

Name of your organisation	<b>T1International</b>
Date of TFN event which you pitched at	05/10/2023
Name of the project TFN funded	Fight for Five (Global Insulin Access Made Possible Through Targeted Advocacy)
Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>Thanks to your funding, we were able to build and support our patient Working Group to work towards our goal of insulin and testing supplies costing no more than 5% of average income. This group is led by patient advocates in India, Panama, Pakistan and Zimbabwe, the four focus countries we are targeting for building strategic advocacy plans to work towards the 5% goal. We provided specific support and training, including media training, event planning, advocacy action planning, and more. This enabled us to further build on our campaigns, led by advocates in their local communities, so that they could be as strategic and inclusive as possible. We carried out our Day of Action in March, envisioned by our working group, with events taking place in 7 countries around the world calling for lower insulin prices. We have also nearly finalised the fifth iteration of our one-of-a-kind global cost survey for people with diabetes to continue collecting data. We plan to have it translated into at least 4 other languages, which is hugely exciting and should increase response rates and reach of the survey and therefore improve the dataset.</p> <p>In addition to all of this, we were able to use some of these funds in support of the Gaza crisis, which sadly continues. We have supported and strategized with our MENA Chapter, led by Mohammed who attended the TFN pitch event in London, whose family is in Gaza. We are continuing to carry out actions related to the crisis and recently published another blog post on the matter.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	50%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	30
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	Thousands
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise and from whom?	About 1000 pounds from a new major donor
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding

<p>Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</p>	<p>Our advocate, Mohammed, who lives with diabetes, has spoken at many conferences related to diabetes and the Gaza crisis. He even met with the Director General of the WHO! He shared this: “While physically in London, my heart and soul are with my family and peers in Gaza. The humanitarian crisis in Gaza is putting an extra burden on the already fragile state of diabetes management for all people with diabetes in the Strip. I had witnessed the situation myself many times before and contacted friends living with diabetes and healthcare professionals. I can assure you that people are suffering. I have been keeping in touch with doctors, UNRWA personnel, and people living with diabetes to provide any means of support, from documents to educational materials on how to manage different types of insulin. There is an urgent need for all types of insulin (Rapid-acting, Regular, long-acting, and pre-mixed), glucometers, strips, and tablet medications. Recently, a close friend living with diabetes told me that he had not checked his blood glucose levels in three days, and he is forced to ration his insulin amidst the ongoing catastrophic events. Most importantly, aid needs to be able to reach those in need and have safe spaces for distribution. Without a ceasefire, this is nearly impossible. Many organisations have said that they have supplies and support ready, but they are simply waiting at Egypt’s border to be able to enter with their cargo safely. Thanks to T1International, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) #insulin4all Chapter and the Diabetes Humanitarian Aid Coalition are calling for world leaders to take action and support people with diabetes. No matter where you are in the world, you can write to your political leaders and ask them to support the needs of people with diabetes in crisis. Without this platform, people with diabetes in crisis would not be heard.”</p> <p>In Pakistan, one of our Fight for Five priority countries, we’ve supported advocacy efforts related to insulin shortages. The ongoing economic crisis has badly hit the healthcare system where patients have been struggling for essential medicines. Because of the massive Pakistani rupee devaluation against the US dollar, the Big Three insulin manufacturers, Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk, and Sanofi, called for an increase in prices. When this price demand could not be met by the government, the Big Three halted importing insulins. This has resulted in extreme insulin shortages and hardships for patients. Our partner in Pakistan said, “When there is so little competition from so few manufacturers, and the insulin manufacturers stop distributing according to the demand in the country, people with diabetes reliant on insulin to survive are left with basically no options. We know of children and young people who have suffered anxiety and trauma, as well as health issues due to these shortages, up to the</p>

	<p>extent that some have passed away." With support from T1International, the community organized an #insulin4all roundtable with health ministers, experts, representatives from pharmaceutical corporations, and others to address the issue. As an outcome from this event, they sent a letter to the prime minister and the cabinet urging them to intervene and implement recommendations by experts to ensure access to affordable insulin, primarily by having the government manufacture insulin. In the meantime, Pakistan is securing a contract with another private manufacturer for insulin production which will hopefully support increased access and affordability.</p>
<p>Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?</p>	<p>In September 2024, Policy &amp; Advocacy Director Shaina Kasper will assume the role of Executive Director, following the planned departure of our Founder, Elizabeth Pfiester. This seamless transition will maintain our strategic direction and organisational stability.</p> <p>T1International's Board of Trustees also recently made the decision to close operations from our UK entity and solely operate out of our United States 501(c)(3) nonprofit. This decision did not come lightly. This change will NOT impact our vision, mission, goals, or priorities. Most importantly, it won't impact the community that we work with. We believe it will allow us to do more, and better.</p> <p>The decision to close T1International's UK operations comes from the Board's commitment to continue to invest deeply in global programs, expand our support for patient leaders, and streamline any potentially duplicative administrative efforts. With our team reducing over the past few years and shifts in regional funding, this move will free up more funds for us to more directly support our community in the Global South by investing more in programs and less in overhead costs. Hiring three regional advocacy consultants in Africa, Asia and Latin America is particularly exciting to us, as these regions are frequently left behind in work related to diabetes access.</p> <p>We would of course be happy to discuss this decision or any related questions, if helpful.</p>
<p>Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?</p>	<p>We are so grateful for the opportunity to pitch, receive feedback, and gain a new donor from the experience. We wish there were more ongoing opportunities like this, and we know that TFN sees the importance of small charities, which is vital now more than ever!</p>