**Organization Description:** University College London (UCL), Centre for International Health and Development

UCL is among the world’s top universities, as reflected in performance in a range of rankings and tables. 21 Nobel prizewinners have come from the UCL community.

**UCL Centre for International Health and Development**

CIHD is an interdisciplinary collaboration of leading academics working on health and development in a global context. We are based at the Institute of Child Health within University College London and work closely with the UCL Institute for Global Health.

Main research themes are:
- maternal and newborn health
- nutrition and livelihoods
- early childhood
- disability and children in difficult circumstances

Cross cutting topics include HIV prevention and treatment, the evaluation of community interventions, and the analysis of health systems and policies.

We collaborate with a number of centres of excellence (especially in Africa and Asia) and share results of research widely so that they can contribute to the improvement of the health, nutrition and development of people in poor communities. We also work with a range of international agencies and NGOs promoting the use of evidence-based good practice.

**University College London (UCL)**

We have a global reach and global vision. 34% of UCL students come from outside the UK, attracted from nearly 140 countries around the globe.

UCL was founded in 1826 as a radically different university, opening up English higher education for the first time to people of all beliefs and social backgrounds. That radical tradition remains alive today. Our research strategy commits us to addressing UCL’s ‘Grand Challenges’, by working together right across the university in order to tackle the problems that face us today.

UCL is an exceptional institution, with a radical tradition and a distinctive character. The university’s commitment to excellence and innovation in research and teaching is central to its vision of enriching society’s intellectual, cultural, scientific, economic, environmental and medical spheres. The esteem in which it is held internationally is well reflected in its ranking as 4th in the world in the Times Higher-QS World University Rankings 2009. Similarly, UCL’s outstanding research achievements were reflected in a stellar performance in the Research Assessment Exercise 2008.

Forging effective partnerships is integral to UCL’s belief in maximising the social impact of its intellectual resources. As a research institution, our primary expertise is on developing ideas and knowledge, so by working with institutions with a practical focus to their activities, such as hospitals, schools, business or government, we can help these ideas turn into real-world solutions.

Getting a breakthrough cancer drug to the patient waiting in the clinic, or placing our students in internships with local businesses – these are just two examples of how UCL expertise is delivered most effectively through strong external relationships.
Some of our partnerships are core institutional endeavours – we have formed Europe’s largest academic health science partnership with our teaching hospitals – while some rely on the hard work and goodwill of volunteer students and local schoolteachers. All of them reflect UCL’s aspiration to enrich society both locally and globally.