



## Impact Report 2019-2025

# TogetHER for Health Cervical Cancer Grants Program

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Cervical cancer affects at least 640,000 women worldwide each year, often at a stage of life marked by work, caregiving, and family obligations.<sup>1</sup> Many of these women are only diagnosed when the cancer has progressed to late stages and there is no chance for treatment or cure. This impacts hundreds of thousands of families and communities.

As many as  
**200,000**  
children lose their  
mother to cervical  
cancer each year.<sup>2</sup>

## It doesn't have to be this way.

Global access to HPV vaccination, cervical cancer screening, and early treatment can end this threat to women's health for good. In fact, **cervical cancer is the ONLY cancer that we can eliminate entirely with the tools that we presently have.**

Inspired by this potential, Member States of the World Health Organization ratified a global strategy in 2020 to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer. Together, these goals offer a blueprint for the potential of cervical cancer elimination worldwide.

### WHO's Global Goals to Eliminate Cervical Cancer

**90%**

of girls immunized with the HPV vaccine by age 15

**70%**

of women screened with a high-performance test by age 35 and again by age 45

**90%**

of women identified with cervical disease receive treatment

<sup>1</sup> Bray, Freddie & Laversanne, Mathieu & Sung, Hyuna & Ferlay, Jacques & Siegel, Rebecca & Soerjomataram, Isabelle & Jemal, Ahmedin. (2024). Global cancer statistics 2022: GLOBOCAN estimates of incidence and mortality worldwide for 36 cancers in 185 countries. CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians. 74. 10.3322/caac.21834

<sup>2</sup> Guida, F., Kidman, R., Ferlay, J. et al. Global and regional estimates of orphans attributed to maternal cancer mortality in 2020. Nat Med 28, 2563–2572 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-022-02109-2>

## TogetHER'S Cervical Cancer Grants Program

Translating global goals to affordable and accessible services for girls and women across diverse countries and communities is a complicated endeavor – but with sound investments in successful programs, **not an impossible one.**

That is why we developed the **Cervical Cancer Grants Program**, leading to our first round of grants in 2019. These small, targeted investments of \$25,000-30,000 work across the three pillars of elimination and seek to:

- ✓ **Test innovative cervical cancer prevention approaches** in the settings where they'll be used;
- ✓ **Educate families and communities** about HPV and cervical cancer;
- ✓ **Provide health services** to girls and women in underserved communities;
- ✓ **Guide policy and practice**, amplifying impact at the national and global levels;
- ✓ **Build a global network** of problem solvers; and
- ✓ **Attract new investments** in successful, scalable programs.

## Growth of TogetHER's Cervical Cancer Grants Program 2019-2025

**27 applications**

submitted in the first funding cycle (2019)

**365 applications**

received in 2025

**60 countries**

number of countries that have submitted applications

**+1,252% growth**

increase in applications received in 6 years

To date, TogetHER's team has awarded a total of \$300,000 to 17 organizations in 13 countries across three continents.

The program has grown exponentially, from a total of 27 applications submitted in 2019 to 365 applications from across 60 countries in 2025, a 1,252% increase in just six years. This exponential growth in the volume of applications speaks to the need as well as to the potential for impact in these communities.

## TogetHER's Impact is Far-Reaching and Growing

We're proud to say that educational projects funded through our grants program have reached over **20 million people** with critical information about HPV vaccination, cervical cancer screening and follow-up.

We're just as proud of the **913 health providers trained** through our programs and the **73 facilities equipped with innovative cervical cancer prevention technologies**, ensuring that programs have continued providing lifesaving services that would not have been possible otherwise.

And TogetHER's impact doesn't stop there. Evidence generated by our grants program has informed improved national cervical cancer prevention guidelines in Botswana, Cameroon, Nicaragua, and Rwanda. **That's outsized impact reaching millions.**

In addition to providing tangible health impact, TogetHER's grants program has provided valuable networking opportunities for our grantees. Our grantees connect and share their strategies and insights with one another – from local procurement of supplies, to educating women about the need to return to clinics for follow-up. Sharing effective practices has improved programs for all.

Finally, we see our grants as seed investments that attract additional support of these impactful programs. Most of our grantees have brought new funders to their cause, ensuring sustainability.

