



December 2024 Featured Grant

Using Storytelling Cloths to Champion the HPV Vaccine

About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

- direct services
- new projects
- expansion of existing projects
- general operations
- capacity building



The Global Issue: Preventing Cervical Cancer

- 2nd most common cancer in women in West Africa
- Nearly all caused by human papillomavirus (HPV)
- 90% of deaths from cervical cancer caused by HPV are in low & middle-income countries
- HPV vaccines are safe & highly effective
- Survival rate – when diagnosed early – is 91%



December Featured Grantee: GAIA Vaccine Foundation

GAIA's mission = to reduce infectious diseases that disproportionately affect the underserved

- Cervical cancer screenings & HPV vaccines
- Preventing mother-to-child HIV transmission
- HIV testing & community care
- Nutrition & support program
- Teen peer education



Life Challenges of Women in Mali

- Cervical cancer is major killer
- Women have limited education
- Traditional family structure may include 1 man and multiple wives
- Access to healthcare is extremely limited
- Women have little power to pay for healthcare
- Mali is ranked 179 out of 188 countries for gender equality

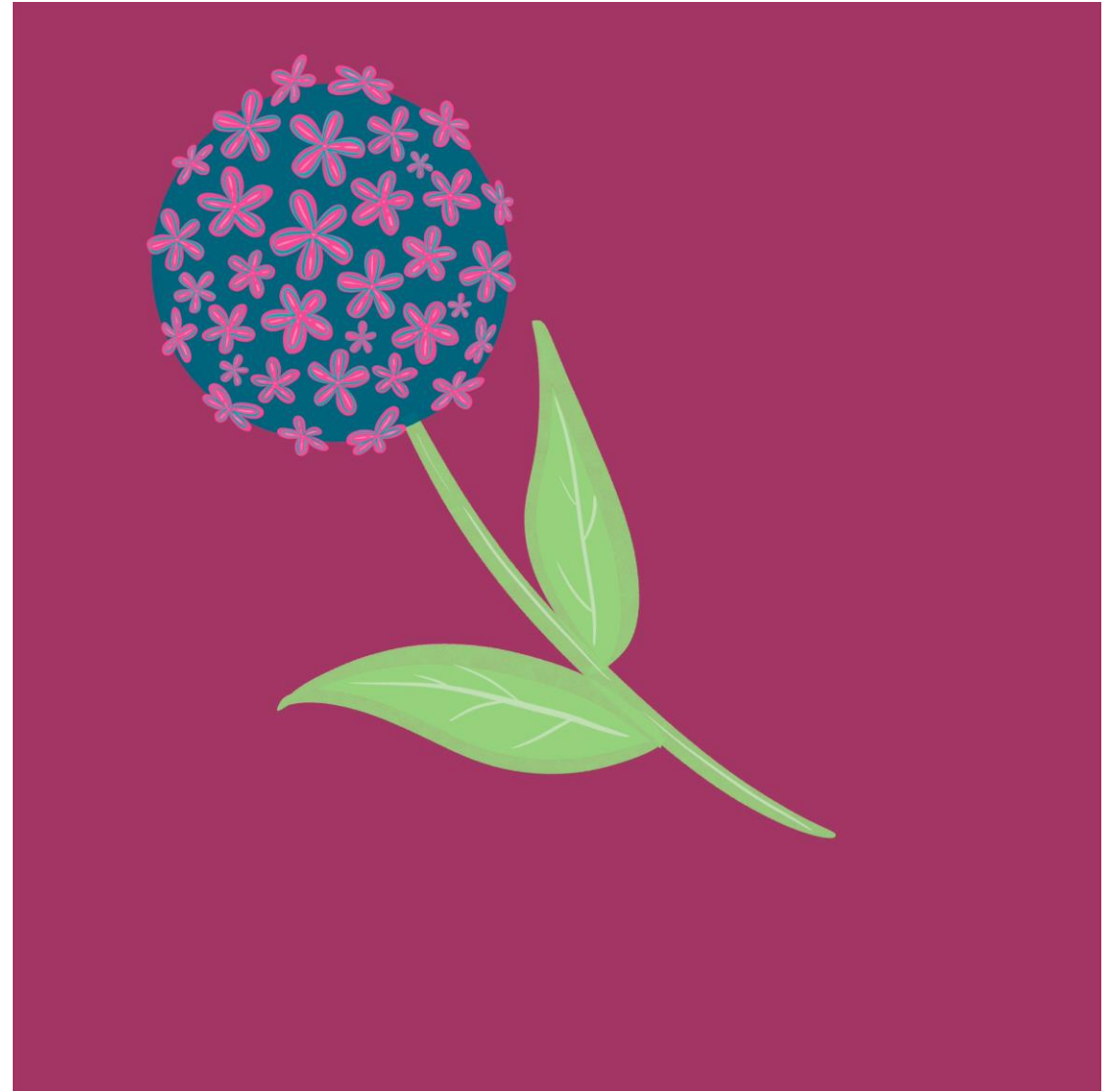


How Our Grant Will Be Used

\$48,522 Project Grant

- Year-long educational community outreach campaign to assist in the introduction of the HPV vaccine in Mali
- Storytelling cloth teaches “test, treat, vaccinate”
- Partnering with community women’s associations to provide training
- Also includes cervical cancer screenings





Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Stipends	Provided to community organizations that act as community health care workers to do educational outreach using the storytelling cloth as a teaching tool	\$22,500
Storytelling Cloths	Sufficient amount for community organizations to conduct outreach	\$8,333
Project Management		\$4,555
Training	Training for women's associations that are participating in the project	\$4,167
Screening Supplies	Cervical cancer screening supplies	\$4,000
Clinic fees	Services provided by partner clinics	\$2,500
Interviews	Interviews of women's associations after 3 months and at the end of the project to gather their opinions on program success and any recommended adjustments	\$1,667
Transport		\$800
Total		\$48,522

