Fondation Botnar is a Swiss-based foundation which champions the use of AI and digital technology to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people in growing urban environments.

Every child should be capable of leading a life with good health and dignity as a thriving citizen. With more of the world's population residing in urban areas, Fondation Botnar is investing in emerging solutions to build a better future for children and young people globally in growing urban environments.

We support research, catalyse partners, and invest in scalable solutions.

Focus areas of work

Meaningful youth participation

We create opportunities and platforms for young people to share power and responsibility in shaping their health and wellbeing. We seek to include youth voices in the planning, design, and implementation of both local and global programs and policies.

Cities fit for young people

We are seizing the opportunity to make sure the world's urban environments are safe and thriving for young people. We connect diverse partners with local, national, and regional governments to catalyse these transformations.

AI and digital health

We fund, co-create, and scale up artificial intelligence (AI) and digitally-enabled solutions to bridge the health worker capacity gap, transform health systems from being reactive to proactive, and improve care efficiency for children and young people.

Women Deliver

Fondation Botnar partnered with Women Deliver on its Young Leaders Program; equipping young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources to amplify their influence on a global scale. Women Deliver counts 700 outstanding Young Leaders and alumni from 138 countries who are advancing gender equality in their communities, countries, and around the globe.

Location: Global

Governing Health Futures 2030

Fondation Botnar is supporting a joint Lancet & Financial Times Commission Growing up in a digital world: Governing Health Futures 2030. The commission was launched in 2019, exploring the convergence of digital health, artificial intelligence (AI), and other frontier technologies with universal health coverage (UHC). It has a special focus on improving the health of children and young people.The commission is bringing together a variety of stakeholders, such as youth networks, international organisations, and the private sector, for inclusive dialogues on institutional responsibilities, governance approaches and ethical guidelines that need to be considered in relation to human rights and digital health. The findings will be published at the end of 2021.

Afya-Tek

Afya-Tek connects key players in Tanzania to create a digitally-enabled, community-based, responsive health system. The three-year program brings together health actors at the community level and deploy new technologies with the aim to improve efficiency and improve the wellbeing of children, adolescents and their families.

Location: Kibaha district in the Pwani Region of Tanzania

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