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BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION DISCOVERY CENTER PRESENTS DESIGN WITH THE 90%

**Exhibition highlights the important role that designers can play in addressing
some of the world's most critical problems**

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(JULY 23, 2018 – SEATTLE, WA) This September, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Discovery Center will present *Design with the 90%*, an exhibition highlighting efforts of designers around the world to develop affordable and sustainable shelter, food, drinking water, sanitation, and health solutions for some of the world's most marginalized communities. On view September 13, 2018 through May 11, 2019, *Design with the 90%* was organized by Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum and features more than 25 projects that demonstrate how design can be a dynamic force for social change.

Curated by Cynthia E. Smith, Curator of Socially Responsible Design for Cooper Hewitt, the exhibition focuses on a broad survey of design solutions from around the world that address questions such as: **How might design transform lives around the world? In what ways can design act as a catalyst for change? In what ways can design expand access? How can design include those who have been excluded?**

"We are thrilled to collaborate with Cooper Hewitt and bring this exhibition to the Gates Foundation Discovery Center to highlight the important role that design and innovative approaches can play in solving some of the world's most critical challenges that determine the quality of life for millions of people around the world," said Charlotte Beall, Deputy Director of the Gates Foundation Discovery Center. "In addition to highlighting the work of these 25 global projects, we will activate the Center with opportunities for our visitors to participate in design thinking challenges, and connect with designers here in the Pacific Northwest who are working to address issues facing our local community."

In 2007, Smith curated the first *Design for the Other 90%* exhibition at Cooper Hewitt, to bring a spotlight to the important role design could play in responding to pressing issues facing the world's poorest communities. It explored the critical global issue of extreme poverty and demonstrated how designers are developing solutions to meet the needs of under-served communities around the world. The exhibition was presented at Cooper Hewitt in New York and subsequently traveled throughout the U.S. and has since led to two more exhibitions, *Design with the Other 90%: Cities and By the People: Designing a Better America*.

This presentation of *Design with the 90%* at the Gates Foundation Discovery Center has been adapted and updated with new projects and new iterations of past designs with a focus on projects that were designed by and with communities. Many of the designers in the exhibition are from the country in which the project is most needed.

“The Seattle area is a hub of design innovation and global health, so it is very exciting to partner with the Gates Foundation Discovery Center to present this new version of the exhibition,” said Smith. “We wanted to highlight a new generation of architects, engineers, designers, NGOs, and philanthropists who are partnering and working in co-creation with communities with limited resources to meet real needs.”

Several Seattle area designers are featured in the exhibition such as **BURN Design Lab** based in Vashon, Washington. They were part of a design team to create **BURN Cookstoves**, which reduces fuel consumption and smoke production to enable a more affordable and less toxic cooking environment. PATH, a leader in global health innovations, is featured with their **FreezePreventive Vaccine Carrier**, that keeps vaccines from accidentally freezing during transport to rural areas. Many newer, costly vaccines such as human papillomavirus, pneumonia, and rotavirus, are compromised if frozen, leaving vaccinated children and infants at risk for disease. Seattle-based TEAGUE collaborated on a design prototype for the rugged Kenyan-designed **Kio Kit**, which combines 40 kid-friendly tablets and headphones, a wireless charging case with 5TB of storage and pre-loaded educational content that can transform remote schools into digital classrooms.



Maya Pedal (1997 – present) Designer: Maya Pedal, Guatemala



Bicycle Phone Charger (2010 – present) Designer: Bernard Kiwia Tanzania

Other projects showcased in the exhibition include the **Maya Pedal**, human-powered machines made from readily-available, discarded bicycles that can be used without electricity to complete time-consuming tasks such as milling grain, shelling corn, washing clothes, or pumping water to supply entire neighborhoods. **The Portable Light Project** is a rugged solar textile kit with flexible photovoltaic panels that can charge medical devices or mobile phones and extend time for reading and work in the evening hours. It offers an alternative accessible source of energy for families living off the energy grid in remote areas like the Amazon rainforest.

In Tanzania, the majority of people live without electricity, yet a third of the country uses mobile phones. After experiencing rolling electrical outages with no way to charge his mobile phone, Bernard Kiwia of Tanzania, designed the **Bicycle Phone Charger**, a mobile phone charger made from scrap bike and radio parts. The design demonstrates how appropriate and effective solutions can arise from within local communities.

The need for prosthetics is high in countries with large numbers of amputees caused by landmines, disease, and natural and man-made disasters. Made with simple components, reducing frequent maintenance, the **ReMotion Knee** is an affordable prosthetic that helps restore natural movement. The San Francisco based design team, D-Rev, has delivered the device to clinics in 28 countries.

Digital platforms and apps that improve lives are also featured in the exhibition such as **HarassMap**. After experiencing daily sexual harassment on Egypt's streets, four women launched an online crowd-mapped anonymous reporting system, **HarrassMap**. Anyone can share via text message individual incidents, noting the location, date and time, personal and witness accounts, and any interventions, which are aggregated to reveal hotspots.

The exhibition will also highlight local issues where design can play a key role in developing solutions to challenges facing communities in the Seattle area. Visitors can participate in a design thinking challenge, get inspired, and connect to local design community programs, and learn more about how to get involved.

