

GRAND CHALLENGE: PUTTING WOMEN AND GIRLS AT THE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT

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WHY PUT WOMEN AND GIRLS AT THE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT?

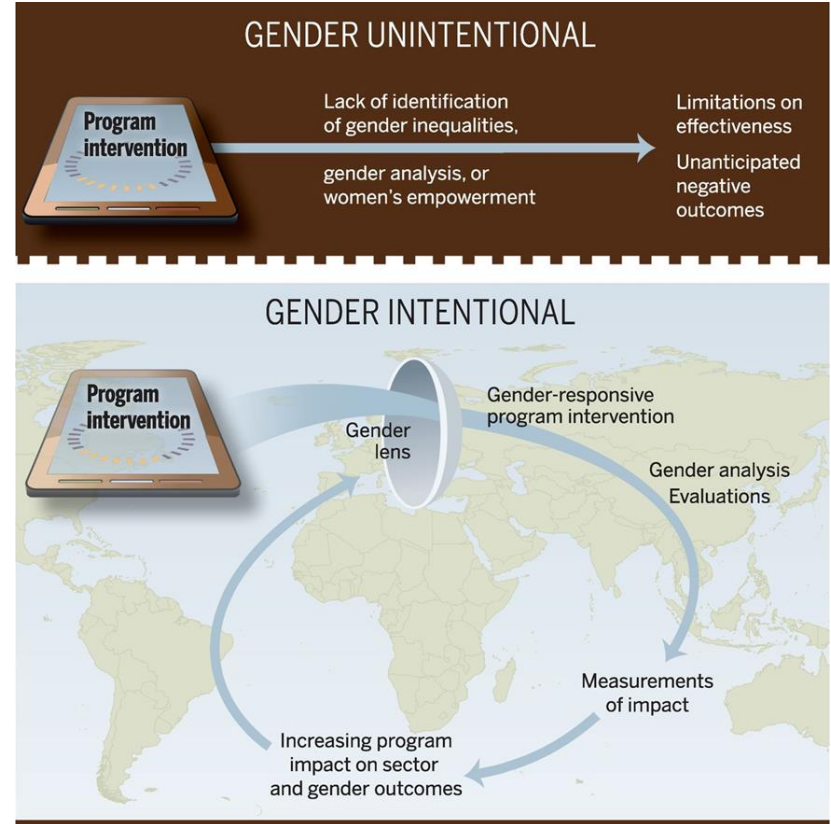
- Gender-based inequalities, exclusion and injustices persist across the world, holding back women and girls from reaching their full potential.
- Evidence shows that the marginalization of women and girls are key factors limiting advances in human health and development outcomes for all – women, men, boys and girls.
- Identification of evidence: Addressing inequalities and enhancing women and girls' empowerment and agency, and improved health and development outcomes across sectors (ranging from agriculture to family planning, maternal newborn and child health, and nutrition).

MELINDA'S COMMENTARY IN SCIENCE

“No society can achieve its potential with half of its population marginalized and disempowered.”

“At our foundation, we will not use the complexity of resolving gender inequality as an excuse for failing to think and act more intentionally about putting women and girls at the center of what we do.”

“Put simply, we cannot achieve our goals unless we systematically address gender inequalities and meet the specific needs of women and girls in the countries where we work.”



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The Goal of the Challenge:

