**Data for Health Global Grants Program Launches New Round of Funding**

**Civil registration and vital statistics and data use for decision-making are core thematic areas**

**Use of data to promote health equity and data for COVID-19 response are additional priority themes**

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

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative’s [Global Grants Program](https://www.d4hglobalgrantsprogram.org/) (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. Within the broad focus areas listed below, we acknowledge the expertise and priorities of country representatives and welcome projects that reflect this.

**The grant proposal process** entails two steps:

1) Project ideas must be submitted between **November 1 – November 30** for screening;

2) Selected successful ideas will be invited to submit a full proposal, due by **January 15, 2022.** ***Only invited proposals will be considered for support.***

**Eligible applications** must come from:

1. Government agencies (national, state/province, municipal/urban)
2. National NGOs (Only eligible to apply for equity-focused projects only, see below)

Applications should focus on at least one of the following **core areas**: (see [www.d4hglobalgrantsprogram.org](http://www.d4hglobalgrantsprogram.org) for further details):

* **Strengthening civil registration and vital statistics systems**
* **Using public health data for policy development and program planning**

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

* + **Data for Equity**

Social, political, and environmental inequities are at the root of health inequalities between populations. The D4H Global Grants Program supports projects focused on promoting equity and reducing health disparities. The equity lens for proposals could focus on geography, gender, ethnicity, ability or other population characteristics.

* + **Data for COVID-19 Response**

As countries continue to respond to the pandemic, projects that focus on data use for COVID-19 response are also eligible for consideration; this includes data projects to support vaccination.

The GGP will support grant periods of up to 12 months with a maximum award amount of $150,000; shorter-term grants with lower award amounts are also encouraged. Sustainability measures must be incorporated into the project design. Applicants should plan to start their projects on or about April 1, 2022.

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](https://www.vitalstrategies.org/), [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and CDC Foundation](https://www.cdcfoundation.org/), [Global Health Advocacy Incubator](https://advocacyincubator.org/), [the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](https://www.jhsph.edu/), and the [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/).

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: Angola, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Maldives, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Sierra, Leone, The Gambia, and Tunisia, Vanuatu.

For more information on eligibility, priority areas, examples of previously funded projects and how to apply, visit: <https://www.d4hglobalgrantsprogram.org/process>