### Cervical Cancer Prevention Services Delivered by TogetHER's Grants Program

**8,000+** young women and girls vaccinated against HPV

**~13,000** women received cervical cancer screening

**~5,000** women treated for precancerous cervical lesions

## What Makes TogetHER's Model Unique?

TogetHER for Health's experienced team combines global expertise and insights with on-the-ground experience. We understand the common challenges across contexts, from education that generates demand for services to addressing consistent supply constraints. This perspective helps us identify promising prevention programs, regardless of their location or size.

TogetHER understands that the best source for practical solutions starts at the ground level. We listen to what country partners need and follow their lead.

TogetHER has earned a reputation as a respected and trusted partner. We're proud to say that the value of our initial investments has been amplified many times over, with many of our partners influencing national policies and garnering additional support following TogetHER's initial investments.

### What We Bring



Global perspective



On-the-ground experience



Understanding common system needs



Improving education and demand for services



Addressing supply constraints

### How We Work



Solutions start at the ground level



Country partners lead



Programs identified by their potential for impact, not size or visibility

**Every year our grants program gets more applications.**

**The dedication and creativity of communities to end cervical cancer needs to be matched with financial support.**

## Meet TogetHER for Health's Grantees

Learn more about each of the organizations receiving an award under TogetHER for Health's Cervical Cancer Grants Program between 2019 and 2024 in the following dossiers.



## BioVentures for Global Health (2021-2022)

**Focus Area:** Improving screening effectiveness

**Primary Population:** Rwandan women undergoing cervical cancer screening

**Delivery Model:** AI-assisted device to improve reliability of visual screening

**Key Innovation:** Validation and acceptability of a digital device to aid in identifying abnormalities during cervical screening

### The Project

BioVentures for Global Health partnered with the Rwandan Biomedical Centre (RBC) to incorporate the SEVIA (smartphone-enhanced visual inspection with acetic acid) tool into cancer screening services, offering a model for improved visual screening with the potential to scale internationally.

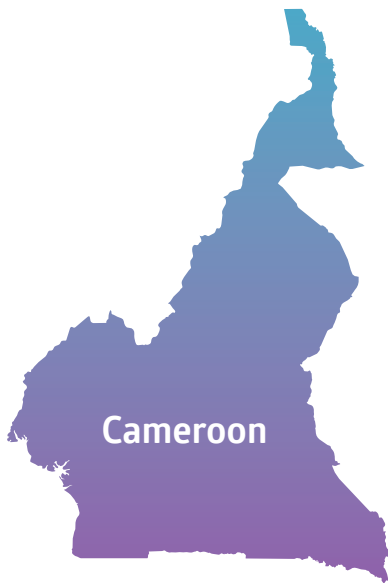
### Why We Love Them

We're excited by the idea of utilizing cutting-edge technology to address the limitations of visual inspection, improving provider's ability to identify cervical lesions and enhance quality of care for women.



Photo Credit: BioVentures for Global Health

**“TogetHER Grants Program refreshed Rwandan healthcare providers’ use of VIA to detect and treat cervical lesions before they become cancer – which will save lives now and into the future.”**



## Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (2021-2022)

**Focus Area:** Improving uptake of both HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening

**Primary Population:** Culturally and religiously distinct rural communities in Cameroon

**Delivery Model:** Mother-daughter awareness campaign, coupled with vaccination and screening

**Key Innovation:** Testing inter-generational approaches to combat vaccine hesitancy and reach more girls and women with education, vaccination, and screening services

### The Project

The Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS) implemented a mother-daughter approach in two rural communities in Cameroon through its Women's Health Program, providing HPV vaccination for almost 1,900 adolescent girls and cervical cancer screening for over 600 women – including preventative treatment for every woman identified with cervical precancer.

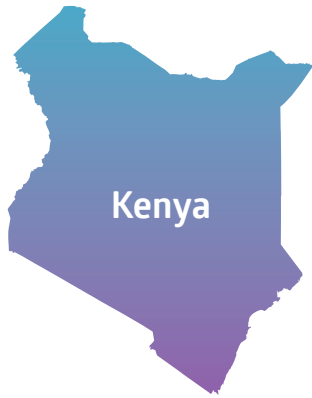
### Why We Love Them

Taking on all three pillars of cervical cancer prevention through one intergenerational program required ambition and plenty of legwork. CBCHS' project highlighted the importance of building relationships between the community and regional health administration bodies that can facilitate more impactful cervical cancer prevention programs.



