Air pollution and poverty. Biodiversity loss and malnutrition. Climate change and inequality. Across the health, development and environment sectors, we know that the world’s biggest challenges are interconnected—and so are the solutions. Yet, conventional systems and boundaries have often kept our sectors isolated from one another, sometimes even unintentionally working at cross-purposes. By rapidly growing a culture of collaboration across sectors, we see potential to accelerate progress against the many pressing challenges we face today.

The Bridge Collaborative is a global change agent driving a fundamental shift in how we think, plan, fund and work across sectors to make bigger change faster. We unite people and organizations with the shared evidence and tools to make a greater impact at the speed the world needs now.

Established in 2016, the Bridge Collaborative is a partnership spearheaded by four founding organizations: The Nature Conservancy, PATH, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Duke University. Our growing global alliance of scientists, practitioners and organizations is rapidly moving beyond business as usual with the aim of creating a more equitable and sustainable world. We’re mobilizing our collective power to solve the big challenges no sector can solve alone. Because there’s only one way to solve today’s most critical problems: Together.

**OUR VISION**

A world where the big challenges facing health, development and the environment get solved.

**OUR MISSION**

Create the evidence and opportunity to solve big problems for people and the world we share. Together.

**PARTNERS**

We are a global change agent in health, development and the environment.
WHAT WE DO: SOLVE CHALLENGES TOGETHER

In our first year, over 150 researchers and practitioners joined us to help crack the code on cross-sector success. Members co-created a Practitioner’s Guide on cross-sector action planning and evidence evaluation and a Call to Action policy paper for health, development and environment leaders. Most importantly, we started a conversation across sectors.

Now, we are working to advance integrated solutions to today’s complex, global challenges. Here’s how:

ALIGNING AGENDAS
Paradigms shift when leadership and funding streams come together to enable change. We are supporting and empowering organizations to align agendas and invest in priority challenges that can only truly be solved together. In the next two years, we aim to see more resources directed toward these co-identified priorities. To spark this shift, we are:

• Using existing evidence and expertise from across the Collaborative to co-identify priorities for cross-sector action.
• Convening leadership and funding roundtables to drive action and dialogue around specific challenges.
• Tapping into the expertise and guidance of diverse stakeholders and leaders from across sectors, including our Advisory Council.

CATALYZING ACTION
Around the world, we are engaging with teams to identify and act on cross-sector solutions. Through impact-oriented case studies, interactive workshops and other engagements, we are building the case for collaboration and tackling some of today’s biggest challenges. Along the way, our members share insights, apply and learn from our tools and co-design new ones when needed. In some cases, we are diving deep into specific challenges. For example, our network is:

• Assisting humanitarian organizations with integrating environmental assets into refugee crisis responses.
• Standardizing metrics and methods to track progress toward environmental, social and economic restoration goals in the Gulf of Mexico following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
• Asking how Malawi’s Farm Input Subsidy program affects nutrition, agriculture and environmental conditions.

FILLING EVIDENCE GAPS
To uncover clear solutions to cross-sector challenges, we are filling key evidence gaps by synthesizing knowledge from different communities. Together with our partners, we are gathering evidence about what works (and what does not) across sectors. Thematic working groups are making the most of existing evidence on:

• The impact of clean cookstove interventions on forests, climate, respiratory health and nutrition.
• The implications of sanitation solutions for biodiversity and health.
• Rural energy access and its relationships to food and water security and the environment.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT
Together, we are growing a global community to fill the gaps that keep us isolated from one another. Our collective impact is greater than the sum of our parts. Join us!

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