



TB REACH PROPOSALS GRADING

The applications submitted for TB REACH funding will go through the following proposal review and grading process:

1. TB REACH Secretariat screening criteria

An initial GO/STOP evaluation of the proposals will be made by the TB REACH Secretariat.

This will be done to ensure that only complete proposals, meeting the eligibility criteria are included.

A GO will mean that the proposal will be submitted for the PRC review.

A proposal can receive a STOP if the proposal:

- does not meet the eligibility criteria as described on the web page;
- is received after the announced deadline;
- has sections that are incomplete, not filled in, or without attachments;
- the information in the proposal is incorrect, misleading or contradictory.

2. Proposal Review Committee (see the ToRs of the PRC on the website)

The PRC will meet and review and grade the submitted proposals based on (but not limited to):

Technical issues

- the interventions described are in line with the most recent recommended international practice in TB Control and follows the STOP TB strategy;
- the interventions are clearly described, have the potential to increase the number of TB cases in the targeted population and are linked to the proposed targets;
- the interventions in the proposal contribute to strengthening the overall TB Control and National TB Programme in the country; have the potential to strengthen local or national partnerships between government, civil society, affected communities and the private sector;
- the activities are consistent with the national laws and applicable international regulations;
- proper evidence is included in supporting the application and interventions – describing why the targeted population is considered as having limited access to health services and explaining the fact that the target population belongs to a poor area /poverty pockets;
- utilize innovative approaches and interventions for early and increased case detection and for outreach to the target population.

Cost-effectiveness

- the interventions described are representing good-value for money invested;
- the interventions are budgeted at a sustainable and realistic cost/additional TB case detected and successfully treated

- in case the proposal includes procurement of goods then the proposal clarifies that quality products, materials, equipment or drugs are procured at the lowest available price.

Feasibility

- the applicant provides evidence and proper description of the technical and programmatic feasibility for implementation of proposed interventions in the country/ region/ local context;
- the applicant explains how will coordinate, complement and avoid duplication with other programmes and projects implemented in the country/region that are having as outcome increasing the case detection;
- supports the national policies, plans and strategies devoted to TB Control;
- explains how the proposed interventions are appropriate for the level of TB epidemiological situation in the country;
- ensures that the resources requested are linked to the achievement of the proposed outcomes.

Sustainability

- explains and demonstrates that the TB REACH financing is additional to the existing efforts and financial resources (internal and external sources) to address TB Control in the country;
- demonstrates the capacity to properly absorb the resources;
- demonstrates and explains the potential for sustainability and continuity after the TB REACH funding comes to an end.

Impact

- explains how the proposal will contribute to increase the number of case detected within good treatment success rates.

Based on this, the proposal will receive the following grading categories:

Category A: recommend for funding immediately;

Category B: recommend for funding provided that adjustments and clarifications are met within a limited timeframe;

Category C: not recommended for funding in its present form but encouraged to revised submission for the future calls for proposals;

Category D: rejected, the objectives of the proposal are out of the scope of this call for proposals.

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