utilization of modern, evidence-based and family-friendly maternal health and family planning services in Georgia. The program intends to expand private-sector partnerships that encourage sustainable, affordable financing mechanisms, institutionalize evidence-based reproductive healthcare, reform pre-service training, and create educated reproductive health consumers. This vision focuses on groups often overlooked by other initiatives, including young people just entering their reproductive years, young couples growing their families, ethnic minorities, and marginalized members of Georgian society.

13. **Organization**: EngenderHealth
    **Countries**: Global
    **Solution**: Post-abortion Care
    For nearly two decades, EngenderHealth has partnered with developing country Ministries of Health to strengthen and modernize health systems to provide effective post-abortion care. Programs train all levels of clinicians—from community-based health workers to physicians—to use low-tech, lifesaving tools (such as manual vacuum aspirators and misoprostol) to help
women in moments of medical crisis. Healthcare providers are trained to provide counseling for family planning and referrals for other reproductive health services to improve women’s health over the long term.  

14. **Organization:** Fistula Care Project  
**Countries:** 16 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia  
**Solution:** Making Strides Towards a Fistula-Free World  
The Fistula Care Project increases access to life-altering fistula repair and removes barriers to emergency obstetric care. The project works with communities to generate awareness about fistula; strengthen access to family planning and quality obstetric care to prevent fistula; improve local surgical facilities; and train surgical teams on fistula repair, care and management. The project works with professional associations and national authorities to establish and monitor quality services, standardize care, and incorporate fistula prevention and treatment into other maternal health programs.  
**Website:** [www.fistulacare.org](http://www.fistulacare.org)

15. **Organization:** Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP)  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** Respecting Women: A Model Maternities Initiative  
The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) works to ensure that pregnant women receive care that is respectful of their human dignity. MCHIP has encouraged governments to adopt a “model maternities initiative” to ensure women’s rights and “humanistic care” in maternal and newborn health during this critical time in a woman’s life.  
**Website:** [www.mchip.net](http://www.mchip.net)

16. **Organization:** The Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases, an initiative of the Sabin Vaccine Institute  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** Seeing the End of Diseases of Poverty  
Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) adversely impact many socio-economic issues, such as programs to improve education, girls’ empowerment, and economic development. The Global Network aims to combat the seven most common NTDs by raising awareness, garnering funding and collaborating with partners worldwide. The Global Network fights for an end to NTDs through cost-effective and efficient public health programs.  
**Website:** [www.globalnetwork.org](http://www.globalnetwork.org)

17. **Organization:** WE CARE Solar  
**Countries:** Nigeria, Liberia, Haiti, India  
**Solution:** Portable, Cost-effective Solar Suitcases for Low-resource Areas without Reliable Electricity  
WE CARE Solar designs portable, cost-effective solar suitcases for low-resource areas without reliable electricity. WE CARE Solar promotes safe motherhood and reduces maternal mortality in developing regions by providing health workers with reliable lighting, mobile communication, and blood bank refrigeration using solar electricity.  
**Website:** [http://wecaresolar.org](http://wecaresolar.org)
18. **Organization**: Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA)  
**Countries**: Ecuador, Peru, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria  
**Solution**: Youth Peer Providers  
The Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) Youth Peer Provider (YPP) program provides young people with the means to realize their basic human rights to information and health, and to decide if, when, and how many children to have. YPPs are trained in contraceptive counseling and provide friends, classmates, and acquaintances with consistent access to contraceptive pills, condoms, emergency contraception, and, in some countries, injectables. YPPs provide a full range of options, in discrete settings, to allow young people to choose the method that will work best for them. The YPP approach increases knowledge and uptake of contraceptives among young people in every community in which it operates.  
**Website**: [http://www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/international-program-18972.htm](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/international-program-18972.htm)

19. **Organization**: UN Foundation  
**Countries**: Bangladesh, India, South Africa  
**Solution**: Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA)  
The Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA) uses mobile phones to deliver health information to new and expectant mothers in Bangladesh, India, and South Africa. Through free, adaptable mobile health messages, MAMA provides vital information to new and expectant mothers who have little or no access to healthcare or health information. MAMA works in partnership with local governments, mobile operators, and nongovernmental organizations to ensure that its efforts can be expanded or replicated to reach as many mothers possible.  
**Website**: [http://www.mobilemamaalliance.org/](http://www.mobilemamaalliance.org/)

20. **Organization**: Centro de Investigación, Educación y Servicios (CIES)  
**Country**: Bolivia  
**Solution**: Centro de Investigacion, Educacion y Servicios (CIES) Introduces the HPV Vaccine in Bolivia  
In response to high rates of cervical cancer in Bolivia, Centro de Investigación, Educación y Servicios (CIES) worked to bring HPV vaccines to girls in extremely impoverished areas with high cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates and limited access to health services. In partnership with the Bolivian government, CIES offered the HPV vaccine in schools, health centers, and mobile clinics to ensure widespread access to this lifesaving prevention measure. Through the program, CIES increased the number of girls reached and raised public awareness about HPV.  

