**Expression of Interest 2022**

**Engagement Support Small Grants**

**Guiding Document**

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| **Summary**   * Engagement Support small grants responsively provide financial resources to enable a stronger and independent civil society and youth-led movement for women’s, children’s and adolescent health across Global Financing Facility (GFF) countries. * National civil society organizations registered in GFF countries are eligible to apply. * Engagement Support small grants sizes range from $35,000 to $115,000. Their duration cannot exceed 12 months. * Application deadline is 11:59 p.m. EST on December 4, 2022. * Please refer to our [Global Goods small grants guiding document](https://www.csogffhub.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Global-Goods-EOI-Guiding-Document-English-2.docx) to decide which small grants opportunity best suits your project needs. |

**Background**

The Global Financing Facility (GFF) embodies the world’s commitment to ensuring that all women, children and adolescents can survive and thrive. The GFF was launched in 2015 at the Financing for Development conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with the goals of ending preventable maternal and child deaths and improving the health and quality of life for all women, children and adolescents by 2030. The GFF is squarely focused on prioritizing and scaling up evidence-driven investments to improve sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition (SRMNCAH+N) in the world’s most at-risk countries through targeted strengthening of service delivery systems, particularly primary health care — to save lives and accelerate progress toward achieving universal health coverage and the sustainable development goals.

For the past three years, PAI has hosted the Civil Society GFF Resource and Engagement Hub (The CSO GFF Hub). This project’s primary goal was to bolster civil society engagement in the GFF to increase government action to improve SRMNCAH+N policies and funding.

In May 2022, PAI and the World Bank announced a new collaboration to advance and support the implementation of the GFF’s Civil Society and Youth Engagement Strategy.

Supported by a $5 million GFF grant, PAI will further strengthen civil society’s impact by enhancing alignment of civil society organization (CSO) participation at the country and global levels, streamlining governance and management and hosting the Civil Society Coordinating Group (CSCG). Through this grant, PAI will also provide strategic and technical advocacy assistance and small grants to national CSOs across GFF countries.

**Purpose of the Engagement Support Small Grants**

In line with the [GFF’s Civil Society and Youth Engagement Framework](https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/sites/gff_new/files/CSO-and-Youth-Engagement-Framework_EN.pdf), the overarching purpose of Engagement Support small grants is to responsively provide financial resources to support advocacy efforts toward a stronger and independent civil society- and youth-led movement for women’s, children’s and adolescent health across the 36 GFF countries.

**Expected Outcomes**

Projects funded through Engagement Support small grants should contribute toward the following expected outcomes:

* Improved diversity, transparency and functioning of civil society platforms that drive evidence-based advocacy around SRMNCAH+N priorities.
* Strengthened and sustained civil society and youth-led organization (YLO) coalitions and platforms at the national and subnational levels.
* Stronger political will on SRMNCAH+N supports that increase domestic resource mobilization efforts.
* CSOs and YLOs are meaningfully engaged in the development, implementation and monitoring of the GFF investment case and SRMNCAH+N policies.
* Improved tracking of SRMNCAH+N service quality, policy implementation and funding flows that lead to increased mutual accountability around SRMNCAH+N priorities.
* More equitable health expenditure that improves access to and usage of SRMNCAH+N services among the most at-risk communities.

**Grant Size and Duration**

Engagement Support small grants range from $35,000 to $115,000. Their duration cannot exceed 12 months.

**Eligibility Criteria**

In order to receive an Engagement Support small grant, applicant organizations must meet the following criteria:

* Be registered as a nongovernmental or nonprofit organization in the country where the proposed project activities will take place.
* Be an active member in local, national or regional networks working in SRMNCAH+N; and/or in governance and accountability; and/ or represent a local, subnational, national or regional network or coalition of organizations; and/or a group of organizations with one member organization acting as lead partner.
* Demonstrated track record of leading or substantively contributing to effective advocacy and accountability initiatives in the target country.
* Hold a dedicated bank account in the organization’s name to receive funds.
* Submit an application in English or French.

Organizations registered in the following countries may apply to receive an Engagement Support small grant: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

**Selection Criteria**

Expressions of interest will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

* Expertise in advocacy for SRMNCAH+N.
* Experience advocating for integrated packages of essential and quality health care services (desired but not required).
* Demonstrated interest, commitment and, if applicable, track record of engagement in country planning and health financing processes, including but not limited to the GFF investment case lifecycle.
* Connections and networking capacities with key local, subnational, national or regional stakeholders, especially with CSOs and YLOs working in SRMNCAH+N.
* Meaningful engagement with local, national and regional multistakeholder constituencies and with CSO or youth networks and coalitions active on GFF — including demonstrated engagement with existing GFF multistakeholder country platform and/or GFF civil society/youth coalitions — through sound accountability, transparency and feedback mechanisms.
* Strong knowledge and demonstrated experience in evidence-based advocacy.
* Track record of advocacy successes in the SRMNCAH+N field.
* Cost-effectiveness of proposed activities.
* Overall soundness of the proposed approach, in line with the requirements and guidelines of the Request for Proposal.
* Proposed activities should take advantage of a discrete opportunity presented by the GFF process in the country or support cross-cutting activities — addressing health priorities determined in-country and not specific to GFF alone — and promote alignment among CSOs working across Global Health Initiatives (GHIs). Preference is given to local organizations, particularly youth-led and youth-focused organizations, women’s organizations, organizations focused on children’s health and well-being and organizations led by and/or focused on people and groups that experience systemic discrimination or exclusion (such as LGBTQI+ people, people with disabilities, people living with HIV and drug users).

**Examples of Eligible Activities**

Funds from Engagement Support small grants may support direct costs, including staff time, meetings and briefings, development of materials, advocacy, communications expenses and local travel.

Direct costs may cover:

* Coalition-building activities;
* Capacity-strengthening activities, such as training;
* Advocacy related to domestic resource mobilization for health;
* Advocacy to secure or improve supportive SRMNCAH+N policies; and/or
* Accountability activities related to budget tracking, GFF processes, quality and assessment of reaching the most at-risk, social accountability and community engagement, participatory planning and monitoring (e.g., scorecards, etc.).

The above activities are only provided as indicative examples.

At this stage, applicants are not required to submit a full-cost proposal. Staffing costs must not exceed 15% of the overall budget.

**What Engagement Support Small Grants Can’t Fund**

Engagement Support small grants will not be awarded to:

* Individuals
* Doctoral or purely academic research
* Fund scholarships or school fees
* Organizations that discriminate against people because of religion, sex, race, disability or sexual orientation

Engagement Support small grant recipients are not allowed to subgrant funds provided by PAI.

**How and When to Apply**

Prospective applicants may submit a three-page expression of interest in English or French to [grants@pai.org](mailto:grants@pai.org).

The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. EST on **December 4, 2022.** Only complete applications will be considered.

Only shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

**Contact**

If you have questions, please refer to our [frequently asked questions](https://www.csogffhub.org/grantmaking-faq/) or contact us at [gffhub@pai.org](mailto:gffhub@pai.org).