

U.S. GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT LAB

Accelerating development
through science innovation and
partnership



The Accelerator
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THE DEVELOPMENT INNOVATION ACCELERATOR

The Development Innovation Accelerator is a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA):

- A method to communicate to the market the Agency's general interest regarding a development problem
- A method of publicizing, not an acquisition instrument
- A method used for research in Science, Technology, and Innovation

Tremendous flexibility in solutions and approaches:

- Supports co-creation and co-development
- Supports competition
- Can engage any type of organization: public, private, government, non-government, for-profit, non-profit
- Can result in a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, GDA, DIA, IAA, G2G, D2D, MOU, etc.

ELEMENTS OF THE ACCELERATOR

Construct:

- An umbrella Broad Agency Announcement with general Areas of Research Interest, selection process and criteria for selection
- Addenda with Specific Research Areas of Interest, specific criteria, and a call for Statements of Interest
- Supports Lab, Missions and Bureaus

How It Works:

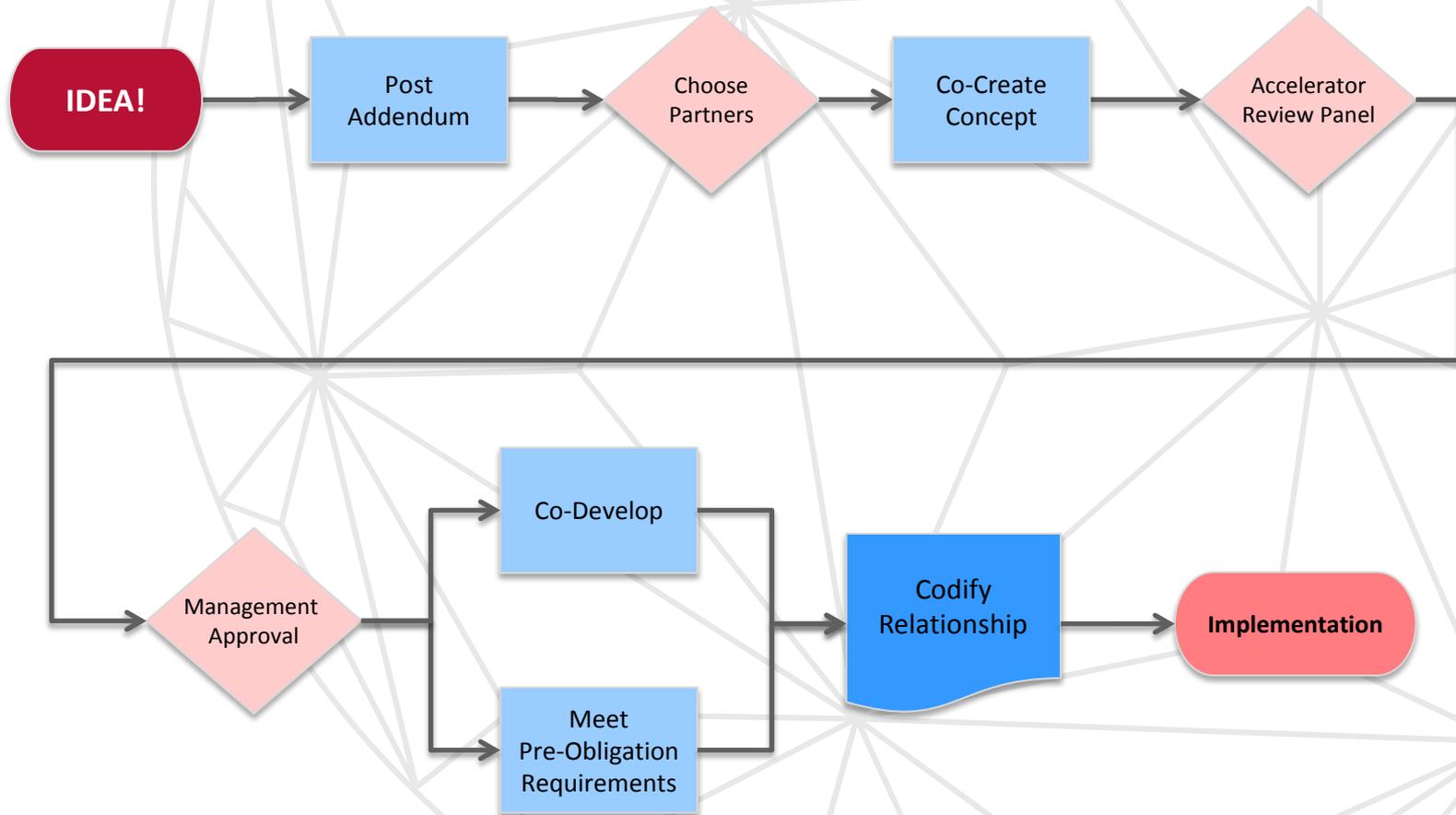
- Initial selection is based on partner potential, not proposals or concept papers
- Used to co-create, not iteratively create
- The selection for further development is based on scientific/peer review

GENERAL AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

1. Food, Security and Nutrition
2. Modernizing Food Assistance
3. Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths
4. Energy Access
5. Water Solutions
6. Child Literacy
7. Financial Inclusion
8. Rights, Participation and Accountability
9. Humanitarian Response

THE ACCELERATOR PROCESS

A development professional has an idea!



BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESS

- Design to Solution, not to Instrument:
 - Define Problem,
 - Develop Solutions,
 - Identify Competencies,
 - Explore Resources
- Engage talent and stakeholders early in process
- Involve CO/AO throughout the process
- Make decisions late in process, keep options open
- Create the right relationships to get the best results

QUESTIONS?

- How long does the process take?
- What's the difference between the Accelerator and the GDA APS? And a PPP? Grand Challenges?
- What is the funding level?
- Is their required cost-sharing, matching or leveraging?
- How is intellectual property handled?
- How can an organization with limited resources participate in the process? Will the co-creation and co-development stages be funded by USAID?
- I have a brilliant idea, but it doesn't fit any addendum. Can I still submit it?
- What is a brilliant idea?

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