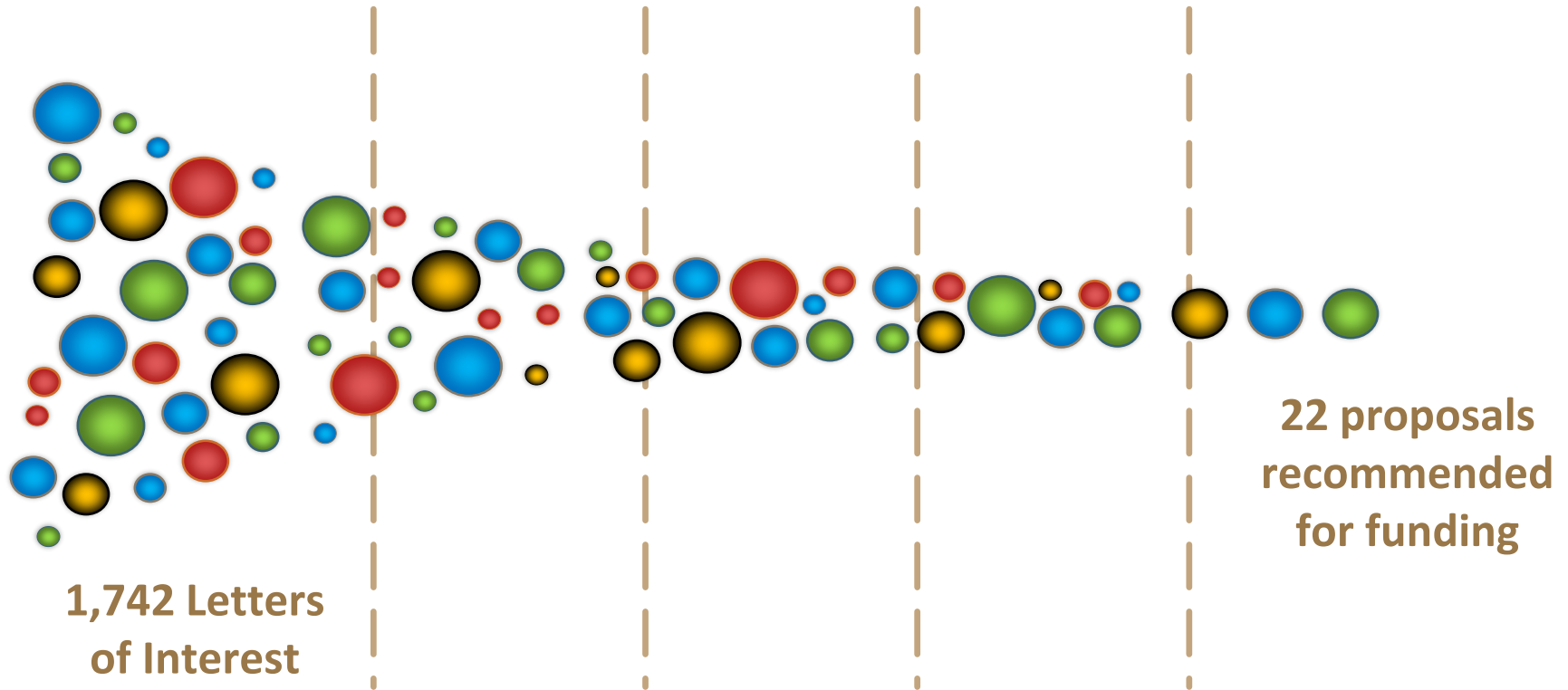
- Accelerate discovery of *how to most effectively and intentionally identify and address gender inequalities and empower women and girls*;
- In context relevant ways *scale-up approaches known to work*;
- Do more to *develop better measures of the impact* of approaches to enhance women's and girls' empowerment and agency.

This Grand Challenge served, importantly, to acknowledge that gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls are key goals in their own right and central to development progress

