



TB REACH

Eligibility criteria and important information for applicants

Applications should include interventions for early and increased case detection of TB. These should be innovative approaches, or approaches that have already proven good results and are cost effective but not yet implemented in the target population.

Civil society organizations, National TB Programmes, National AIDS Programmes, governmental and non-governmental organizations, affected communities and any STOP TB Partners are eligible to apply for grants subject to the following conditions and prerequisites:

1. The eligible proposals should target:

- countries with per capita Gross National Income (GNI) of US \$2000 or less;

OR

- sub-national populations that can be justified as economically poor, i.e. poverty pockets, in those lower middle income countries that have a per capita GNI between \$2000 and \$3000. [Click here \[.pdf\]](#) for guidance on what is meant by "poverty pockets" and how to select them as target population. [Click here \[.pdf\]](#) for the document in French.

[Click here \[.pdf\]](#) for the full list of eligible countries for applications to TB REACH Wave-2.

2. For a particular country multiple applications are possible from different applicants. However, one applicant cannot submit more than one proposal per country.

3. Applications from outside of national TB programmes must be accompanied by a letter of endorsement from the national TB programme (NTP) of the country in which the project will be carried out, including a statement on the role of the NTP in the proposed project. The letter of support is expected to facilitate the smooth implementation of the project, avoid unintentional duplication of efforts and in the longer term facilitate the sustainability and scaling-up of the interventions. In exceptional situations, if the applicant is not able to obtain a response from the NTP, then the applicant needs to submit supporting evidence that the project was discussed and submitted to the NTP in a timely manner. Applicants are advised to initiate discussion with NTP early during the course of proposal development and submit the final proposal to NTP well in time so that the NTP is able to review all aspects of the proposal and provide a strong letter of support.

4. Applications should be for a period of only 1 year. For successful applicants, during implementation, if the objectives are reached and proposed targets are met, the applicant will be considered for a second year support.

5. Each proposal should have a budget of US\$ 1 million, or less. A proposal with a budget of less than US\$200,000 is unlikely to detect a substantial number of additional TB cases in order to make an impact and therefore, applications with a budget of less than US\$200,000 are not encouraged to apply. However, in case the applicant has a valid reason for such a low budget this needs to be justified by the applicant in the budget section (6.a.) of the application form.

6. The results of approved and successful projects might be used for driving policies changes and therefore this application should provide a robust monitoring and evaluation plan with extremely accurate baseline information, and ambitious but realistic targets

7. Applications should include a clear plan for ensuring sustainability of the project beyond the TB REACH grant period

8. Funding and TB cases detected under TB REACH should be additional.

9. All applications should ensure that the additional TB cases detected have access to proper and uninterrupted TB treatment.

10. Funding for treatment of drug resistant TB is beyond the scope and mandate of TB REACH

11. Proposals should as much as possible target populations that have limited access to TB services.

Click [here](#) [.pdf] for detailed information on what is meant by limited access to TB services.

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12. To ensure sustainability the per capita cost (budget per additional estimated TB case detected and treated successfully) must be as low as possible. This will be one of the criteria for evaluation of the proposal. In case this cost per case is high, applicants are advised to strongly justify their calculations and proposed costing per additional TB case detected and treated successfully.

13. Regarding budget please note the following caps:

- Not more than 15% on Overhead,
- Not more than 10% on internal M&E,
- For applicants that propose a budget for an in-built operational research (OR), the OR budget cannot exceed 10% of the total budget.

14. The applicant must have demonstrated the capacity to carry out the proposed work, must have in-country presence and demonstrate clearly in the proposal how access to services and case detection will be increased. No funding will be provided for setting up in-country office.

15. The applicant must provide convincing evidence that the project can be administered according to plan and the timeline.

16. The applicant should demonstrate its capacity and track-record of managing funds efficiently. As a general rule the budget proposed by the applicant should not exceed 5 times of the usual annual budget of the applicant.

17. The country in which the project is to be carried out must be implementing at least the DOTS component of the Stop TB strategy, as assessed by WHO and partners.

18. If your organization is a non-government agency, it is mandatory to submit a copy of the Registration Certificate, the signed Audited Financial Statement for last three years (if the organization is newer than 3 years, then submit the most recent one/two years financial statement) and the approval from national authorities to receive funds from outside country.

Applications should be submitted ONLY on the standard TB REACH Wave-2 application form.