Press release

CHD receives CHF 150,000 from Venture Kick to bring pregnancy monitoring into patients' homes

St.Gallen/Zurich/Lausanne, October 26, 2026 — The medtech startup CHD (Connected Health Development) has obtained CHF 150,000 from Venture Kick to advance digital solutions for remote maternal and fetal monitoring. By enabling healthcare professionals to monitor high-risk pregnancies beyond the hospital, the company aims to improve access to care, detect potential complications earlier, and reduce pressure on healthcare systems.

More than 140 million babies are born worldwide each year, with around 15% of pregnancies considered high-risk and requiring regular medical surveillance. These frequent hospital visits place a considerable burden on expectant mothers and healthcare providers alike. With staff shortages and limited hospital capacity adding to the pressure, reliable solutions that allow medical teams to monitor both mother and baby remotely are increasingly needed.

CHD develops connected health solutions combining medical sensors, digital platforms, and advanced data analysis to help healthcare professionals monitor patients remotely and make informed clinical decisions.

CHD's MONI2 remote monitoring solution uses a comfortable, washable smart textile belt to collect fetal and maternal ECG, uterine contractions, fetal movements, and position. Pregnant women can access basic indicators via a smartphone app, while healthcare professionals receive raw data and predictive indicators through a secure web portal for diagnosis. CHD plans consumer and medical versions using the same hardware, targeting over 30,000 kits and subscriptions sold within four years.

The CHF 150,000 from Venture Kick will be used to develop, test and validate the functional prototypes for Q2 27 with the objective to commercially release the consumer version of MONI2 by beginning 28 (the first medical version FDA cleared being planned for end 2029).

The team brings together CEO Laurent Vandebrouck, CMO Pr Nicolas Sananès, CSO Dr. Marc Salomon combining expertise in entrepreneurship, smart textile based digital health service operation as well as KOLs in gynecology and cardiology.

"It is really an honor to be selected by a so efficient, supportive and performing investor as Venture Kick contributing to our 1st tranche of our Seeding fundraise. This support will allow us to close this fundraise by October as initially planned as other private investors and a Foundation have already committed or plan to do it soon" highlighted Laurent Vandebrouck.



CHD team: CEO Laurent Vandebrouck, COO & QARA Dr. Giusy Fiucci, CSO Dr. Marc Salomon, and CTO Fernando Romao

CHD profile on Venture Kick

About Venture Kick

The Venture Kick philanthropic initiative provides more than 1 million in seed funding to Swiss startups and offers a well-structured entrepreneurial path toward building a winning business. Startups pitch to Venture Kick juries in three stages to obtain CHF 150,000, gain direct feedback, and access a network of 250 international investors. Winners of Venture Kick are eligible for an InnoBooster grant of CHF 150,000 and an additional CHF 850,000 investment from the Kickfund.

Since its launch in 2007, Venture Kick has supported 1,286 Swiss startup projects with CHF 103 million from private donors. Thanks to financial support, coaching, and networking with investors, this initiative has led to the emergence of 1,000+ thriving startup companies and the creation of 16,100+ jobs. Venture Kick alumni companies have attracted investments of CHF 10.2 billion and represent 66 companies ranked in the Top100 Swiss Startups in 2025 (https://www.top100startups.swiss).

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