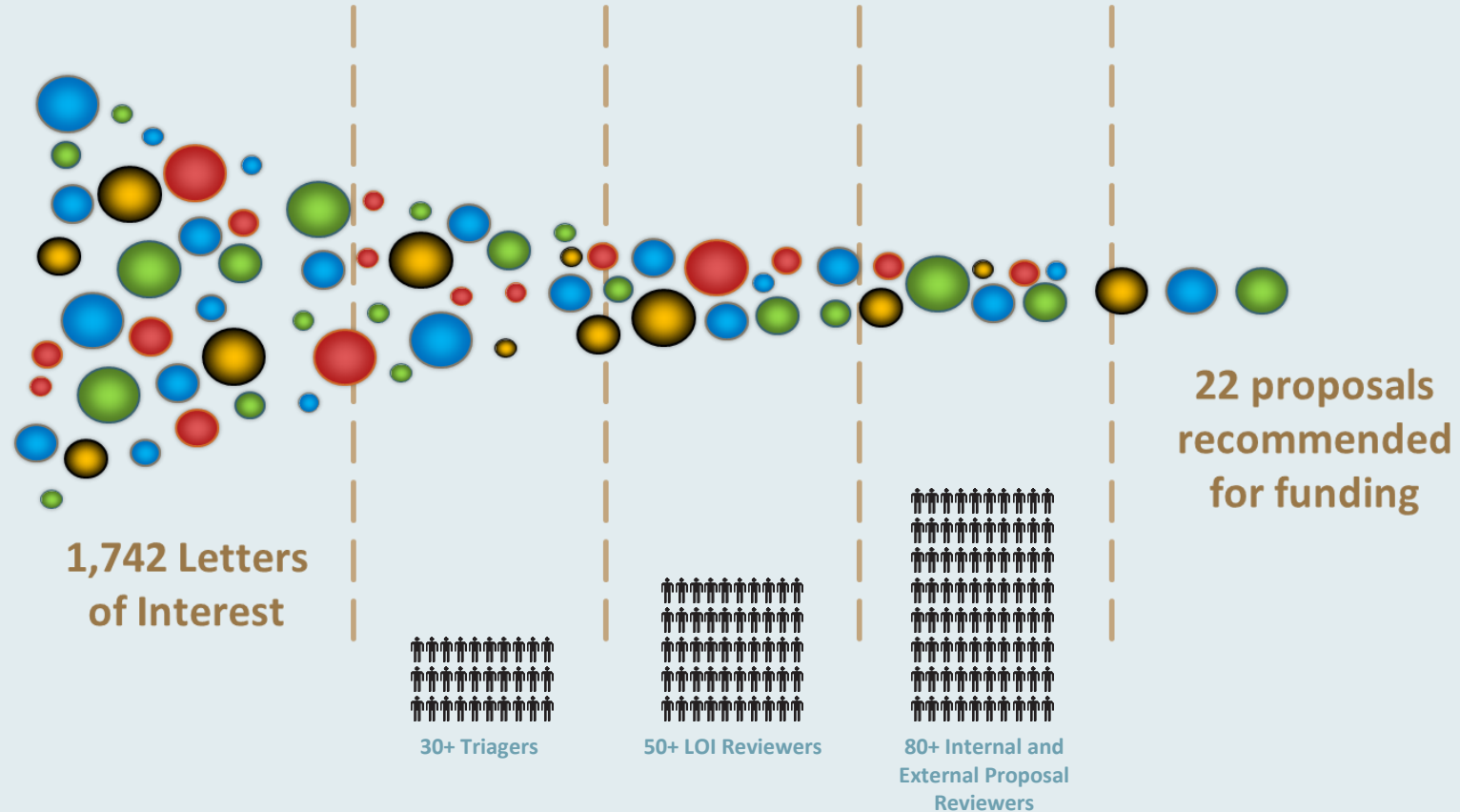
1,742 LETTERS OF INQUIRY SUBMITTED FROM 128 COUNTRIES



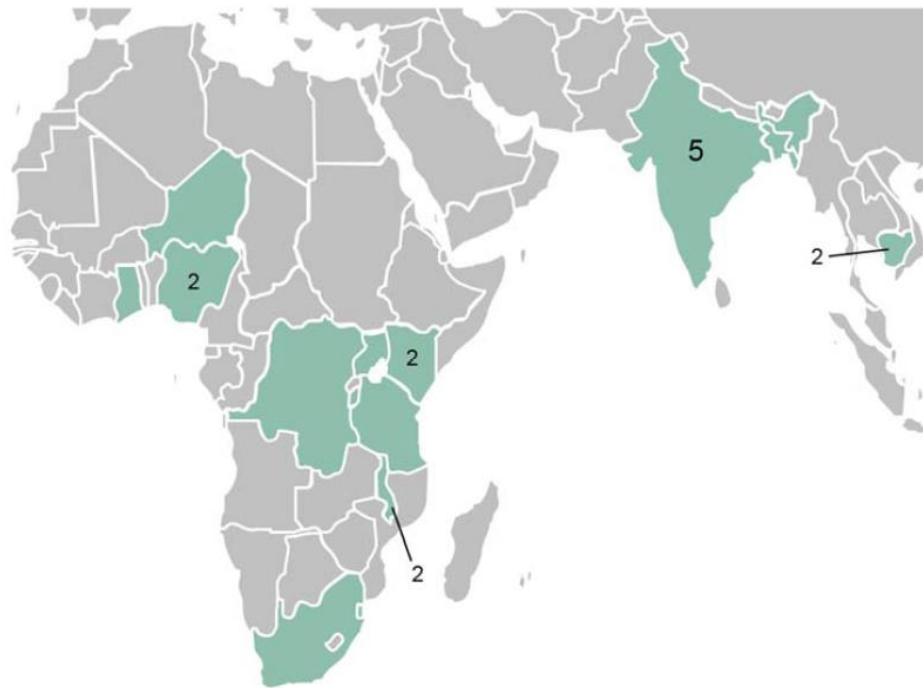
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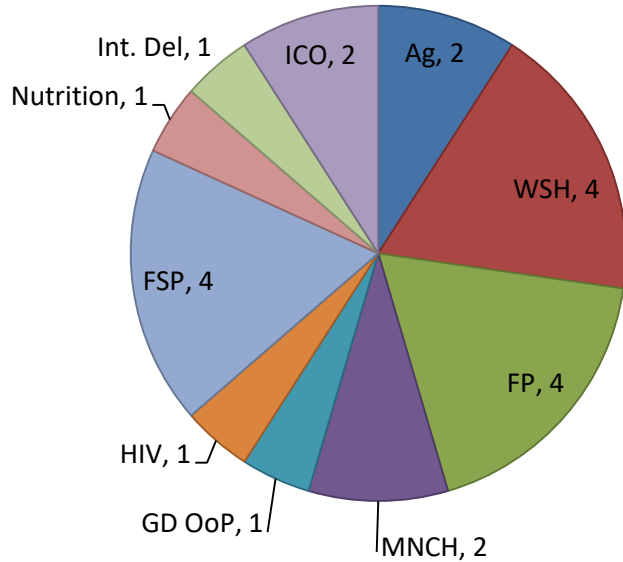