**Country**: Yemen  
**Solution**: Basic Health Services Program (BHS)  
The Basic Health Services (BHS) Program worked with Yemen’s government to improve maternal and child health in five northern and eastern provinces. BHS worked closely with Yemen’s Ministry of Health and Population to increase access to quality healthcare services and to promote knowledge and awareness of maternal, child, and reproductive health issues among communities. BHS also renovated health facilities, trained staff, established mobile healthcare teams, and trained community midwives. BHS reached some of Yemen’s most isolated and
underserved areas, where rates of maternal and infant mortality are among the highest in the Arab world.

**Website:** [http://www.esdproj.org/site/PageNavigator/Yemen_About_BHS](http://www.esdproj.org/site/PageNavigator/Yemen_About_BHS)

### 22. Organization: Women on Waves  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** Access to Abortion Pill  
Women on Waves is a nonprofit organization that sails women who live in countries where abortion is illegal to international waters where they can receive reproductive health services. By bringing women out to sea, Women on Waves provides early medical abortions safely, professionally, and legally. The service opens a public platform to discuss the risks of unsafe abortion and women’s right to control their bodies and their lives.

**Website:** [www.womenonwaves.org](http://www.womenonwaves.org)

### 23. Organization: International Planned Parenthood Federation, Rahnuma Family Planning Association of Pakistan  
**Country:** Pakistan  
**Solution:** Women as Compensation - Reaching the Survivors of Coerced Marriages and Violence in Pakistan

The Rahnuma Family Planning Association of Pakistan (Rahnuma-FPAP), with support from the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) Innovation Fund, challenges the acceptance of gender-based violence and *swara* (“trading” young girls as compensation for a crime committed by a family member) in the North-West Frontier Province (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) of Pakistan. Rahnuma-Family Planning Association of Pakistan (FPAP) provides specialized sexual and reproductive health services for survivors of *swara*, early marriage, and gender-based violence. Rahnuma-FPAP leads gender equality and sexual health education programs and work closely with local leaders to help overcome these practices.

**Website:** [http://www.fpapak.org/](http://www.fpapak.org/)

**Country:** Afghanistan  
**Solution:** Rewarding the Heroic Work of Midwives in Afghanistan  
The Afghan Midwives Association, the Ministry of Public Health, and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) recently created the “Delivering Health, Saving Lives” award to celebrate talented midwives. Winners must show personal integrity and act as positive role models in their communities. These partners collaborate on a Community Midwives Education Program, which provides midwife training services to rural women across Afghanistan. In return, each trainee commits to opening a “family health house” in her community where she can provide round-the-clock services to neighbors.


### 25. Organization: John Hopkins Center for Communication Programs  
**Countries:** Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana  
**Solution:** Go Girls Initiative (GGI)  
The Go Girls! Initiative (GGI), funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), was a three-year initiative aimed at reducing adolescent girls’ vulnerability to HIV/AIDS in Botswana, Malawi, and
Mozambique. GGI addressed barriers to accessing education, fostered life skills, strengthened parents’ and other adults’ ability to communicate with and support girls, and promoted community dialogue and action. The program used tailored approaches and materials to meet the specific needs of adolescent girls in each of the three countries. GGI was a unique initiative designed to strengthen gender programming worldwide by developing, implementing, and field testing a new integrated program to reduce adolescent girls’ vulnerability to HIV.

Website: [http://www.jhuccp.org/node/914](http://www.jhuccp.org/node/914); [http://www.projectsearchiqc.com/task_orders/go_girls/](http://www.projectsearchiqc.com/task_orders/go_girls/)

**LEADERSHIP AND EMPOWERMENT**

1. **Organization**: Women for Afghan Women (WAW)
   **Country**: Afghanistan
   **Solution**: Women's Rights are Human Rights
   Under the leadership of Afghan-born Manizha Naderi, Women for Afghan Women (WAW) employs local Afghans who are determined to battle the social inequalities Afghan women face. WAW provides health services, counseling, and empowerment programs to address issues such as domestic violence, sexual abuse, child and forced marriage, and denial of education for girls. WAW has served communities through the simple belief that “women’s rights are human rights.”
   **Website**: [www.womenforafghanwomen.org](http://www.womenforafghanwomen.org)

2. **Organization**: Population Council, EngenderHealth
   **Country**: Guatemala
   **Solution**: Abriendo Oportunidades (Creating Opportunities)
   Abriendo Oportunidades targets young Mayan girls in Guatemala, aged 8-18, with messages and programs designed to stop early marriage and pregnancies. The organization establishes community clubs that provide girls with personal and professional development skills, mentorship, leadership opportunities, and information about reproductive health.
   **Website**: [www.popcouncil.org/projects/244_CreateOpportunitiesMayan.asp](http://www.popcouncil.org/projects/244_CreateOpportunitiesMayan.asp)

