FIND/Unitaid Advocacy RFP: Applicant Webinar

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Developing and deploying advocacy strategies to promote COVID-19 diagnostic testing and linkage to care and treatment in LMICs

FIND and Unitaid, as co-convenors of the Dx and Tx pillars, are issuing the RFP jointly with a goal to create an enabling environment for increased access to and scaled-up use of COVID-19 testing and linkage to treatment in target regions.

Total envelope: ~ US$ 2 million with an average award of US$50,000 to US$100,000

RFP issued and applications accepted in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese

Closing date: February 2, 2022

Link to RFP: https://www.finddx.org/calls-for-partners/
**Overview of scope and deliverables**

**Scope**
Restricted to national or regional health awareness raising and advocacy

Consider **advocacy approaches that will increase testing rates** in line with UNGA testing targets (1 test/1000/day), and adequate linkage to treatment

Activities should be centred on developing **advocacy strategies, literacy and messaging and media content for use in local contexts**, as well as wider dissemination and amplification

**Deliverables**

I. A **multi-pronged advocacy strategy for increased testing and adequate linkage with treatment** based on information gathered about local context, including challenges, opportunities, and target audiences.

II. **Tailored (and “pressure-tested”) messages on testing and diagnostics, as well as on therapeutics, for key target audiences**, including media, key opinion leaders, policy makers, and healthcare workers, and public.

III. **Advocacy and educational materials, translated into local language and tailored to local contexts for both high-level advocacy and community outreach.** To this end ACT-A partners in the Dx and Tx Pillars would provide relevant information as it becomes available to complement other sources.

IV. **Dissemination and amplification of advocacy and educational materials via multiple channels appropriate for local/regional settings and target audiences**
Applicant profile and exclusion criteria

Inclusive approach: Proposals welcome from a wide range of country-level organizations in LMICs including, but not limited to, health sector implementers, marketing agencies, advocacy organizations, not-for-profits, community-led and civil society organizations (CCSO), and faith-based organizations.

However, there are certain base requirements for consideration, as detailed in Section 8 of the RFP (Award Conditions (Exclusion Criteria)).

To aid applicants in assessing their eligibility, we have prepared a Self-check Form (Appendix B).

Please note that the self-check form does not cover all eligibility requirements. Applicants are required to review all exclusion criteria prior to proposal submission.
**Completed proposal document must be submitted by February 2, 2022 via email to advocacy_rfp@finddx.org**

Applications and supporting materials can be submitted in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

**Process and Timelines**

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Agenda

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Is more than one proposal allowed per country?
Yes, there is no restriction on the number of applications per country.

Will the award/contract be issued in French/Spanish/Portuguese?
Proposals can be submitted in English, French Spanish and Portuguese but the award/contract will be in English.

Do the advocacy strategies and dissemination materials need to be in English?
The development of materials (in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and other local languages as relevant) is permitted. Strategies and plans should ideally be shared in one of the four languages of the RFP for the review process.

What is the definition of an LMIC?
Please refer to the OECD definition.
Written queries received & responses (2 / 2)

➢ Is there a required template for the proposal?
There is no template for the narrative section of the proposal. Please note that Section 7 of the RFP, Application Guidelines, contains an outline of required information to include. Proposals should be submitted in PDF format and be no more than 9 pages in length (not including appendices).

➢ Can organizations apply as a consortium?
Yes, partnerships / consortium applications are accepted, but we require applications to be submitted by a single lead organization, with whom we would contract with. This would still be limited to the maximum award of 100k USD.
For more information:

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Email: advocacy_rfp@finddx.org

Webinar recordings and FAQs will be shared on the FIND Calls for Partners page.