



**The
Pandemic
Fund**
FOR A RESILIENT WORLD

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Pandemic Fund intends to issue its pilot first Call for Proposals on March 3, 2023. The envelope of funding for the First Call for Proposals is estimated to be around US\$ 300 million. Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now being sought for potential projects to be funded under this first Call for Proposals¹. The purpose of the EOI is to enable the Pandemic Fund to coordinate amongst partners and facilitate countries and entities seeking support from the Pandemic Fund. The EOI will also provide an early sense of demand for the first Call for Proposals; provide an opportunity to meet with interested parties and answer questions; allow the Secretariat to understand the needs of applicants; and connect interested parties.

What you need to know before submitting your EOI:

- **Objective of the Pandemic Fund:** The [Pandemic Fund](#) provides grant financing for projects that seek to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) functions, through investments and technical support. The Pandemic Fund is expected to support and reinforce capacity building and implementation of pandemic PPR under the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) and other internationally endorsed legal frameworks, consistent with a One Health approach.
- **Key principles:** Grants from the Pandemic Fund seek to complement investments from other external and domestic sources, incentivize countries to invest more in pandemic PPR, catalyze financing from multiple sources in support of projects, and promote a more coordinated and coherent approach to investments in pandemic PPR. Projects supported by grants from the Pandemic Fund may include several components/activities, some of which may be financed from other sources, to complement grant support from the Pandemic Fund. Projects must be co-owned and co-created by all partners through inclusive, multi-stakeholder processes that engage communities and civil society and focus on equity, transparency and good governance.
- **Priorities:** The first Call for Proposals will prioritize high-impact investments in: i) comprehensive disease surveillance and early warning; ii) laboratory systems; and iii) human resources and public health and community workforce capacity, in line with relevant JEE targets, National Action Plans for Health Security, One Health and related national and regional health and community systems strengthening plans, as applicable, as well as with the Pandemic Fund's Results Framework, which will be made available online. Financing is intended for projects that will help strengthen core capacities in one or more of these three priority areas, which present the promise of generating a visible impact in terms of prevention and preparedness to effectively detect and respond to disease outbreaks.
- **Results:** Improvements in capacity and implementation of pandemic PPR will be measured utilizing assessments, where available, such as the Joint External Evaluation (JEE), State Parties' Annual Report (SPAR), and Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) coupled with after/intra-action reviews and possibly simulation exercises utilizing the 7-1-7 approach².
- **Eligibility:** All countries that are eligible to receive financing from International Development Association (IDA) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) are eligible to apply for project funding from the Pandemic Fund ([Eligible Countries](#)). Regional Entities that are

¹ For background information, please refer to the Pandemic Fund's [Governance Framework](#) , [Operations Manual](#) and [website](#).

² [7-1-7: An organizing principle, target, and accountability metric to make the world safer from pandemics \(thelancet.com\)](#).

specialized technical institutions established by the governments of one or more Eligible Country (-ies) to support their public health initiatives and strengthen pandemic PPR capacity, are also eligible to apply for project Funding from the Pandemic Fund. Projects can be for a single Eligible Country, a group of Eligible Countries, or a Regional Entity (as defined above). Accordingly, EOIs for each of these types of projects will be accepted.

- **Flow of Funds and Project Implementation:** The Pandemic Fund will channel its financing through Implementing Entities that will support project implementation. Each proposal must identify at least one Implementing Entity from among the thirteen (13) currently approved Implementing Entities, as listed in the Operations Manual and Governance Framework: African Development Bank; Asian Development Bank; Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank; European Investment Bank; Inter-American Development Bank; International Finance Corporation; World Bank; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; UNICEF; World Health Organization; the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

EOI Submission Process:

- EOIs may be submitted by an [Eligible Country \(-ies\)](#), Regional Entity (-ies), or Implementing Entity (-ies) by filling out the attached form.
- Completed EOI forms should be submitted by email to the Secretariat at the following email address, pandemicfundcfp@worldbank.org by February 24, 2023 at 23:59 ET. Those who submit an EOI will be contacted by the Pandemic Fund Secretariat prior to the launch of the Call for Proposals.
- The Secretariat will host Information Sessions for interested applicants to learn more about the EOI and ask questions on the following days and times. If there is significant demand, additional sessions may be organized:

February 14, 2023 @ 8-9am DC time – Please register here:

<https://worldbankgroup.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtcOCpqTMrGtLPUF77TGBX3iQ6gv2OhCR7>

February 16, 2023 @ 7-8pm DC time – Please register here:

<https://worldbankgroup.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsc-2sqjooH9ThmDZKfIIPa5FsPBI-br-Z>

Expression of Interest (EOI) opens	February 3, 2023
EOI Information Sessions	February 14, 2023 & February 16, 2023
EOI Closes	February 24, 2023
Call for Proposals opens	March 3, 2023
Call for Proposals closes	May 19, 2023

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FORM

Please submit this EOI form by email to the Secretariat at pandemicfundcfp@worldbank.org by **February 24, 2023 at 23:59ET**. You may also attach a short document for questions where you would like to provide more information than the space allowed.

I. Applicant Information

- a. Country/Regional Entity/Implementing Entity: _____
- b. Name: _____
- c. Job title: _____
- d. Ministry/Government Department (if applicable): _____
- e. Email: _____
- f. Phone: _____
- g. Official address of: _____
- h. I am representing:
- Eligible Country (-ies): _____
 - Regional Entity (-ies): _____
 - Implementing Entity (-ies): _____

II. Project Proposal Type

Please describe the type of project proposal you would like to submit and name the intended participants¹:

- a single-country proposal² _____
- a multi-country proposal³ _____
- a regional entity proposal⁴ _____
- any other information on proposal type: _____

III. Priority Areas & Concept

a. For which of the following Priority Area(s) will funding be requested from the Pandemic Fund?

Please check all priority areas that apply and, where possible, indicate which, among the applicable JEE Third edition indicators and PVS pathway critical competencies, would be targeted for improvement using the grant requested from the Pandemic Fund.

- Surveillance and early warning
 - JEE D2.1 Early warning surveillance function
 - JEE D2.2 Event verification and investigation
 - JEE D2.3 Analysis and information sharing
 - JEE P4.2 Surveillance of AMR

¹ Please name country (-ies), regional entity (-ies) and Implementing Entity (-ies) as applicable

² Proposals developed between one country and one or more Implementing Entities

³ Proposals developed between two or more countries and one or more Implementing Entities

⁴ Proposals developed between a Regional Entity and one or more Implementing Entities.

- JEE P5.1 Surveillance of zoonotic disease
- JEE PoE1 Core capacity requirements at all times for PoEs (airports, ports and ground crossings)
- PVS II-3 Quarantine and border security
- PVS II-4 Surveillance and early detection
- PVS II-9 Antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial use
- Laboratory Systems
 - JEE D1.1 Specimen referral and transport system
 - JEE D1.2 Laboratory quality system
 - JEE D1.3 Laboratory testing capacity modalities
 - JEE D1.4 Effective national diagnostic network
 - JEE P7.1 Whole-of-government biosafety and biosecurity system is in place for human, animal and agriculture facilities
 - JEE P7.2 Biosafety and biosecurity training and practices in all relevant sectors (including human, animal and agriculture)
 - PVS II-1 Veterinary laboratory diagnosis
- Human Resources/Workforce Strengthening
 - JEE D3.1 Multisectoral workforce strategy
 - D3.2 Human resources for implementation of IHR
 - D.3.3 Workforce training
 - PVS I-1 Professional and technical staffing of the Veterinary Services
 - PVS I-2 Competency and education of veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals
 - PVS I-3 Continuing education

b. Please briefly describe the desired goals for your project and how the project contributes to the selected element(s) above, along with intended key results and outcomes.

c. Please explain if the activities for which you will be requesting financing are part of a new project or an existing project/initiative. If this is for an existing project, what will the additional funds support?

d. Please name the Implementing Entity (-ies) that would be a partner for this, and if any support is needed to connect a Country (-ies) or Regional Entity (-ies) with an Implementing Entity (-ies) or any other partners.

e. Location / geography (-ies) in which the activities would take place:

f. Estimated funding amount requested (in US\$): _____

IV. Proposal Support Requests

If there is any additional information you would like to provide, any clarifications you need from the Secretariat, or any support or facilitation you require in developing your proposal, please indicate here.