

Frequently Asked Questions



1. What is supported in the program?

The PHC Tech Challenge will select and support the best of innovations in medical devices, in vitro diagnostics, digital health, supply chain and cold chain at TRL 8 or 9 that address challenges in primary healthcare in LMICs (specifically in India).

2. What is TRL-8 and TRL-9?

TRL defines the Technology Readiness Level. TRL 8 describes that the Technology is proven, developed and validated in clinical/community settings, and TRL 9 describes that the Technology has been applied in its final form and is operational with requisite regulatory approvals.

3. Can I submit more than one application for different technologies?

Yes, the applicant can submit more than one application for different technologies.

4. Is there any application fee or cost for participating in the challenge?

No. There is no application fee to submit the application as part of the challenge.

5. Will the cost for participation in the challenge be reimbursed by PATH or any other organizing partners?

No. Any cost or expenditure incurred for participation in the challenge including any demos, presentation, clarification responses, etc. will have to be borne by the applicant at their end.

6. Is the program open for Indian applicants only?

No, the PHC Tech Challenge is a global challenge and seeks promising innovations from enterprises worldwide, but not from individual innovators

7. Can I find funding partners elsewhere for innovations selected under the PHC Tech Challenge?

Yes, the selected enterprises can find funding partners elsewhere. The objective of PHC Tech Challenge is to bring together promising innovations to key stakeholders (government, health agencies, donors, development partners, private sector companies and providers, etc.), and accelerate deployment of near-ready solutions in

public health settings to improve access to primary health care in India and similar low- and middle-income countries.

8. Will the program partners guide in the deployment of the innovations selected under the program?

The program will showcase a compendium of selected innovations to key stakeholders in the PHC space and offer opportunity to access support for implementation of the selected innovations on the field. The program also offers the opportunity to access the partner's expert advisory to selected innovations in refining their operational plan, navigating regulatory landscape, understanding national & global market dynamics

9. Is the advisory paid or free?

Advisory as part of the PHC Tech Challenge will be free of charge.

10. Will there be funding opportunities for the selected innovations during the program?

During the course of engagement, funding secured by PATH for strengthening Primary healthcare is likely to have component of innovations, which may be used for deployment of selected innovations based on the donor and program priorities. The partners of the challenge may also like to fund some innovations depending upon their priorities. In any case, support as clarified in question number 8 would be provided. In no case, mere participation, shortlisting, or selection in the program guarantee a funding from PATH or any of the program partners.