Photo Credit: Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services

“Our goal for this project was to bypass the vaccine hesitancy observed in traditional HPV vaccination strategies by combining it with cervical cancer screening for women.”



## CureCervicalCancer (2024-2025)

**Focus Area:** HPV self-collection for cervical cancer screening and preventive treatment

**Primary Population:** Women in Migori and Vihiga Counties, Kenya

**Delivery Model:** A standalone mobile test-and-treat clinic using HPV testing with self-collection

**Key Innovation:** Mobile Health for Mamas model

### The Project

CureCervicalCancer’s community-based Mobile Health for Mamas program was designed to reach medically underserved women at their own doorsteps with self-sample HPV testing and mobile treatment clinics within walking distance of their homes. We funded CureCervicalCancer to utilize its Mobile Health for Mamas model in a remote and high-need region of Western Kenya, aiming to screen 7,000 women for high-risk HPV using a self-sampling approach while treating 90% of women for whom treatment was indicated.

### Why We Love Them

Regardless of other barriers, women in rural parts of the world face one of the most prevalent challenges to accessing cervical healthcare: distance from effective services. CureCervicalCancer’s end-to-end community program is screening and treating women where they’re at, a brilliant example that should inform efforts throughout the world.



Photo Credit: CureCervicalCancer

“Support from TogetHER for CureCervicalCancer’s initial efforts in Western Kenya has been critical in proving our successful model to other institutional funders such as the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and Tap Out Cancer.”



## Fundación MoviCancer (2019-2020)

**Focus Area:** Thermal ablation for safe removal of precancerous cervical lesions

**Population:** Nicaraguan women testing positive for cervical precancer

**Delivery Model:** Portable thermal ablation devices

**Key Innovation:** Providing evidence of thermal ablation's effectiveness and acceptability among women and health care providers

### The Project

Fundación MoviCancer evaluated the impact, feasibility and acceptability of thermal ablation on cervical precancer treatment in three regions of Nicaragua, while also supporting the development of a national protocol for the use of thermal ablation. Due in part to TogetHER's support, ten health providers in Nicaragua were trained and equipped with thermal ablation devices, providing a basis for generating the necessary evidence to facilitate national uptake of the technology.

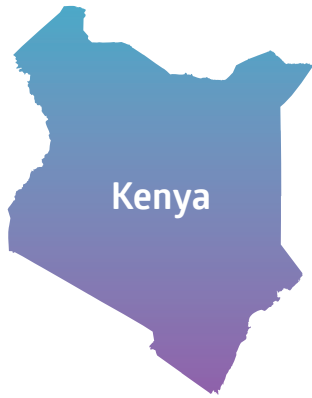
### Why We Love Them

MoviCancer ambitiously took the evidence from their project directly to their Ministry of Health, providing evidence for government procurement of thermal ablation devices to support a test-and-treat approach that has greatly reduced loss to follow-up.



Photo Credit: Fundación MoviCancer

**“By showing the Ministry of Health, a 98% efficacy and the stories of women treated immediately, we built the institutional trust needed to reallocate national funds toward scaling up the technology. Today, every departmental hospital has at least one thermocoagulation unit, and 22% of municipal health centers have staff trained to deliver immediate treatment.”**



## Grounds for Health (2021-2023)

**Focus Area:** HPV self-collection for cervical cancer screening

**Primary Population:** Women working in coffee-growing region of Nyeri, Kenya

**Delivery Model:** Community-led support for HPV screening and self-collection

**Key Innovation:** Transitioning from visual inspection to HPV testing as primary cervical cancer screening

### The Project

Grounds for Health brings innovative cervical cancer prevention to women in coffee-growing regions, implementing HPV self-sampling programs in a variety of settings. Over two grants, TogetHER supported Grounds for Health to train 84 Kenyan community health volunteers in HPV self-sampling, educate 8,500 women with information about cervical cancer prevention, and ultimately screen over 2,000 women, making the case that self-sampling is a superior screening method in rural settings.