GEOGRAPHY OF THE 22 AWARDED PROJECTS

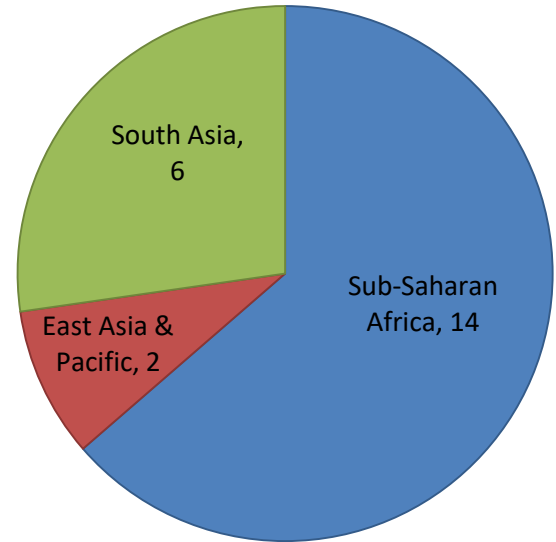


RESULTS OF THE PROCESS

Distribution of Funding Across Program Teams (N=22)

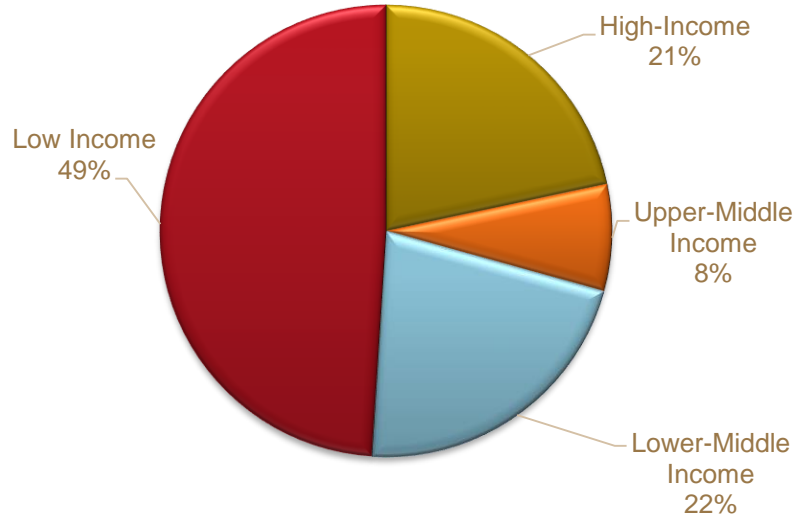


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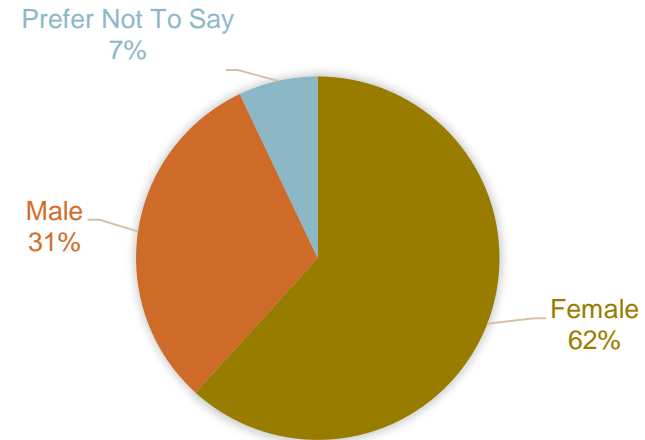


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SUBMISSIONS BY INCOME STATUS



SUBMISSIONS BY INVESTIGATOR SEX



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