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— Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. President, University of Notre Dame
The great universities of the 21st century will be those that impact the world—contributing to our understanding of integral human development and discovering solutions to our most pressing challenges. Achieving preeminence among leading universities requires not only that Notre Dame provide students with superior preparation, but also that it encourages scholarship and research among faculty, staff, and students. Notre Dame’s research aspirations in general—and the Initiative for Global Development in particular—are thus in profound accord with the mission and Catholicity of the University, which takes as its raison d’être the vision of its founder, Father Edward Sorin: Notre Dame as a powerful means for good.

Examples of past projects include:

- the provision of clean energy, internet connectivity, and entrepreneurship training to empower disconnected communities in northern Uganda;
- evaluation of the efficacy of cholera programs in Haiti;
- the construction of wells in Burkina Faso, where there is a desperate need for clean water;
- solar energy for a university in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and
- world-class, professional training in business and entrepreneurship for young leaders throughout Africa.

These projects can have ongoing, positive impact on human lives that are in greatest need throughout the world. Your gift will help secure the Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development (NDIGD) a niche at the forefront of cutting-edge research, policy analysis, and project development that will have large-scale global impact as part of the Keough School of Global Affairs.
NDIGD seeks contributions to help fund multidisciplinary projects in the developing world in the following areas: security and peacebuilding; global health; infrastructure; human development; energy, the environment, and sustainability; governance and rule of law; commerce and economic development; and education.

GLOBAL GIVING

Contributions of $5 and above can be given at ndigd.nd.edu/support. In addition, gifts made directly to NDIGD by Notre Dame alumni are considered toward the requirement for eligibility for the Notre Dame football ticket lottery. (A gift of $1,500 or more will increase your odds in the lottery.)

PROJECT GIFT

A project gift can be used to create or support specific multi-disciplinary projects, research, and technologies in the developing world related to NDIGD expertise. Such a gift will enable you to contribute to a highly visible international program in a satisfying, tangible way that can leave a legacy around the globe for generations to come.

THE UNIVERSITY SEEKS $50,000+ GIFTS TO FUND PROJECTS AND NEW TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. WITH A GIFT OF $50,000+, A SPECIFIC PROJECT CAN BE DESIGNED WITH THE Donor BY NDIGD STAFF.
Endowments for Excellence endeavors will develop the Initiative’s collaborations and worldwide recognition, strengthening its ability to leverage partnerships to address grand challenges in developing countries. Such a gift would allow the donor to link their name with NDIGD’s endowment, which has the opportunity for substantial growth by being invested with the University of Notre Dame’s Endowment.

$100,000 NAMED
$250,000 PRIZE
$500,000 DISTINGUISHED
$1,000,000 PRESIDENTIAL
$5,000,000 PREMIER

THE UNIVERSITY SEEKS MULTIPLE ENDOWMENTS FOR EXCELLENCE TO SUPPORT OUTREACH, PUBLIC EVENTS, AND PUBLICATIONS, AS WELL AS OTHER CRITICAL INITIATIVE PRIORITIES.

DIRECTORSHIP

The Directorship Endowment will enable NDIGD to benefit from an exceptional leader who will develop research and ideas that can help solve an array of complex global problems in the Keough School of Global Affairs. The Director will assist the School in furthering the University’s mission to nurture teaching and research, and encourage scholarship and publication. The Director position will also enhance the School’s ability to produce data-driven research and policy analysis related to projects that improve human dignity worldwide.

THE UNIVERSITY SEEKS A $5 MILLION GIFT TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP. LEADERS COMMITTED TO THE LONG-TERM SUCCESS OF THE INITIATIVE ARE KEY TO THE IMPACT THAT NDIGD WILL HAVE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

CORPORATE IMPACT PROGRAM ENDOWMENT

International actors have increasingly recognized partnerships with the private sector as being critical to their work, and there has been an enhanced interest in engaging universities in collaboration with corporate
partners. This has led to a rising number of externally-funded research opportunities to collaborate with the private sector on designing, implementing, and evaluating these types of programs. With its growing corporate partner base, the Initiative has the opportunity to house a Corporate Impact program with an emphasis on impact investing in the Keough School of Global Affairs.

THE UNIVERSITY SEEKS A $10+ MILLION ENDOWMENT FOR ITS CORPORATE IMPACT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT STAFF, CREATE OUTREACH EVENTS, AND PROVIDE SEED GRANTS TO START THESE COLLABORATIONS AND GROW EXTERNALLY-FUNDED RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

NAMING GRANT

NDIGD invests in projects that utilize cutting-edge research and ideas to solve an array of complex global problems. In all projects, its focus is on the development of results-oriented policies and programs that make smart use of the nation’s limited resources and help apply the research of the Keough School of Global Affairs to global development challenges.

THE UNIVERSITY SEEKS A NAMING GRANT OF $15+ MILLION TO CATALYZE AND SUSTAIN THE INITIATIVE’S WORK IN PERPETUITY AS PART OF THE KEOUGH SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS. SUCH A GIFT WOULD ALLOW A BENEFACtor TO PERMANENTLY LINK HIS OR HER NAME WITH AN INTERNATIONAL VENTURE OF HIGH VISIBILITY AND IMPACT.
The Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development combines the teaching and research expertise of the University, with a staff of experienced researchers and administrators, to address the challenges of building just and equitable political, legal, economic, health, and civil structures in fragile nations that suffer from extreme poverty or are experiencing insecurity due to armed conflict or war.

NDIGD leverages the University’s signature strengths to promote development and human dignity to people in need worldwide. Our projects focus on eight topical areas:

- Global health
- Security & peacebuilding
- Commerce & economic development
- Infrastructure
- Energy, environment & sustainability
- Governance & rule of law
- Education
- Human development

Drawing on experts across multiple disciplines, NDIGD performs assessments; conducts monitoring, evaluation, and training; and assists in strategic planning for and implementation of research programs associated with global development projects. In aspiring to help every individual live in human dignity, the Initiative maximizes its impact by partnering with government agencies, NGOs, humanitarian organizations, foundations, and private corporations in the United States and overseas.

Learn more at ndigd.nd.edu.

To speak with our managing director, please call (574) 631-2940.