# request for applications:

# cso gff resource & engagement hub

# global goods resources and tools

PAI is pleased to announce a civil society Global Financing Facility (GFF) resource and engagement hub (The Hub), a multiyear initiative to amplify and support civil society advocacy organizations and coalitions to contribute to GFF country-level investment outcomes. The Hub’s main functions are:

* Serving as a virtual forum for public information on the GFF;
* Supporting the development of global goods resources and tools; and
* Providing capacity building, engagement support grants and technical assistance.

**GLOBAL GOODS RESOURCES & TOOLS**

The Hub is supporting the development of global goods resources and tools, or materials that are designed to transmit knowledge or skills that will enhance civil society’s ability to contribute to country policies and investments supported by the GFF. The types of tools and resources that will be supported are:

* Case studies sharing successful experiences with one aspect of the GFF that is relevant for other GFF countries, such as accountability efforts or successful engagement of youth or underserved populations.
* A packet of workshop materials, for example to strengthen CSO platforms that engage in government-led GFF processes, or to support country-level resource mapping and fundraising.
* A “How-To” guide to influence and engage in GFF investment case development, implementation and monitoring and accountability; or
* A packet of training materials or resources on an aspect of the GFF, such as health financing strategies and reforms or results-based financing; or budget analysis and tracking.

# GRANT DETAILS

In 2019, the GFF Hub will issue between 4-7 grants for global goods resources and tools, with budgets between USD $5,000 and $10,000 per grant. Awards will be made on a rolling basis throughout the year until resources are exhausted.

Funds may support direct costs: staff time, meetings and briefings, materials development, communications expenses, and local travel. Administrative or overhead costs must not exceed 15%. All activities must be fully budgeted. Miscellaneous budget lines will not be accepted or funded.

# ELIGIBILITY & FUNDING CRITERIA

* Organizations located in or supporting work in GFF countries, with a preference given to local organizations
* Organizations with experience engaging in GFF processes directly, or supporting others to engage
* Organization registered as a non-governmental or non-profit (charity) organization in the eligible country
* Dedicated bank account in the name of the organization
* Active membership in local, national or regional networks working in health, family planning, reproductive and maternal health or nutrition; or governance and accountability
* Demonstrated commitment to sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, adolescent health and nutrition (SRMNCAH+N)

Grants will not be awarded to:

* Individuals
* Doctoral or purely academic research
* Fund scholarships or school fees
* Organizations with no experience working on the GFF
* Organizations that discriminate against people because of religion, sex, race, disability or sexual orientation
* Organizations that have been awarded funds from another grant-maker to do similar work

# EXPECTATIONS OF FUND RECIPIENTS

* Develop resources and tools in consultation with the intended users of the resource or tool; and in coordination with relevant CSO coalitions engaging in GFF
* Develop plans for dissemination and outreach at the conceptual stage, and adapt these plans as needed over time to make the resource or tool as useful as possible
* Maintain regular email and Skype communications with fund managers based at PAI
* Provide the Hub team with opportunities for meaningful inputs to strengthen the resource or tool
* Brand the resource or tool according to the organization or coalition that produced them. Materials will be placed on the GFF Hub website but are not permitted to include PAI or GFF Hub logos.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

The GFF CSO Hub has designed a tiered process to give feedback on proposed work at the concept stage, before inviting a full application. This approach is designed to avoid grant-seekers from developing a full application that is denied, because it is not aligned with the GFF Hub’s objectives or similar work is already being done. The process is as follows:

1. Interested applicants are invited to submit a concept note which outlines essential aspects of the proposed work, with a rough budget estimate.
2. GFF Hub team will review each concept note and respond with next steps, which will be one of the following:
	1. An invitation to expand the concept note into a full application
	2. Notification that The Hub is not able to fund the work as proposed, with suggestions on how to revise the concept note to be stronger.
3. Select applicants will be invited to submit a full application.
4. The GFF Hub team will review the applications, and move forward with:
	1. Approval of funding
	2. Feedback that The Hub is not able to fund the work as proposed, but can be resubmitted to respond to suggested revisions to strengthen the application. Applicant is invited to re-submit the application
5. For approved grants, the GFF Hub team will work with the Hub’s host organization (PAI) to enter into a grant agreement and disburse funds.
6. Project implementation, monitoring and reporting

# APPLICATION REQUIRMENTS, SELECTION CRITERION AND TIMELINE

Concept notes and applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

* Proposed work will fill a demonstrated gap in knowledge, skills, or evidence;
* Proposed global goods will contribute to meaningful CS engagement in country-level GFF processes and outputs;
* Organization’s engagement in or coordination with CSO platforms that work on the GFF is relevant. For example, an organization in a GFF country may apply to produce a resource or tool based on the experience of a CSO GFF coalition in that country. However, the organization must be able to demonstrate that they have gathered inputs from the coalition members.
* Demonstrated understanding of existing evidence and tools for civil society engagement;
* Technical capacity to engage in Skype calls with PAI staff; and
* Adherence to the requirements and guidelines of the RFA;

All concepts and applications must be written in English or French, and all budget figures should be in the local currency and USD. Be sure to specify the exchange rate and date of exchange rate being used (we recommend Oanda, https://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/).