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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can submit an EOI & proposal vs. participate in a project?

Type	Description	Submit EOI and/or proposal?	Implementation?
Countries	Government officials, agencies, Ministries of Eligible Countries (countries that are eligible to receive funding from either the IDA or IBRD) may submit an EOI. Subnational governments are also eligible and may participate in project execution, provided they have identified an Implementing Entity to work with.	✓	✓
Regional Entities	Specialized technical institutions established by the governments of one or more Eligible Countries to support their public health initiatives and strengthen pandemic PPR capacity may submit an EOI. They may also participate in project implementation.	✓	✓
13 approved Implementing Entities	Any of the 13 approved Implementing Entities may submit an EOI for multi-country and regional projects. They will participate in project implementation as the financial intermediary.	✓	✓
Other financial intermediaries	At this time, only the 13 approved IEs can participate. However, we are developing an Accreditation Framework whereby other financial intermediaries could apply for accreditation to be eligible for subsequent rounds of funding.	✗	N/A
CSOs, NGOs, Private Sector, Academic	CSOs, NGOs, Private Sector, Academic and others are not eligible to submit an EOI directly to the Pandemic Fund at this time. However, they may be sub-contracted, per the applicable policies and procedures of the IE, as project delivery partners and may contribute to project execution.	✗	✓
Bi-lateral government agencies of donor countries	Bi-lateral government agencies of donor countries (e.g. USAID, AFD) may participate in project execution and may provide additional co-financing to projects, but they are not eligible to submit proposals to the Pandemic Fund.	✗	✓
Individuals	Individuals are not eligible to submit an EOI directly to the Pandemic Fund at this time. If an IE policy allows, the individual could participate in project implementation.	✗	✓

Are countries where the World Bank has suspended operations still eligible to apply?

Yes, if it is an eligible country (i.e., IDA/IBRD) that has an Implementing Entity that will work with the country, then the country would be eligible.

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What if I am not sure if my organization qualifies as a Regional Entity?

Please submit an EOI and we will work with you on a case-by-case basis to determine if your organization would qualify.

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Is submission of an EOI mandatory for those interested in applying under the first Call for Proposals?

No, but we strongly encourage the submission of EOIs as it will be beneficial to all parties.

The information contained in the EOI is not binding and the subsequent Call for Proposals will not be restricted only to those who submitted an EOI.



What are the criteria that will be used to screen EOIs?

The EOI stage is meant to facilitate coordination among partners in developing and submitting proposals to the Pandemic Fund.



Does the Implementing Entity have to be aware of the EOI and/or agree prior to the submission by a country or countries?

This is recommended. However, the Secretariat of the Pandemic Fund can facilitate the coordination with Implementing Entities.



Is there a word limit on the questions in the EOI?

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No, however it is recommended to keep all answers within the provided text box. If this is not possible, you may attach an additional page to your EOI submission. Please keep in mind responses should be brief and that details should be saved for the proposals.



Do I need a cover note with my EOI submission?

No, the EOI form is stand-alone.



What language may I submit the EOI form in?

EOI forms will be accepted in any of the World Bank official languages: English, Spanish, French, Portuguese (continental & Brazilian), Chinese, Arabic and Russian.

Any EOI forms not submitted in English will be translated into English.



What happens after I submit an EOI?

Following the closing of the EOI on February 24th, the Secretariat will review EOIs, identify synergies and opportunities to combine envisioned proposals, make requested introductions, etc.

Please expect to hear back from the Secretariat on any requests you have made within 1-2 weeks of the closing date, February 24th.



Will there be any technical feedback from the Technical Advisory Panel or Secretariat on EOI submissions?

The Technical Advisory Panel will not provide any feedback on EOIs. The Secretariat will not provide technical feedback on the project ideas contained in EOIs.

Technical feedback will only be provided after the closing of the Call for Proposals, to proposals that meet the initial screening criteria.



For existing projects looking for additional funding from the Pandemic Fund, can the value of relevant project components be counted as co-financing / co-investment?