3. **Organization**: UN
   **Country**: Global
   **Solution**: UN Women
   In June 2010, the United Nations established UN Women to focus specifically on gender equality and serve as a voice for women and girls on a global scale. The organization supports the development and implementation of policies and global standards within individual Member States to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment. UN Women also holds the overall UN system accountable for its commitments towards gender equality.
   **Website**: [www.unwomen.org/](http://www.unwomen.org/)

4. **Organization**: International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Family Health Options Kenya
   **Country**: Kenya
   **Solution**: Adolescents Count Today
   Adolescents Count Today seeks to improve the quality of life and meet the sexual and reproductive health needs of adolescents (aged 10 -18) living with or affected by HIV/AIDS in
Kenya. The program’s innovative approach focuses on a young population that has previously been ignored, and it aims to combine microfinance programs, gender-based violence services, and legal services with access to sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS services. The use of microcredit and income-generating activities aims to help adolescents, an age group that is not legally recognized, from continuing the cycle of poverty.

Website: [www.ippfar.org](http://www.ippfar.org)

5. **Organization**: Backpack Farm  
   **Countries**: Kenya, South Sudan  
   **Solution**: Africans Feeding Africa  
Backpack Farm uses a social-enterprise model to provide women with green agriculture technology, training, and financial assistance in Kenya and South Sudan, where women make up the majority of small-scale farmers. This initiative aims to increase the quality and quantity of the produce the women are harvesting, allowing them to earn more money to invest in education, health and community needs.  

Website: [www.backpackfarm.com](http://www.backpackfarm.com)

6. **Organization**: Population Council, Ethiopian Ministry of Youth and Sport  
   **Country**: Ethiopia  
   **Solution**: Biruh Tesfa (Bright Future) Program  
Biruh Tesfa (Bright Future) aims to protect the rights and improve the health of out-of-school adolescent girls in urban slums in 17 cities across Ethiopia. Through this program, trained female mentors go door-to-door to identify girls, aged 7-24, who would want to join girls’ clubs. Mentors provide them with training and information on basic literacy, life skills, financial literacy and savings, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention.  

Website: [www.popcouncil.org/projects/41_BiruhTesfaSafeSpaces.asp](http://www.popcouncil.org/projects/41_BiruhTesfaSafeSpaces.asp)

7. **Organization**: Global Grassroots  
   **Country**: Rwanda, Uganda  
   **Solution**: Academy for Conscious Change  
Global Grassroots Academy for Conscious Change helps female victims of violence and rape in Rwanda and Uganda become leaders and innovators in their communities. The Academy is an 18-month program that supports social change ventures designed by women for women in post-conflict countries. The program has had successful outcomes in Rwanda, where members of the Academy have started their own sustainable nonprofit organizations that serve vulnerable women and girls in their communities.  

Website: [www.globalgrassroots.org](http://www.globalgrassroots.org)

8. **Organization**: International Center for Research on Women, TAMASHA  
   **Country**: Tanzania  
   **Solution**: Vitu Newala: Participatory Research and Action to Empower and Protect Tanzanian Girls  
Vitu Newala, which translates to “Newala Youth Can,” empowers girls and young women in Tanzania to break the silence that has perpetuated their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS. The project engages girls and young women in research projects and encourages them to educate their peers and promote community discussions on reducing their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS. By giving young girls a voice, this project is identifying risks and solutions that may not be apparent otherwise.
9. **Organization**: International Relief and Development (IRD)  
   **Country**: Mozambique  
   **Solution**: Women First  
The Women First initiative works to improve women’s health and employment opportunities in Mozambique. Using a door-to-door sales model, women can sell household products in rural communities that have limited or no access to a marketplace. To participate in the program, the women must attend a 45-minute health education session on topics such as basic health and hygiene, HIV/AIDS prevention, and reproductive health issues. Women First is changing the lives of its members by giving them the opportunity to earn an income and make healthier life choices.  

10. **Organization**: The South Kivu Women's Media Association (AFEM-SK)  
    **Country**: Democratic Republic of Congo  
    **Solution**: The South Kivu Women's Media Association (AFEM-SK)  

    Created in 2003, the South Kivu Women's Media Association (AFEM-SK) is a nonprofit organization that works for the advancement of women in professional journalism by equipping them with the skills to produce their own weekly radio broadcasts. AFEM-SK launches awareness campaigns aimed at rural women to promote issues such as good governance and gender equality.  
    **Website**: [www.englishafemsk.blogspot.com](http://www.englishafemsk.blogspot.com)

11. **Organization**: World Association for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)  
    **Country**: Global  
    **Solution**: Helping Young Women Develop Their Full Potential As Responsible Citizens of the World  

    The World Association for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) helps young women develop their full potential as responsible citizens of the world. The 10 million girls and young women from 145 countries involved in the program are provided with life skills through self-development and challenge. The World Centers based in the five WAGGGS regions help these girls and young women develop leadership skills through international programs and friendships.  

