

## **USAID GDL Innovation Matchmaking Service/Brain Trust Roster**

The USAID Global Development Lab is launching a new service, Innovation Matchmaking, to assist field Missions and their partners to more easily identify and integrate new innovations into their programs, as well as to access technical advisory support to help pilot, replicate, and/or scale helpful innovations.

To support this service, GDL is recruiting a network of volunteer technical experts who can serve as Applied Innovation Expert Advisers to be listed in a Brain Trust Roster. These experts would advise Missions and GDL on innovations related to their sector expertise. The participants would be in a position to influence and lead the development and adoption of innovations in their sector or region. The expected level of effort associated with this opportunity is low and the potential impact is high. The expectation is that maximum effort for participating would be 1-3 requests per quarter to provide expert guidance, corresponding to roughly 1-2 hours of effort per request.

Requests to network experts are likely to include:

- Identifying current innovations in their field of expertise
- Sharing lessons learned regarding innovations with which they have knowledge/experience
- Reviewing and providing feedback on summaries of innovations
- Participating in networking activities with innovators in their sector

Once the service is up and running, Missions and their partners will be able to request information on innovations potentially relevant to their programs and receive guidance from GDL and selected experts listed in the Roster. Participating experts will receive quarterly digests of featured innovations. The role of the network is likely to evolve over time to better address needs within the overall community.

Anyone interested in participating as a technical adviser for this service, please contact Shelie Miller:

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