

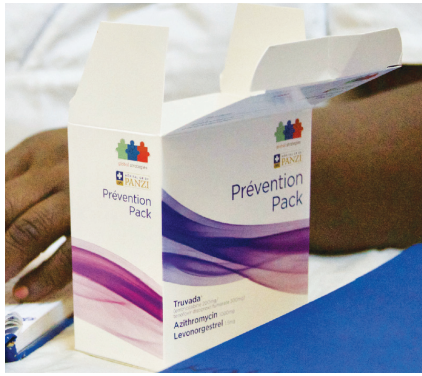


## Research with Nobel Peace Prize Winner Published

Global Strategies and Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Dennis Mukwege and his team at Panzi Foundation are close partners. Together they are pioneering a novel approach to delivering care to survivors of sexual violence in remote and unstable areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The two organizations, in collaboration with researchers at the University of California San Francisco and the University of Connecticut, recently published their work in the British Medical Journal Global Health in order to share their experience with those fighting against gender-based violence around the world. The article, entitled “Delivering integrated care after sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”, describes the Prevention Pack Program, an initiative that combines grassroots community campaigns, streamlined care delivery and cloud-based technology to reach women with little access to medical care after violence. [continued on page 2](#)

**ABOVE** Dr. Mukwege (center) with team members from Panzi Foundation, Global Strategies and Birthlink, our British neonatal partner, during a recent visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo.





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**DR. DENIS MUKWEGE**

## Research...Published, continued

“Our work highlights the importance of immediate medical care after sexual violence,” says Global Strategies program coordinator Jean Armas, “Medical care is often the first point of contact between rape survivors and holistic care.” Between March 2013 and February 2017, the team provided a total of 2,081 post-rape medical kits to survivors of sexual violence. Using a GPS linked inventory management system, the Congolese team maintained an uninterrupted supply of essential medications, a remarkable feat in this remote and unstable setting. The results led to a partnership between Global Strategies, Panzi Foundation and IMA World Health to expand the program to 45 sites across the South Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In December 2018, Dr. Mukwege was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize for his twenty-years of work fighting against gender-based violence in the eastern Congo. Addressing the audience he decried the violence, “If there is a war to be waged, it is the war against the indifference which is eating away at our societies.”



## Helping Newborns Globally

In February, Global Strategies president Dr. Joshua Bress and program coordinator Jean Armas traveled to Geneva to participate in an experts meeting to address newborn health in humanitarian settings. The meeting, convened by Save the Children, the World Health Organization and UNICEF, brought together organizations providing newborn care in Sudan, Yemen, Congo, Iraq, Lebanon and Bangladesh, among others, to create a strategy for reaching vulnerable newborns around the world.

“We’ve been fortunate to have supporters who believe that no baby is beyond reach,” says Dr. Bress, “With our partners, we have pioneered advanced newborn care in the eastern Congo and developed technologies to make it easier to deliver better care. We can use what we have learned and what we have created to help newborns globally.”

Nearly half of all child deaths before age five occur in the first month of life and a large percentage occur in countries that suffer from war and political conflict. The conference aimed to increase the visibility of newborns in humanitarian settings and coordinate advocacy efforts.

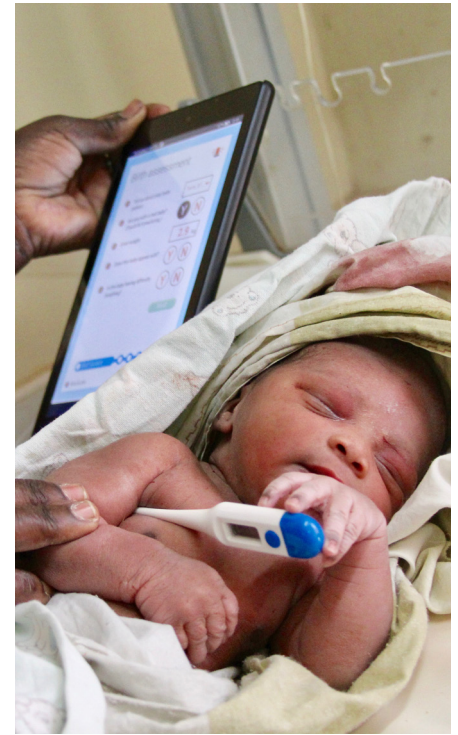
“I was inspired by the work being done by colleagues around the world,” says Jean Armas. “Yes, these settings are challenging, but newborn death is preventable.”

# Dr. Mary Muhindo

Dr. Mary Muhindo, who since 2015 has led research activities in Uganda evaluating Global Strategies' NoviGuide software, has been selected for the Preterm Birth Initiative Fellowship at the University of California San Francisco. The NoviGuide is a software program designed by Global Strategies, to help nurses deliver better care to newborns. The two-year fellowship strives to help future health leaders develop the skills needed to conduct collaborative research aimed at understanding and reducing prematurity and mortality from preterm birth.

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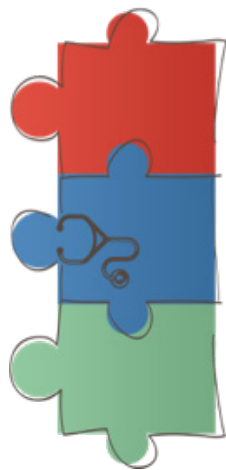
The program will begin the fall of 2019 and Dr. Muhindo plans to continue to evaluate the NoviGuide software. "I plan to further study the NoviGuide and determine whether software can guide nurses in the treatment of newborns with breathing difficulties," she adds, "I look forward to a time when all newborns, irrespective of where they are born, get high quality care by highly skilled providers."



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