12. **Organization**: EQUAL GROUND  
    **Country**: Sri Lanka  
    **Solution**: EQUAL GROUND  

    EQUAL GROUND is advancing the social and political rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and questioning (LGBTIQ) individuals through capacity building and leadership training. EQUAL GROUND has conducted research on violence facing LGBTIQ women in rural Sri Lanka and trains grassroots activists on ongoing data collection techniques. The organization also coordinates a “women-only counseling hotline” to meet the psychosocial needs of LGBTIQ women in Sri Lanka. EQUAL GROUND aims to create a world where LGBTIQ women can live without discrimination.  
    **Website**: [http://www.equal-ground.org](http://www.equal-ground.org)
13. **Organization:** Women LEAD  
**Country:** Nepal  
**Solution:** Women LEAD  
Women LEAD places young women in leadership positions alongside men in Nepal. Women LEAD develops young women’s leadership capacity through internships and social entrepreneurship opportunities. Women LEAD believes that education must be paired with economic and political empowerment to be fully effective. The program targets young girls early on by providing them with leadership training, skills-building, mentoring, and a peer-support network.  
**Website:** [http://www.women-lead.org](http://www.women-lead.org)

14. **Organization:** One Heart World-Wide  
**Countries:** Nepal, Mexico  
**Solution:** Foot Soldiers of Change  
Through the Foot Soldiers of Change program, One Heart World-Wide trains men and women to help local pregnant women access a trained birth attendant and receive care during obstetric emergencies. Because they understand local beliefs about childbirth, these foot soldiers are well-equipped to address each woman’s challenges and to prevent the deaths of mothers and their infants in remote rural areas of the world. In the past year, the organization reached 200 Female Community Health Volunteers in Nepal who then reached out to over 2,000 pregnant women.  
**Website:** [www.oneheartworld-wide.org](http://www.oneheartworld-wide.org)

15. **Organization:** Vital Voices  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** Global Women’s Political Leadership and Good Governance Program  
The Global Women’s Political Leadership and Good Governance Program at Vital Voices works to strengthen female government officials’ ability to govern effectively. The program is developing a network of female government officials to serve as mentors and share best practices for “effective governance.” The goal is to build women’s capacity to shape public policy in their home countries. The program will be officially launched in September 2012.  
**Website:** [www.vitalvoices.org](http://www.vitalvoices.org)

16. **Organization:** Nike Foundation, American Jewish World Service, EMpower Foundation, Firelight Foundation, Global Fund for Children, Global Fund for Women, Mama Cash  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** Grassroots Girls Initiative (GGI)  
The Grassroots Girls Initiative (GGI) provides long-term support to grassroots organizations that empower adolescent girls to define and develop programs and advocacy campaigns to meet the most critical needs of girls, as defined by girls. GGI is creating a network of adolescent girls, grassroots organizations, and women’s rights advocates who can share practical, innovative local solutions on a global scale.  

17. **Organization:** Ashoka, EngenderHealth Maternal Health Task Force  
**Countries:** Brazil, Nigeria, Iran, Pakistan, South Africa, Argentina, Ethiopia, Kenya, Oman, India, U.S., Canada
Solution: The Young Champions of Maternal Health Program
The Young Champions of Maternal Health Program is a fellowship program that supports a new generation of passionate and committed women’s health advocates and innovators. The goal is to create a network of young people who will work to end the cycle of maternal disability and death worldwide. In 2010, 15 “Young Champions” were selected to spend nine months working abroad with maternal health Ashoka Fellows. At the end of their work study, each Young Champion designed a concrete, innovative solution addressing a maternal health challenge to implement in their home country.
Website: www.ashoka.org/youngchampionsannouncement

18. Organization: Women for Women International
Countries: Afghanistan, Iraq, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria
Solution: Men’s Leadership Program
The Men’s Leadership Program (MLP) brings together a group of male leaders from critical sectors of society to educate them about crucial women’s rights issues. The men are taught to be advocates for reproductive and family health and to address issues such as domestic violence in their communities. They are also encouraged to leverage their community influence on behalf of women.
Website: www.womenforwomen.org

19. Organization: MADRE
Country: Global
Solution: Women-Centered Disaster Relief
MADRE’s Women-Centered Disaster Relief initiative provides women with the resources to distribute aid in their communities after natural disasters. In the months after disasters, these grassroots women’s groups continue to be a lifeline, providing shelter, healthcare, food aid, and emotional support. Through this program, women are trained on how to ensure that emergency aid is reaching community members most in need.
Website: www.madre.org/index/meet-madre-1/how-we-work-4/emergency--disaster-relief-fund-67.html

Countries: Afghanistan, India, Peru
Solution: Sharing Pregnancy Histories to Empower and Train Rural Women Leaders
Sharing Pregnancy Histories asks women to share their experiences related to pregnancy and childbirth in an effort to help women in rural communities to make more informed health decisions. These experiences are used as the basis of subsequent trainings and facilitator manuals for pregnancy, birthing, breastfeeding, and other issues. By sharing stories, rural women have received education, acquired knowledge from listening to others, and become more communicative about maternal health issues.
Website: http://maternalhealthtaskforce.org/component/wpmu/tag/future-generations/

