Engineers Without Borders Launches International Women's Day Campaign to Empower Women and Girls Through Engineering

With the support of Bentley Systems, the Engineers Without Borders Global fundraising campaign accelerates action for women and girls this International Women's Day

March 6, 2025 – Engineers Without Borders International today announced the launch of a global fundraising campaign to accelerate action towards gender equality to mark International Women's Day on Saturday, March 8.. With a sobering reminder that it could take until 2158 to achieve full gender parity, EWB is committed to speeding up this progress through transformative engineering projects that support women and girls. Bentley Systems has generously contributed \$15,000 to kickstart the fundraising efforts. EWB now calls on the public, including like-minded corporations and organizations, to help reach the campaign goal.

"Women and girls often bear the burden of lack of access to infrastructure, missing out on the opportunity to improve their own lives and the lives of those around them," shared Katie Cresswell-Maynard, Executive Director, Engineers Without Borders International. "We're thrilled Bentley Systems have chosen to kickstart our fundraising campaign this year and hope others will follow so we can accelerate action for women and girls this International Women's Day."

EWB International is raising \$100,000 to support global Engineers Without Borders organizations, delivering critical projects to create a better tomorrow for women and girls. Established to provide safe spaces, support education, and foster economic empowerment for women and girls, these projects include:

- Creating safe spaces for children in Argentina, supporting mothers to work
- Supporting a female entrepreneur initiative leading a plastic waste revolution in Ghana
- Sustainable farming vocations for girls, also in Ghana
- Cultivating a reliable water supply for a girls' school in Kenya
- Working towards freedom from water collection for women and girls in Malaysia
- Resources for women and girls overcoming addiction in Sierra Leone
- Rehabilitating a school in Zimbabwe, with special focus on infrastructure of girls

"We are delighted that our meaningful partnership with Engineers Without Borders enables us to make a positive impact on the lives of women and girls worldwide," commented Dan O'Brien, Director of Philanthropy and Impact, Bentley Systems. "By supporting the vital work of the Engineers Without Borders movement, we contribute to lasting change. We are especially proud to support this campaign in celebration of International Women's Day."

Donations to this campaign will go directly towards empowering girls and women through these specific projects to achieve a future where they are leaders and innovators. You can donate directly to the campaign through EWB's <u>website</u>.

To stay informed about the impact of and ongoing efforts of this campaign, subscribe to the <u>newsletter</u>. Those interested in partnering with EWB to further these initiatives, and EWB's global movement to improve the lives of people in need through the power of engineering, can reach out at <u>partnerships@ewb-international.org</u>.

-About Engineers Without Borders-

The global Engineers Without Borders movement extends across all global regions, with 40+ recognized organizations and operations across 90+ different countries. Our work improves peoples' lives today through delivering critical infrastructure to communities in need and people in crisis to provide clean water, improved sanitation and reliable energy. We're also working to reimagine tomorrow through nurturing new engineering solutions and a capable engineering community so that all people and the planet can thrive.

Engineers Without Borders International is the coordinator of the global movement of Engineers Without Borders organizations and is driving greater collaboration and unity so that together the global Engineers Without Borders movement becomes an effective agent of meaningful scale change in the world.

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