



## **Applications Open for the Reliance Foundation & W-GDP WomenConnect Challenge India**

Today, more than 1 billion women in low- and middle-income countries still do not own mobile phones, and the gap between the number of men and women using the internet has grown steadily over the past three years. It is vital that women are actively included in these development gains.

Gender equality and women empowerment is fundamental to the realization of human rights and key to effective and sustainable development. Digital technology has become an increasingly important tool for education, financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, civic participation, and a lifeline for critical health services and information, women are being left behind.

Through the Reliance Foundation and W-GDP WomenConnect Challenge India, Reliance Foundation is working together with USAID to help bridge the gender digital in India. We will identify and support solutions that empower women and girls in India via access to and the use of digital technology in order to drive positive health, education, and livelihood outcomes for themselves and their families.

We invite eligible applicants to respond to the Request for Applications for the Reliance Foundation and W-GDP WomenConnect Challenge India. Organisations such as a foundation, trusts, or a section 8 company with a track record of at least three years in related fields can apply. Reliance Foundation will support up to 10 projects with funding of up to Rs. 1 crore each. Applications close on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at midnight Eastern Time.

For further information on the RFA and to apply visit:

[www.womenconnectchallenge.org](http://www.womenconnectchallenge.org)