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Gates Foundation Awards \$40 Million to Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

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The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has awarded a ten-year, \$40 million grant to Johns Hopkins University's **Bloomberg School of Public Health** in Baltimore to expand a global reproductive health program, the *Baltimore Sun* reports.

The grant will support the expansion of the school's Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, which trains leaders of reproductive health programs in the developing world. Following a \$2.25 million pilot grant from the Seattle-based Gates Foundation in 1997, the Institute was formally established in 1999 with a \$20 million grant from the foundation.

"This has been a terrific initiative that has gotten off the ground entirely because the Gates Foundation, several years ago, was willing to invest in the vision we had that the way to move population and family health issues forward in the less-developed areas of the world is by training high-quality people, and ultimately being able to invest in them and their institutions," said Dr. Alfred Sommer, dean of the public health school.

According to World Health Organization estimates, 38 percent of all pregnancies are unintended, resulting in millions of unsafe abortions.

Erika Niedowski. "Hopkins School of Public Health to Get \$40 Million Gates Grant" Baltimore Sun 06/05/2003.

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