

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Thank you for your interest in sharing your solution with the Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI), Nigeria. Below you will find answers to some frequently asked questions by innovators.

WHAT IS SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH?

Social innovation is a new lens to approach health care delivery and development. It is a creative solution to a systemic health challenge to reach vulnerable populations. The solution is typically effective, inclusive and affordable.

Social innovation process uses a multisectoral and multidisciplinary approach to engage communities, government's representatives, and other actors within and outside the health system to solve a systemic (health) challenge. Thus, social innovation is a people-centred approach.

Social innovation is contrary to an invention or traditional innovation in that it is not done in the pursuit of 'newness' or great profit margins but to improve quality of life, achieve justice and equity, and positive social change.

Watch this short video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/Ncu8NEzKVQU>

AM I AN INNOVATOR?

If you have developed a creative solution to a healthcare delivery problem in your community, then you are an innovator! If you have tried something new or different to make health care more affordable, accessible or effective, then we want to hear from you! You could be a frontline health worker, an entrepreneur, a government official, a student or a community member. You could be working in a not-for-profit organisation, a company, a public-sector institution or a university.

We are searching for passionate and inspirational individuals from all walks of life!

WHAT IS SIHI?

The Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI) is a network of passionate individuals and institutions combining their skills and resources in support of key activities to promote social innovation in health.

This network of passionate individuals and institutions share a common goal to advance social innovation in achieving Sustainable Development Goals and improving the lives of communities in low- and middle-income countries. Our mission is to unlock the capacity residing within the actors of the health system to advance social innovation. We do this through south-south-north collaboration in three areas – research, capacity building, and advocacy.

The SIHI network was launched in 2014 through joint efforts of the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Cape Town, the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship at Oxford University, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and TDR, hosted at WHO.

The network is supported by TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Disease, co-sponsored by UNDP, UNICEF, the World Bank and WHO. TDR is able to conduct its work thanks to the commitment and support

from a variety of funders. For the full list of TDR donors, please see: <https://www.who.int/tdr/about/funding/en/>. TDR receives additional funding from Sida, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, to support SIHI.

In 2017, the SIHI network expanded to include additional partners from low- and middle- income countries: University of Malawi College of Medicine in Malawi; Makerere University School of Public Health in Uganda; University of Philippines Manila College of Medicine; Social Entrepreneurship to Spur Health initiative in China; and Centro Internacional de Entrenamiento e Investigaciones Medicas (CIDEIM) in Colombia in collaboration with ICESI University and the Pan American Health Organization.

In April 2020, TDR awarded a grant to Nnamdi Azikiwe University and School of Public Health, University of Ghana (both new generation hubs) to collaborate with Makerere University (a first-generation hub) to disseminate social innovation in health in Africa. Nnamdi Azikiwe University will crowdsource for social innovation in health in the university and across the whole country.

Besides, SIHI is collaborating with several organizations such as the Fondation Mérieux, the Ahimsa Fund, the WHO Department of Service Delivery and Safety, WHO AFRO, and the United Nations University-International Institute for Global Health.

WHY SHARE YOUR SOLUTION WITH SIHI?

We believe that across Nigeria, there are innovators who have successfully solved some of healthcare's biggest problems. We believe that by learning from innovators, like you, we can not only improve health in our country but also share the learning with other countries. We can't only look at governments or international organizations to improve healthcare in Nigeria. We all have a role to play together! SIHI is thus searching for examples of social innovations in health.

The opportunities for you include:

- Recognition by the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Ministry of Health in Anambra at state, Federal Ministry of Health at National level and World Health Organization – TDR
- Have your solution studied by researchers and documented as a case study
- Have your solution shared in Nigeria and internationally through our global network including WHO-TDR
- Participation in innovators capacity building workshops
- Join a community of like-minded innovators and partners
- Get help on how you could be researching, learning and knowing whether your solution is making an impact
- Contribute to the rethinking of health care delivery in Nigeria and the global south.
- Get invited to join a network of passionate innovators and partners in Nigeria and globally

IS MY SOLUTION ELIGIBLE?

Your solution will be eligible if it meets the following conditions:

- Implemented in Nigeria
- Focused on improving access to health care
- Focused on improving the quality of health care

- Focused on improving the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of infectious diseases
- Operational for more than 1 year. We are not looking for new ideas but existing solutions
- The solution is not a purely a medical or scientific device as we don't consider this social Innovation
- The application has been fully completed. All incomplete applications will be excluded

HOW DO I SUBMIT A SOLUTION?

Download the form [here](#) and email it to us.
Request a form via

Email: nigeria@socialinnovationinhealth.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SIHINigeria/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SIHINigeria>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sihinigeria/>

Phone Number: +2347062032501 or tell us about anyone we should contact

Complete the online form: <https://socialinnovationshare.org/login/index.php>

Get an application form from our office:

SIHI Nigeria, Grant Development and Maintenance Office

Directorate of Research and Innovation

Alex Ekwueme Center for Multidisciplinary Studies (AECMS)

Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka Anambra State, Nigeria

HOW DO I SUBMIT A SOLUTION ON WWW.SOCIALINNOVATIONSHARE.ORG?

To submit your solution through our online platform, please follow the steps below:

STEP 1: Read the submission tips online, and download the Frequently Asked Questions document to guide you through the process.

STEP 2: Download the SIHI Share Sample Submission Form. This will allow you to read the questions and to prepare your response ahead of time.

STEP 3: Click on the icon to go to the online submission form. This will take you to a landing page where you can continue to the submission form and share your solution, or view any previously submitted solutions (you can submit different solutions if you have more than one you wish to share)

STEP 4: You can save and return to your online form at any time and as often as you like before the closing date. If your internet cuts out, you will not lose your data as everything is automatically saved. However, once it is submitted, you are unable to revise it.

STEP 5: Upload any videos or images you feel capture the work you do. You are limited to 2 videos at a maximum size of 100MB total, and images at a maximum size of 100MB total. This is an optional step that is available to you once you complete the nomination form and on the country topic homepage if you wish to do it at a later point.

STEP 6: The SIHI team will get in touch with you after the call closes. Your submission will be reviewed by an external expert panel. Thank you for sharing your solution!

HOW DOES MY SOLUTION GET SELECTED?

All eligible solutions received will be submitted to an independent expert review panel. This panel will be country-specific and comprised of experts in innovation, public health, social entrepreneurship and medicine. Experts may come from universities, technical agencies or the Ministry of Health.

Their task will be to assess your solution according to the call criteria. Following the selection process, there may be a need for our team to conduct a telephonic interview with you. Once you have passed through the selection process successfully, a shortlist of successful applicants will be announced.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM SELECTED?

A SIHI selection means that we believe your solution has a lot of valuable learnings to contribute to improving global health. Our team will inform you of your selection.

A small team of researchers would come to spend 3 – 4 days with you, to learn more about your work. They will produce a SIHI case which will be featured on our website: socialinnovationinhealth.org. These cases are actively shared with decision-makers in Nigeria and at an international level.

GET IN TOUCH:

If you have a question, not yet answered above. Please feel free to contact our team via:

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