21. Organization: East West Institute (EWI)
Countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan
Solution: Strengthening Women’s Political Participation: Regional Cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan
East West Institute’s (EWI) Strengthening Women’s Political Participation project seeks to counter gender inequality in both Afghanistan and Pakistan by strengthening the role of female
Members of Parliament. Specifically, the program aims to improve female political participation and forge connections between female Members of Parliament in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In June 2011, EWI facilitated the first-ever visit of a delegation of Afghan women parliamentarians to Islamabad. There participants adopted the Islamabad Plan, which maps a path for future cooperation and joint advocacy on women’s rights.

**Website:** [www.ewi.info](http://www.ewi.info)

22. **Organization:** Dalia Association  
**Country:** Palestine  
**Solution:** Women Supporting Women (WSW): Community-Controlled Grant-making  
The Dalia Association’s Women Supporting Women (WSW) community-controlled grant-making program aims to empower women in Palestine and among the Palestinian Diaspora. WSW trains women, through actual experience, to mobilize local funding and then empower them to decide how to invest the development resources they’ve acquired back into their community. The initiative also mobilizes women and women’s networks to strengthen their assets, increase their collective impact and build their credibility as leaders in their communities.  
**Website:** [www.dalia.ps/women-supporting-women](http://www.dalia.ps/women-supporting-women)

23. **Organization:** IREX  
**Countries:** Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan  
**Solution:** Youth Theater for Peace (YTP)  
IREX’s Youth Theater for Peace (YTP) program helps youth theater groups in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan create interactive plays addressing issues such as intra-familial violence, early marriage, bride kidnapping, and lack of access to education for girls. The plays are performed in rural areas or small towns and feature men and women from local communities. These performances spark discussion about gender issues and prompt actors and audience members to analyze their own roles in perpetuating violence and limiting women’s opportunities. Teachers, school directors, and local officials working with the program report that these dialogues have encouraged girls to stay in school.  
**Website:** [www.irex.org/project/youth-theater-peace](http://www.irex.org/project/youth-theater-peace)

24. **Organization:** V-DAY, UNICEF, Panzi Foundation  
**Country:** Democratic Republic of Congo  
**Solution:** City of Joy  
The City of Joy offers survivors of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo a place to heal and provides them with opportunities to develop leadership skills through innovative programming. Conceived, created, and developed by women on the ground, the City of Joy provides up to 180 women a year, aged 14-35, with psychotherapy and an extensive training program comprised of literacy, economics, and sexual education. The organization graduated its first class of gender-based violence survivors this year.  
**Website:** [drc.vday.org/city-of-joy](http://drc.vday.org/city-of-joy)

25. **Organization:** Girls Education and Mentoring Services (GEMS)  
**Country:** United States  
**Solution:** Youth Leadership Program for Commercially Sexually Exploited and Domestically Trafficked Girls and Young Women  
The Youth Leadership (YL) Program empowers former commercial sex industry workers to become leaders in the fight to end commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and the domestic
trafficking of youth in the United States. Program participants build public speaking and community organizing skills through community outreach, events, and advocacy and media work. Graduates of YL serve as peer mentors and community educators, advocating for vital legislation and conducting outreach to thousands of at-risk and CSE youth in schools, group homes, and detention facilities throughout New York City.

Website: www.gems-girls.org

TECHNOLOGIES & INNOVATIONS

1. **Organization:** AkiraChix Associations  
   **Country:** Kenya  
   **Solution:** Teaching Young Women in Poor Urban Communities IT Skills  
   AkiraChix Associations inspires and develops a successful force of women in the field of technology through networking, mentoring, and training programs. The organization teaches young women in poor urban communities IT skills, making them better qualified for jobs in the field of technology. The first group of students graduated in August 2011 and more than half found full time positions.  
   Website: [http://akirachix.com/index.html](http://akirachix.com/index.html)

2. **Organization:** AFRIpads Ltd.  
   **Countries:** Uganda  
   **Solution:** Menstrual Kits  
   AFRIpads, a Ugandan social enterprise, seeks to reduce the high rates of menstrual-related absenteeism among schoolgirls in rural Africa by manufacturing low-cost, reusable sanitary pads. The AFRIpads Menstrual Kit contains washable cloth sanitary towels that provide menstrual protection for up to one year. These kits provide Ugandan school girls with an effective and affordable method of controlling their period, allowing them to stay in school. By producing the towels in-country, AFRIpads also provides employment to local women.  
   Website: [http://www.afripads.com/](http://www.afripads.com/)

