Conversation between GiveWell and Center for Global Development on 4/10/13

Participants

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Summary

As part of its history of philanthropy project (http://blog.givewell.org/2013/04/09/givewells-history-of-philanthropyphilanthropy-journalism-project/), GiveWell spoke with the Center for Global Development (CGD) about its plans for a new edition of its Millions Saved volume (http://www.cgdev.org/initiative/millions-saved).

Note: This set of notes was compiled by GiveWell and gives an overview of the major points made by Ms. Glassman and Ms. McQueston in the conversation.

Reason to create a new volume

CGD wants to cover new cases such as successes in fighting non-communicable diseases; HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria; and individual programs like concrete floors to reduce neglected tropical diseases and checklists to improve surgical success rates.

The criteria will remain the same. CGD is looking for cases where rigorous evaluations show significant health impacts, but is also interested in documenting e.g., financial impacts on participants, if possible.

Current status of the new volume

CGD has put out a call for proposals and has received a number of suggested cases. It still has plans to speak with global health experts to nominate additional cases. Then, it will go through a process of selecting approximately 20 cases for inclusion.

It expects this process to be complete and writing to begin by the end of 2013.

CGD is currently seeking funding for this initiative and will share its funding proposal with GiveWell.