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Drone Working Group Launches Innovative Medical Drone Database

Sept. 24, 2020 (Seattle, WA) - The Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Payload Delivery Working Group (UPDWG) has launched the world's first database of drones for health operations.

The [Medical Drone Delivery Database (MD3)](#) is a free-to-access platform that provides users with data to inform future drone operations, identify potential partners and donors, and share learnings on the impact of drones on health care access.

"The health and development sector is the global pacesetter when it comes to drone delivery, but little has been publicly shared on the efficacy of operations," UPDWG Coordinator Gabriella Ailstock said. "In response to this, UPDWG, in partnership with VillageReach, and with support from the Interagency Supply Chain Group (ISG) UAS Coordinating body, created the MD3 to share invaluable data that can accelerate the use of drones for health around the world."

The online database consolidates data from over 40,000 flights from operations across 14 countries, in an interactive world map. The MD3 offers users the opportunity to:

- Access flight data from specific geographies and operations
- Understand performance and capabilities of current drone technology
- Promote results and learn from others
- Contact project implementers to collaborate

UPDWG is accepting new data submissions on a rolling basis. Any drone company, non-profit organization, government, donor or researcher who has completed at least one drone flight for health product transport can be included in the MD3.

To explore the database and have your project included, visit [UPDWG.org/MD3](#)/.

About UPDWG

The Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Payload Delivery Working Group (UPDWG) is a global community of stakeholders interested in the development, advancement and application of drones for use in public health and supply chain systems. Membership consists of over 300 representatives from a wide range of organizations, including non-governmental organizations, UAV manufacturers and service providers, governments, UN Agencies, donors and more. For more information, visit [UPDWG.org](#) or email [info@UPDWG.org.](#)

About VillageReach

VillageReach transforms health care delivery to reach everyone, so that each person has the health care needed to thrive. We develop solutions that improve equity and access to primary health care. This includes making sure products are available when and where they are needed

and primary health care services are delivered to the most under-reached. Radical collaboration with governments, the private sector and other partners strengthen our ability to scale and sustain these solutions. Our work increases access to quality health care for 43 million people in sub-Saharan Africa. For more information, visit villagereach.org.

About ISG UAS

The Interagency Supply Chain Group's Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Coordinating Body (ISG UAS) is a collective of eleven international organizations and donors, which convene stakeholders in the UAS and global health space to align on and coordinate UAS investments for payload delivery in low- and middle-income countries. Through this coordination, ISG UAS aims to better understand the potential of UAS in global health, where to focus investments in the near- and long-term, and how to better leverage each other's work to continue this knowledge base and ensure the investments are cost-effective and sustainable. ISG UAS is a part of the Interagency Supply Chain Group, which is a global collaboration forum to support country level health supply chain improvement efforts. For more information, visit isghealth.org and isghealth.org/uas-coordinating-body/.

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