3. **Organization:** Vestergaard-Frandsen  
   **Country:** Kenya  
   **Solution:** LifeStraw®, Carbon For Water™  
   Launched in 2011, the Carbon For Water™ program provided almost 900,000 households in the Western Province of Kenya with a LifeStraw® Family water filter. The filter, which delivers at least 18,000 liters of U.S. EPA-quality drinking water, will supply a family of five with safe drinking water for at least three years. While the program targets the whole community, it is expected to have the most positive impact on women and girl children, who are often responsible for providing safe drinking water for their families.  
   Website: [http://www.vestergaard-frandsen.com/carbon-for-water/](http://www.vestergaard-frandsen.com/carbon-for-water/)

4. **Organization:** ColaLife  
   **Country:** Zambia  
   **Solution:** AidPod
ColaLife is an independent non-profit organization that is working to open Coca-Cola’s distribution channels to deliver health products. At the heart of this model is the AidPod, a compact “mother’s kit” containing essential health products that fits between the necks of crated Coca-Cola bottles. By taking advantage of the extra space left in the crates, without adding significant weight to the load, Aidpods can be distributed alongside Coca-Cola products to hard-to-reach communities.

**Website:** [www.colalife.org](http://www.colalife.org)

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**5. Organization:** Family Health International, USAID  
**Countries:** Kenya and Tanzania  
**Solution:** Mobile for Reproductive Health (m4RH)  
m4RH is a mobile service which aims to provide its users with quick and easy information on accessible family planning methods through text messages. m4RH is taking advantage of the portability and privacy of SMS messaging to offer an innovative method to promote public health services, particularly in the realm of family planning. The m4RH system also gives users information on the location of clinics that provide family planning services.  
**Website:** [http://www.fhi360.org/en/Research/Projects/Progress/GTL/mobile_tech.htm](http://www.fhi360.org/en/Research/Projects/Progress/GTL/mobile_tech.htm)

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**6. Organization:** Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania  
**Country:** Tanzania  
**Solution:** M-PESA  
In 2009, Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) started using Vodaphone’s mobile banking system, M-PESA, to help fistula patients pay for transportation to hospitals. CCBRT sends money through SMS to fistula volunteer ambassadors who retrieve the money from a local Vodafone M-PESA agent and buy bus fare for the patients who need treatment. Between January and December 2010, fifty-four ambassadors referred 129 women for fistula repair via M-PESA, with almost half of the cases treated at CCBRT.  
**Website:** [http://www.endfistula.org/webdav/site/endfistula/shared/documents/invisible%20links/dispatch/may%202011%20english/UNPFA_Dispatch_MobilePhones.pdf](http://www.endfistula.org/webdav/site/endfistula/shared/documents/invisible%20links/dispatch/may%202011%20english/UNPFA_Dispatch_MobilePhones.pdf)

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**7. Organization:** American Academy of Pediatrics, WHO, USAID, Saving Newborn Lives, the National Institute of Child Health and Development, and others  
**Countries:** Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East  
**Solution:** Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) Initiative  
The Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) Initiative teaches neonatal resuscitation techniques in resource-limited areas. Based on the concept that every baby deserves newborn care, HBB trains attendants to save babies who struggle to breathe at birth. In Bangladesh, the government is leading a national scale-up plan with the goal of training all skilled birth attendants in newborn resuscitation.  
**Website:** [http://www.helpingbabiesbreathe.org/](http://www.helpingbabiesbreathe.org/)

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**8. Organization:** Women’s Networking Hub, The Young Foundation  
**Country:** UK  
**Solution:** Digital Activism Programme  
Women’s Networking Hub is working with the Young Foundation to develop campaigns and use digital tools to increase women’s voice and influence locally and nationally. Through the use of its web site, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Foursquare, emails, and SMS texts, Women’s Networking Hub looks to mobilize a critical mass of women to speak out, effect change, and
share information about campaigns. Recently, it used flip cameras to capture film footage and take photos to share with members.

Website: http://www.womensnetworkinghub.com/

9. **Organization:** Jhpiego  
**Country:** Afghanistan, Nepal, South Sudan  
**Solution:** Brining Lifesaving Care to Women Where They Live  
For some women living in remote areas of their country, delivering in a health facility with a skilled provider is not an option. In an effort to improve maternal health for these women, Jhpiego has engaged a network of community health workers to educate women and administer life-saving services. The community health workers are trained to identify pregnant women in their area, visit households to educate women and their families, and distribute misoprostol, along with counseling on its correct use, to prevent postpartum hemorrhage. The project has provided education and misoprostol to over 6,000 women in 13 provinces of Afghanistan.  