### Why We Love Them

Our caffeine addictions aside, we think Grounds for Health's all-in-one awareness/screening/treatment model is so effective and potentially informative for other settings that we funded them for two consecutive cycles. Grounds for Health eventually joined TogetHER's membership network of implementers.



Photo Credit: Grounds for Health

“The funding from TogetHER for Health gave us the opportunity to launch the HPV testing program, which we knew would result in higher quality services and patient satisfaction, but which required significant investment in the initial infrastructure.”



## Jhpiego Botswana (2019-2020)

**Focus Area:** Thermal ablation for safe removal of precancerous cervical lesions

**Primary Population:** Botswanan women testing positive for cervical precancer

**Delivery Model:** Portable thermal ablation devices being used in clinics in Gaborone

**Key Innovation:** Building clinical evidence for updated guidance on the use of thermal ablation in Botswana

### The Project

Jhpiego's pilot of thermal ablation as a cervical precancer treatment strategy at four high-volume health facilities in Botswana's capitol of Gaborone helped spur wider implementation of thermal ablation across Botswana and included training and provision of devices. The project's success was amplified first when the U.S. Centers for Disease Control procured 39 additional thermal ablation machines, and then when thermal ablation was adopted by Botswana's Ministry of Health in updated cervical cancer treatment guidelines.

### Why We Love Them

Jhpiego is known as a global expert around a wide number of health issues, and their work on thermal ablation in Botswana was no exception. It's fantastic to invest in a program that almost immediately sparks new outside investment as well as more effective national policies.



Photo Credit: Jhpiego Botswana

**“What began as a small, targeted investment in 2019-2020 triggered a system-wide shift: thermal ablation is now adopted nationally, included in guidelines, and used across the country as the standard of care for eligible clients.”**



## Program ROSE (2021-2022)

**Focus Area:** HPV self-collection for cervical cancer screening

**Primary Population:** Multi-ethnic, multi-lingual Malay women

**Delivery Model:** Community-led screening through trained local leaders

**Key Innovation:** ROSE Hub model for decentralized screening

### The Project

With support from our grants program, Program ROSE implemented a plan to address communication and outreach for cervical cancer screening in multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, and multi-cultural Malaysia. The program aimed to identify and remove barriers to cervical cancer screening through the use of HPV self-collection among Malay women from across diverse communities.

### Why We Love Them

True global access to cervical cancer prevention means leaving no one behind. Program ROSE's thoughtful approach to navigating a complex mix of cultures provides an instructive example of how to reach women in multi-cultural settings around the world.



Photo Credit: Program ROSE

**“TogetHER’s Grants Program played a catalytic role in strengthening Program ROSE’s credibility and influence. We demonstrated the effectiveness of our community-based cervical screening model across Malaysia’s diverse populations. This success has enhanced confidence among government, corporate, and civil society partners, fostering new collaborations and opportunities to expand our impact. Beyond funding, the grant helped position Program ROSE as a trusted and scalable model for cervical cancer prevention in Malaysia and throughout the region.”**



## Slum and Rural Health Initiative (2024-2025)

**Focus Area:** Expanding awareness of cervical cancer and HPV vaccination

**Primary Population:** Young Nigerians in Lagos State

**Delivery Model:** Youth-led awareness-building

**Key Innovation:** Empowering young people to engage their peers about HPV vaccination

### The Project

Slum and Rural Health Initiative (SRHIN) designed a youth-led campaign to advocate for HPV vaccination in Lagos State, Nigeria, combating one of the lowest state-level HPV vaccination coverage levels in the country. Their Youth4HPV project combined a “citizen science” training program implementing culturally sensitive community-based awareness and outreach activities, data collection, and analysis, alongside a parent-targeted communication campaign.

### Why We Love Them

The true power of cervical cancer elimination will be felt in future generations, so it only makes sense to enlist young people to educate and motivate. We’re inspired by the power of these teens’ testimonials and ability to connect with their audience of peers, backed by a rigorous approach.



