



Hi Friend,

I have some exciting news to share: After seven years of incubation at Gates Ventures, Exemplars in Global Health (EGH) will soon transition to the Gates Foundation.

This transition reflects a natural evolution for the program. EGH has grown tremendously since its launch, and we feel now is the perfect time to make the foundation our long-term home. The foundation's expertise, resources, and network will provide a launch pad for EGH's next stage of growth, enabling it to scale its work and, most importantly, help more decision-makers accelerate public health progress.

I will remain at Gates Ventures as Managing Director of Health & Life Sciences and will soon be passing the baton of leading EGH to a new director. I am pleased to share that the foundation is actively recruiting for this position. Please share [this posting](#) with your networks.

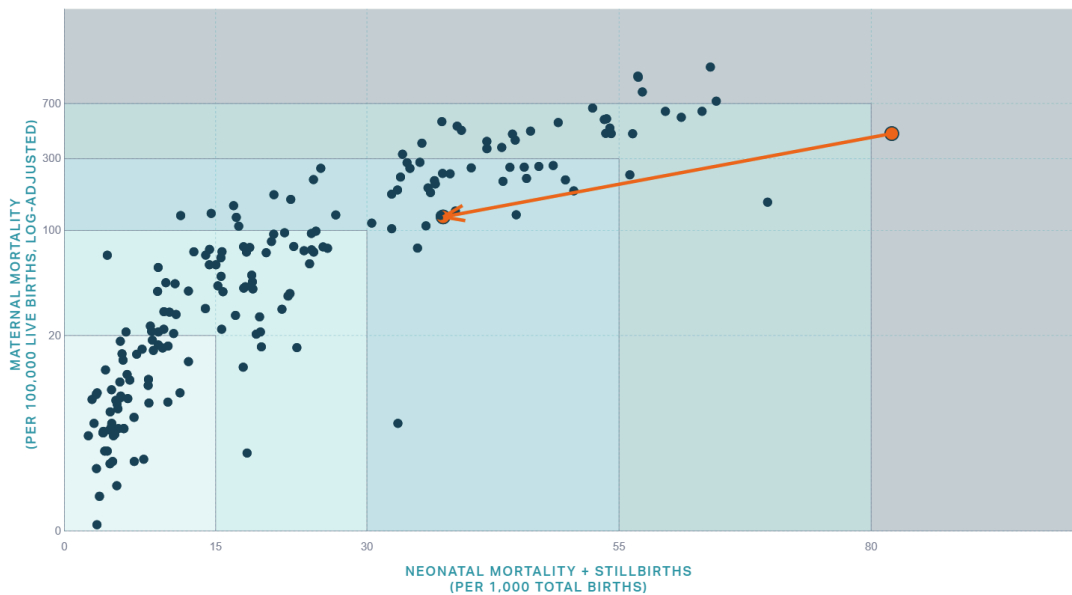
I'm looking forward to seeing EGH turn the page and start its next chapter, but this isn't goodbye from me just yet. I'll be sharing reflections from my tenure at EGH over the next couple of months, starting with the update below from our EGH community.

As funding changes are disrupting global health institutions worldwide, leaders are increasingly asking: How do we do more with less?

At Exemplars in Global Health, we believe it's possible to make progress even when resources are constrained. Our research spotlights how some countries have been able to achieve extraordinary health advances despite gaps in financing. One starting point for doing this is to identify baseline performance on a health issue as compared to others. This benchmarking approach can help health leaders assess their countries' position when it comes to health progress and use what has worked in other contexts to make a plan for their own setting.

To help facilitate this for countries seeking to improve their maternal and newborn health (MNH) outcomes, we partnered with Countdown to 2030, our neonatal and maternal mortality (NMR/MMR) topic research partner and lead, to develop an interactive benchmarking tool. The tool, now [live at Exemplars.Health](#), leverages learnings from our NMR/MMR research and global data sets to enable countries to measure their MNH progress along an integrated mortality transition framework, from the highest to lowest rates of mortality and stillbirth. This benchmarking approach and the interactive tool meet countries where they are, helping leaders to make the most of the resources they have.

Positioning Bangladesh in the transition framework



With the tool, users can:

- Visualize a country's maternal and newborn health indicators over time.
- Compare performance to countries in similar contexts; and
- Identify relevant learnings from countries that have made exemplary progress.

Amidst the changing global health landscape, focusing our collective efforts on proven investments is as crucial as ever. We remain committed to doing so, together.

Best,  
**Niranjan Bose, PhD**  
Managing Director, Health and Life Sciences

Explore how our Interactive Benchmarking Tool can help inform decisions on newborn and maternal health.

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## STORY

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