ABOUT COOPER HEWITT, SMITHSONIAN DESIGN MUSEUM

Founded in 1897, Cooper Hewitt is the only museum in the United States devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design. Housed in the historic landmark Carnegie Mansion, Cooper Hewitt is one of two Smithsonian museums in New York City. The museum's recent restoration, modernization and expansion transformed Cooper Hewitt into a dynamic, global resource for the public understanding of design. The steward of one of the most diverse and comprehensive design collections in existence today—more than 210,000 design objects spanning thirty centuries—the collection is showcased in the museum galleries, as well as fully digitized and accessible to all online at collection.cooperhewitt.org. With a mission to inspire, educate and empower people through design, Cooper Hewitt's special exhibitions and educational programs encourage everyone to discover the value of design and its power to change the world. cooperhewitt.org

ABOUT BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In the most under-resourced parts of the world, it focuses on improving people's health and empowering communities with opportunities to overcome extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation is led by CEO Sue Desmond-Hellmann and Co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett.

ABOUT BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION DISCOVERY CENTER

Located next to Seattle Center and the headquarters of the Gates Foundation, the Gates Foundation Discovery Center is a catalyst to educate, inspire, and motivate local and global awareness and action. Through exhibits and programs, the Discovery Center convenes and connects people to relevant topics, stories and resources to inspire action in our hometown and beyond. Admission is always free. Open Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (6 p.m. in summer). More information at discovergates.org.

PROJECT LIST

Project name	Designer(s)	Location Used
ADSPECS	Joshua Silver, Centre for Vision in theWorldwide Developing World	
AMPLI DxRx KIT	Little Devices Lab @ MIT	Chile, Honduras, Hong Kong, Nicaragua, Senegal, USA
BICYCLE PHONE CHARGER	Bernard Kiwia	Tanzania
BURN COOKSTOVES	Paul Means, Peter Scott, BURN Design Lab, (Vashon, Washington, USA); Collaborators: Bataan Peninsula State University, (Balanga, Philippines), BURN Manufacturing, (Ruiru, Kenya), Burro, Koforidua, (Ghana), Hands for Peacemaking Foundation, (Santa Cruz Barillas, Guatemala), University of Washington, (Seattle, Washington, USA)	Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kenya, Somalia, Somaliland, Tanzania, Uganda
DHARAVI DIARY	Nawneet Ranjan with Dharavi community	India
FLOATING COMMUNITY LIFEBOATS	Mohammed Rezwan, Shidhulai Swanirvar Sangstha	Bangladesh
FREEZE-PREVENTIVE VACCINE CARRIER	PATH	India, Nepal

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HARASSMAP	Launch version: Designers: Rebecca Chiao, Sawsan Gad, Engy Ghozlan; Collaborators: Justin Kiggins, NiJeL, and volunteers, (2010–17); Current version: Designers: Rebecca Chiao, Sawsan Gad, Engy Ghozlan, Hadeer Mohamed, Alia Soliman; Collaborators: Paul Barton, Noora Flinkman, Timothy Quinn, and volunteers	Egypt, South Africa, Turkey
HEART STRINGS	Mother Health International	Guinea, Haiti, India, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda
KASUNGU MATERNITY WAITING VILLAGE	Christian Benimana, Patricia Gruits, John Maher, Michael Murphy (cofounder), Jean Paul, Sebuyayi Uwase, MASS Design Group (Boston, Massachusetts, USA); Collaborators: Malawi Ministry of Health and Presidential Initiative for Safe Motherhood, (Lilongwe, Malawi)	Malawi
KIO KIT	BRCK; Collaborators: TEAGUE (prototype), Cramasie (mechanical engineer)	Belgium, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kiribati, Malawi, Mexico, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zanzibar, Zimbabwe
LIFESTRAW	Vestergaard	Worldwide
M-PESA 1TAP	Nearex for Safaricom	Kenya

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MAP KIBERA	Erica Hagen, Mikel Maron, GroundTruth Initiative with Kibera community members, OpenStreetMap contributors	Kenya
MAYA PEDAL	Maya Pedal	Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Spain, Uganda, United States of America
PORTABLE LIGHT PROJECT	KVA MATx design team and user communities	Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua, South Africa
POT-IN-POT COOLER	Mohammed Bah Abba with local potters	Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan
PROJECT MASILULEKE REMOTION KNEE	frog, New York, New York, USA, with Integration of TB in Education and Care for HIV/AIDS (iTEACH), Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa; Collaborators: Praekelt Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa, PopTech, Camden, Maine, USA D-Rev	South Africa Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, USA, Vietnam

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SAFE AGUA PERU SHE28	ArtCenter College of Design, (Pasadena, California, USA), with the Cerro Verde community Sustainable Health Enterprises (Kigali, Rwanda and New York, New York, USA); Partners: Rwanda Women's Network (Kigali, Rwanda), Swisscontact (Zurich, Switzerland), UNICEF Rwanda (Kigali, Rwanda) ShelterBox; Partners: Habitat for Humanity, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Rotary International, United Nations International Organization for Migration, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Peru Rwanda Worldwide
SHELTERBOX SMARTCANE	AssisTech Laboratory at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and Saksham Trust	Australia, Bahrain, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates
SOLAR EAR	Clement Bagwasi, Tendekayi Katsiga, Dwililani Kealotshwe, Botsile Ntshekisang, Modesta Nyirenda, Sarah Phiri, Howard Weinstein, Godisa Technologies Trust	Worldwide
TABLE HOUSE	Rainer Hehl, ABC Office, (Berlin, Germany), and Jo Noero, Noero Architects, (Cape Town, South Africa); Collaborators: Paul Talliard, Hands of Honour (social entrepreneurs), Marc Salomon (builder) with the Klipfontein community	South Africa