

Innovation Under Constraint Recognition

A OneGuild initiative recognizing diabetes innovation in resource-limited settings

Overview

Innovation Under Constraint Recognition is a OneGuild initiative created to identify and elevate promising diabetes-related ideas, approaches, and practical innovations emerging from resource-limited settings.

Across many regions of the world, scientists, clinicians, and frontline innovators are developing thoughtful, locally grounded responses to urgent diabetes challenges. Yet many of these innovations remain under-recognized, not because they lack value, but because barriers related to visibility, publication, funding, language, or infrastructure often limit how widely they are seen.

This initiative exists to help change that.

Why this initiative

Innovation does not happen only in well-resourced environments. Some of the most meaningful advances in diabetes prevention, care delivery, complications management, education, and community support are shaped by real-world constraint.

In many settings, limited resources require solutions that are practical, adaptive, and closely connected to local realities. These innovations deserve visibility, respect, and serious attention.

What the initiative recognizes

The initiative recognizes diabetes-related innovations emerging from resource-limited settings, including ideas, models, interventions, and practical solutions that respond to real needs in context.

Relevant submissions may include work related to:

- diabetes prevention
- care delivery
- patient education and adherence
- complications prevention and management
- diabetic foot and limb preservation
- community-based interventions
- low-cost diagnostics, tools, or workflows
- implementation strategies adapted to local conditions

The emphasis is not on prestige, polish, or publication history. It is on originality, relevance, and potential impact in context.

Recognition is intended to offer legitimacy, visibility, and connection through a respectful platform for important work.

What makes this different

This is not a traditional publication-based competition. Instead, it is a recognition program designed to value:

- innovation shaped by constraint
- local relevance
- feasibility in real-world settings
- practical and scientific promise
- work that may otherwise remain unseen

OneGuild's aim is not to lower standards, but to recognize excellence expressed under different conditions.

Who it is for

The initiative is intended for scientists, clinicians, researchers, innovators, and practitioner-led teams working in diabetes-related fields in resource-limited settings.

It is not restricted by career stage. The goal is to recognize meaningful work wherever it is emerging.

What recognition may include

Selected participants may receive:

- formal recognition from OneGuild
- visibility through OneGuild communications and platforms
- a featured profile or story about their work
- opportunities for connection within the wider diabetes ecosystem

Guiding principle

Locally grounded innovation developed under constraint can have broad relevance. It deserves to be seen, respected, and brought into wider conversation.

Submission deadline

Submit by 31 August 2026

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Subject: 2026 Innovation Under Constraint Recognition – [Your Name]