10. **Organization:** GAVI Alliance  
**Country:** Global  
**Solution:** Prioritizing HPV Vaccines  
In 2008, GAVI prioritized the introduction of HPV vaccines in low-income countries and worked with WHO pre-qualified vaccine manufacturers on strategies to reduce the price of vaccination. Three years later GAVI received the first public offer to reduce the price of HPV vaccines for low-income countries and the GAVI board took the first steps towards distributing the vaccine by opening a funding window. If negotiations to secure a sustainable price from manufacturers are successful and countries can demonstrate their ability to deliver the vaccines, up to 2 million women and girls in nine countries could be protected from cervical cancer by 2015.  
Website: www.gavialliance.org

11. **Organization:** International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM)  
**Country:** Developing countries  
**Solution:** IPM Microbicides Ring  
In partnership with the NIH-funded Microbicide Trials Network, IPM will begin a licensure program this spring to determine if an ARV-containing vaginal ring can provide women with monthly protection against HIV. Vaginal rings, a popular method for delivering contraceptives, are long-acting, discreet, and easy to use. IPM adapted this technology for the fight against HIV to address a critical gap in current prevention strategies: the lack of tools women can use to prevent HIV infection. Should it be successful, the ring would empower women with the tools they need to protect their health.  
Website: www.ipmglobal.org

12. **Organization:** Norad, mHealth Alliance, UN  
**Countries:** South Africa, Nigeria, India, Zanzibar, Ghana, Pakistan, Rwanda, DRC  
**Solution:** Catalytic Grant Mechanism for MNCH and mHealth  
The Innovation Working Group, part of the UN Secretary General’s Every Woman, Every Child initiative, created a competitive and catalytic grant mechanism with a special focus on growing programs with sustainable financing models and early indications of impact. The projects supported through this grant mechanism harness the reach and popularity of mobile phones to
help women, their families, and their health care providers in low-income settings combat inequitable access to quality health services. Funding is awarded through annual competitions managed by the mHealth Alliance and will allow winners to take mHealth pilot programs to scale.

Website: [http://www.healthunbound.org/](http://www.healthunbound.org/)

13. **Organization**: University of California, San Francisco (UCSF): Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences and the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health  
   **Country**: Global  
   **Solution**: LifeWrap Compression Device for PPH  
   The LifeWrap is a first-aid device used to stabilize women who are suffering from shock and obstetric hemorrhage, the largest cause of maternal deaths around the world. Created by the Safe Motherhood Program at UCSF, it is made from neoprene and Velcro, the same materials used in wet suits. This simple device controls bleeding until the woman can be transported to a referral hospital for emergency care and helps women survive delays in getting the treatment that they need.  
   Website: [www.lifewrap.org](http://www.lifewrap.org)

14. **Organization**: Jacaranda Health  
   **Country**: Kenya  
   **Solution**: Mobile Vans and Clinics  
   Jacaranda Health is helping low-income women in Nairobi receive the full continuum of maternal health care. Their “patient-centered approach” to maternal care relies on two tightly-integrated services. First, mobile vans are used to create a direct link with pregnant women and boost demand for services. Second, Jacaranda Clinics have been built, based on patient feedback, near slums to allow women to access respectful obstetric care, safe delivery, family planning, and postnatal care.  
   Website: [www.jacarandahealth.org](http://www.jacarandahealth.org)

15. **Organization**: PATH  
   **Countries**: Currently China and sub-Saharan Africa, eventually all  
   **Solution**: Woman’s Condom  
   The Woman’s Condom is an innovative prevention technology designed to offer protection from unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and HIV. Female condoms give women greater decision-making power and, unlike male condoms which depend entirely on a male partner’s cooperation. After years of development and clinical validation, the Woman’s Condom is beginning to reach the hands of women and has the potential to reduce rates of unintended pregnancy, STIs, and HIV by giving women an additional choice for prevention.  
   Website: [www.path.org/projects/womens_condom.php](http://www.path.org/projects/womens_condom.php)

16. **Organization**: Gloag Foundation, USAID, UNFPA, and Airtel  
   **Country**: Sierra Leone  
   **Solution**: Fistula Hotline  
   Established in October 2011, the Fistula Hotline is a public-private partnership that works to change how women are identified and referred for fistula treatment in Sierra Leone. Calling toll-free, women are able to talk to specialized nurses about their symptoms and find out if they are eligible for treatment. In the first month of the service, more than 8,000 calls were made to the
Aberdeen Women’s Centre, about 165 patients were referred, and so far, 119 patients have been repaired.

**Website:** [www.unfpa.org/public/home/news/pid/9150](http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/news/pid/9150)

17. **Organization:** Jhpiego  
   **Countries:** Implemented in 17 countries  
   **Solution:** [The Single Visit Approach (SVA) to Cervical Cancer Prevention](http://www.jhpiego.org/en/content/cervical-cancer-prevention-and-treatment)  
   The Single Visit Approach (SVA), pioneered by Jhpiego, is a unique, medically safe, acceptable, and effective approach to cervical cancer prevention in low-resource settings where Pap tests are often not an option. SVA consists of a visual inspection of the cervix minutes after applying household vinegar or dilute acetic acid to detect precancerous lesions, followed by the offer of treatment using a freezing technique (cryotherapy) in the same visit. Over 50 women can be screened using SVA for the cost of one traditional Pap smear. This single visit approach ensures women can be screened and tested, no matter where they live.

