Data for Health Global Grants Program Launches New Round of Funding

Introducing Equity as a new priority thematic area

Grants up to $150,000 available for projects that strengthen the collection, analysis and/or use of high-quality data for public health decision-making

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The Global Grants Program (GGP) is launching a new round of funding for projects that strengthen the collection, analysis and use of high-quality data for public health policymaking.

Project ideas must be submitted between May 10 - May 31 for screening. Successful ideas will be invited to submit a full proposal, due by July 15. Only invited proposals will be considered for support.

Applications must come from eligible government agencies and focus on at least one of the following areas:

- Strengthening civil registration and vital statistics systems
- Innovations in non-communicable disease risk factor surveys
- Establishing or strengthening cancer registries
- Using public health data for policy development and planning

Within the programmatic areas above, we also encourage applications with an optional focus on one or both of the following themes:

Equity

This round of funding introduces equity as a new thematic area for priority funding consideration. Within this framework, applicants can propose projects that 1) use data to describe, document, monitor and propose solutions to inequities in health and determinants of health; or 2) focus on equity in data systems themselves; for example, reducing disparities among populations reached by civil registration systems. The equity lens for proposals could focus on geography, gender, ethnicity, disability or other population characteristics.

Below are some examples of previous projects with equity themes:

- Linking health and non-health data sources for informed public health policy- and decision-making on gender-based violence (Brazil).

- Identifying deaths from COVID-19 in Shipibo-Konibo indigenous populations of the Peruvian Amazon (Peru).

- Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic by Small Areas in Belo Horizonte: Assessing Social Vulnerability to Guide Vaccination and Organize Cardiovascular Care (Brazil).

- Improving Ecuador's Capacity to Use Administrative Records for Statistical Purposes related to Child Malnutrition (Ecuador).

<u>COVID-19 Response</u>

As in the previous rounds of funding, projects that focus on core public health systems strengthening and the public health response to COVID-19 are also eligible for consideration.

The GGP will support grant periods of up to 18 months with a maximum award amount of $150,000; shorter-term grants with lower award amounts are also encouraged.

The Data for Health Initiative, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Government of Australia, supports governments in low- and middle-income countries worldwide to improve public health data systems. The Initiative focuses on four major areas: civil registration and vital statistics; non-communicable disease risk factor surveys; cancer registries; and data use for policy making. Collaborating institutions are: Vital Strategies, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and CDC Foundation, Global Health Advocacy Incubator, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the World Health Organization.

The Global Grants Program (GGP) was developed to increase the reach of the Data for Health Initiative. Since its inaugural grant in March 2019, the GGPs four rounds of funding have supported governments in improving public health through addressing information gaps and improving data processes, leading to better-informed public health policies and investments. The Program currently supports projects in the following countries: Brazil, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, The Gambia, and Tunisia.

For more information on eligibility, priority areas and how to apply, visit:
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