

CREATING HOPE IN CONFLICT:

A HUMANITARIAN
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We seek innovations that focus on people who are particularly vulnerable in conflict-affected humanitarian crisis. This includes people who are vulnerable due to their gender, sexuality, religion, age, or income; people with disabilities, chronic health conditions, people who are stateless, minorities, or people who are unable to evacuate.

Key Focus Areas: Safe water and sanitation, Energy, Life-saving information, Health products and services



Humanitarian Grand Challenge

Summary

- Seed Awards of up to \$250,000
- Transition to Scale Awards of up to \$1,000,000
- Social/Tech/Process Innovations

- Comfortable with risk
- Focus on, vulnerable people in hard to reach areas of conflict zones
- Priority given to people with lived experience of humanitarian crisis:
- Private sector partnerships are welcome

Tips

- There's no secret formula – read the RFP
- Reviewers are:
 - Health/WASH/Energy/Info experts
 - Ethics
 - People affected by humanitarian crisis
 - Private sector
 - They are mostly not experts in your subject matter. Use plain English. Avoid jargon. Explain it clearly
- It must be an innovation
 - Change of context is innovative
- It must focus on a hard to reach conflict zone
- Initial screen will focus on
 - Exact problem you are trying to solve
 - How your approach compares with others
- Don't use 2018 grants as a template for 2019
- All applications get feedback

Next Round

- Launching 21st May 2019
- Open for 8 weeks
- [HumanitarianGrandChallenge.org](https://www.humanitarianGrandChallenge.org)

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