18. **Organization:** Ibis Reproductive Health  
   **Country:** Global  
   **Solution:** [Overcoming Barriers to Abortion Access through Telemedicine](http://www.ibisreproductivehealth.org)  
   Annually, unsafe abortion claims the lives of 47,000 women. In 2008, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland began offering medical abortion with mifepristone and misoprostol using telemedicine at outlying clinics without a doctor on site. Ibis Reproductive Health followed 450 women in the project to assess effectiveness and acceptability and found that the telemedicine service was successful in terminating pregnancies. They also found that telemedicine clients were more likely to say they would recommend the service to a friend compared to clients who met with the doctor in person. This important research project proved that telemedicine is opening new options for improving access to abortion for women.
   **Website:** [www.ibisreproductivehealth.org](http://www.ibisreproductivehealth.org)

19. **Organization:** Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT)  
   **Countries:** Lebanon, Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia  
   **Solution:** [ReachUp! Program](http://dotrust.org)  
   Digital Opportunity Trust’s (DOT) ReachUp!, through its peer-to-peer learning model, trains local interns to deliver entrepreneurship and ICT (information communications technology) curricula to individuals and small business owners in their own communities. The ReachUp! program provides participants with tools and capabilities to help them advance their economic status through building successful, sustainable livelihoods. Since its launch in 2002, DOT has mobilized more than 3,000 young interns who have coached more than 600,000 people in communities and schools around the world.
   **Website:** [dotrust.org](http://dotrust.org)

20. **Organization:** Solar Sister  
   **Countries:** Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan among other Sub-Saharan Africa countries  
   **Solution:** [Providing Women with the Tools to Bring Clean Energy Technology](http://solarsister.org)  
   Girls and women make up 70% of the 1.6 billion people around the world who do not have access to electricity. Solar Sister provides women with the tools to bring clean energy technology—such as solar-powered lamps and cell phone chargers—to their communities. The program provides women with a start-up kit of inventory, training, marketing support, and an
5. Avon style of direct sales networking to help them earn a living. In addition, Solar Sister women are helping their communities gain access to clean energy solutions that improve their education, health, and the environment.

Website: www.solarsister.org

21. Organization: Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition and UNFPA
   Country: Global
   Solution: AccessRH
   AccessRH is a reproductive health initiative that aims to improve access to sexual and reproductive health commodities, as well as reduce delivery times for low- and middle-income country government and NGO partners. Through its Internet portal, AccessRH shares information about contraceptive provisions and enables clients to order multiple products offered by a variety of manufacturers at affordable prices. AccessRH is ensuring Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS) by making quality, affordable sexual and reproductive health resources more accessible.
   Website: www.myaccessRH.org

22. Organization: GE
   Countries: U.S., Saudi Arabia, China
   Solution: Healthymagination
   Healthymagination is a $6 billion initiative launched by GE in 2009 to enable better health in the U.S., Saudi Arabia, and China. Half of that funding is directed towards healthcare innovations that will help deliver better care to more people at a lower cost, like the pocket-sized, GE Vscan machine that puts ultrasound technology in the palm of a doctor’s or clinician’s hand. The company has committed new funds and technology services that will make better care for girls and women possible in more places around the world.
   Website: www.healthymagination.com

23. Organization: Voxiva; Johnson & Johnson; National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition; Grey Healthcare Group; CTIA
   Country: U.S.
   Solution: Text4Baby
   Text4Baby is a free mobile health service that delivers timely updates throughout pregnancy and after birth to deliver critical information to new mothers. Each message is timed to the mother’s due date and supports moms by providing accurate information that is both personal and timely. It is the largest mobile health service in the U.S., with thousands of public and private partners supporting the campaign.
   Website: http://www.text4baby.org/

24. Organization: Sustainable Health Enterprises (SHE)
   Country: Rwanda
   Solution: Eco-friendly Sanitary Pads
   Millions of girls and women in developing countries miss up to 50 days of school/work per year because they do not have access to affordable sanitary pads when they menstruate. Sustainable Health Enterprises (SHE) is responding to the need for low-cost sanitary pads in Rwanda by implementing a sustainable business model operated and owned by women. SHE uses local raw materials, instead of imported materials, to ensure affordability and accessibility to quality sanitary pads. SHE also looks to launch local businesses by partnering with existing local
women’s networks, providing microfinance loans for women, and training local groups in business and health and hygiene.

Website: [http://www.sheinnovates.com/index.html](http://www.sheinnovates.com/index.html)

25. **Organization**: Maternova  
**Country**: Global  
**Solution**: Obstetric Kits  
The Maternova Obstetrics Kit contains a set of simple tools to facilitate delivery, including a windable mobile phone charger, a solar powered headlamp, and a measuring device to determine blood loss. It is designed to fit into a suitcase or a backpack and when opened hangs like a toiletry bag, displaying the key “Active Management of the Third Stage of Labor” steps as a reminder.

Website: [www.maternova.net/health-innovations/obstetric-kit](http://www.maternova.net/health-innovations/obstetric-kit)

Visit [www.womendeliver.org](http://www.womendeliver.org) for more information.