Photo Credit: Slum and Rural Health Initiative

“TogetHER’s investment proved catalytic in establishing SRHIN as a regional thought leader in youth-centered health advocacy. The credibility established through our documented impact reaching over 20.2 million individuals while maintaining a 78% knowledge retention rate is positioning us to secure follow-on commitments from development partners and influence policy discussions as technical advisors.”



## Teal Sisters Foundation (2024-2025)

**Focus Area:** Uptake of cervical cancer prevention services

**Primary Population:** Women and girls in the Zambian districts of Chipata, Petauke, and Siavonga ,

**Delivery Model:** Building capacity in community volunteers and healthcare workers

**Key Innovation:** Elevating survivor's voices to promote prevention

### The Project

Teal Sisters Foundation's project utilized a community-based approach to increase uptake of cervical cancer prevention services in three high-burden districts across Zambia, building capacity in volunteers and healthcare workers to strengthen awareness of cervical cancer prevention along the path to connecting over 5,700 girls and women with preventive services.

### Why We Love Them

Cervical cancer survivor and Teal Sisters Executive Director, Karen Nakawala, has increasingly utilized her powerful voice as a global advocate for prevention. Her activities include presenting to the Zambian Parliamentary Committee on Health, providing insights on what's needed in cervical cancer prevention and care.



Photo Credit: Teal Sisters Foundation

**“The credibility and visibility gained through TogetHER’s support strengthened our fundraising narrative. We have since attracted interest from local corporate partners and international NGOs, such as UNICEF ... The grant served as a strong proof-of-concept that we are leveraging to mobilize additional resources.”**



## Women Together Global (2021-2022)

**Focus Area:** Awareness of cervical cancer and education on prevention methods

**Primary Population:** Women and girls in Mangochi and Mulanje districts of Malawi

**Delivery Model:** Building capacity in community members as Cervical Cancer Navigators

**Key Innovation:** Use of trusted community navigators to provide information and access to prevention services

### The Project

Women Together Global's Cervical Cancer Screening and Prevention project aimed to mobilize and train women and girls from its target communities in the districts of Mangochi and Mulanje in Malawi to become Cervical Cancer Navigators, educating women and girls in their communities about the risks of cervical cancer and methods of prevention.

Unfortunately, just days after we announced the award, Cyclone Freddy devastated Malawi, leaving many in the country without shelter and demolishing critical infrastructure, making

the implementation of the funded project impossible. TogetHER made the easy call to continue forward with the grant as Women Together Global provided critical support to its target communities.

### Why We Love Them

It's impossible to fully untangle women's health from wider issues of climate change and disaster management. We were proud to support Women Together Global's immediate pivot to assist the women in their target communities in rebuilding.



Photo Credit: Women Together Global

**“Although they had lost farms and homes just 18 months before, these groups, comprising almost 50 women, had rebuilt their farms, homes and businesses, become financially independent from Women Together, and started to pay-it-forward in their communities by implementing service projects, scholarships for orphaned children, and food distribution for the elderly.”**

## Looking Ahead

TogetHER's Cervical Cancer Grants Program is testing innovation, driving lifesaving services to women and girls in communities in need, and improving practice and policy.

Our first six years of grants have shown that this approach generates results. Strengthening and enhancing cervical cancer prevention on the local level with even relatively small investments can catalyze wider impacts.

In our 2025-2026 cycle, we awarded grants to six new organizations (see below), our largest and most geographically diverse group. At TogetHER, we are excited by the future of our Cervical Cancer Grants Program and the work that is getting done through these projects. This year, we will be spotlighting each of our new partners. Please join us in supporting their journey to saving lives and ending cervical cancer for good.

### TogetHER for Health 2025-2026 Grantees

Our newest cohort of grantees for 2025-2026 includes Dawa Health (Zambia), Fundación Salbo (Colombia), Health Systems Insight (Kenya), Jhpiego (Philippines), KMC Alumni Health Sector (Nepal), and Tajik Family Planning Association (Tajikistan).



We'll be spotlighting these incredible organizations throughout 2026.

**TogetHER for Health invests in organizations most able to generate local solutions that can drastically reduce cervical cancer cases and deaths in their communities.**

For more information on TogetHER for Health's grants program, please contact [info@togetherforhealth.org](mailto:info@togetherforhealth.org).