No, Pandemic Fund resources must be able to demonstrate catalytic impact.



Can the Pandemic Fund finance a state-level proposal that is leveraging resources of MDBs, if it is endorsed by the national government?

Yes, as long as the Implementing Entity has the ability to provide financing to the state-level (sub-national) government.



Can the Pandemic Fund finance projects from private sector or PPPs if it has support from the government?

Yes, as long as the Implementing Entity has the ability to support the private sector partner.



By when do projects have to receive approval from the IE's relevant authority to be considered?

The Pandemic Fund wants to support projects that will be able to accept funds as soon as possible. If there is conditional approval by the Pandemic Fund's Board, the project should be approved by the relevant authority of the IE within 6 months from the decision on the funding allocation

July 2023 (est.)



PF Board communicates funding allocation decisions



Within 6 months



IE Board or relevant authority approves overall project (if not done already)



Target: Q1 2024



PF makes first disbursement



What is the expected duration of funding?

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Proposals must demonstrate that they intend to use the grant financing within **three years** from the date of approval by the Implementing Entity's (-ies) relevant authority, bearing in mind that the overall project completion date may extend beyond the three-year period.



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What is a beneficiary?

Beneficiaries are defined as any **Eligible Country** that may benefit from the Pandemic Fund through projects or activities undertaken by an Implementing Entity (IE) to advance the objectives of the Pandemic Fund;

Regional entities or platforms that are 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 can also be beneficiaries.



What is an Implementing Entity? What is its role? Can it submit an EOI?

The Pandemic Fund will channel its financing through Implementing Entities that will support project implementation. Projects will be executed by beneficiary entities following the policies and procedures of the concerned Implementing Entity through which the funds are channeled.

Each proposal must identify at least one Implementing Entity from among the thirteen (13) currently accredited

Those organizations are: 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.

Yes, Implementing Entities can submit EOIs.



Can Implementing Entities also receive funds for project implementation?

Trustee will pass on the grant to Implementing Entities which will channel funding to beneficiary countries or regional entities for carrying out project activities.

Implementing Entities can use a portion of that grant for their own administration and implementation/supervision costs.



In the case of proposals with more than one Implementing Entity (IE), how will the implementation of the project be designed and evaluated?

Funds can be channeled via multiple Implementing Entities for a single project.

Implementing Entities must decide on -and allocate- responsibilities amongst themselves and clearly define these within the project proposal.



What is a delivery partner? Can a delivery partner submit an EOI?

A delivery partner is sub-contracted, using the IE's procurement policies and procedures, to contribute to project execution.

Delivery partners may include CSOs, NGOs, private sector, academia, individuals, etc. They cannot submit EOIs or proposals, however they should be consulted during the proposal development process.



Is there a min / max amount of funds that I can ask for?

There is currently **no indicative reasonable level of funding** to request, or ceiling. The call for **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** for potential projects to be funded under the first round of funding will provide the Secretariat with an early sense of the demand for funding.



If the PF receives more good proposals than it can fund, how will these proposals be treated in subsequent calls for proposals?

This is a question on which the Board will need to decide.



How to find more information?

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Pandemic Fund website: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/financial-intermediary-fund-for-pandemic-prevention-preparedness-and-response-ppr-fif>

The screenshot shows the 'The Pandemic Fund' website with the 'Governance Structure' tab selected in the navigation menu. The main content area contains a paragraph describing the fund as a collaborative partnership among donor countries, investor countries, foundations, and civil society organizations, hosted by the World Bank with WHO as technical lead. Below this, it details the governing and administrative bodies: the Governing Board, the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), the Secretariat, and the Trustee. A section titled 'The Governing Board' explains its role as the supreme governing body, composed of 21 voting members from donor and co-investor countries, with two seats for CSOs. A link for 'The Pandemic Fund Governing Board List' is provided at the bottom. On the right side, a 'RELATED' section lists various documents, and a yellow callout box highlights 'Key documents in the "Governance" tab'.

The screenshot shows the 'The Pandemic Fund' website with the 'Funding Opportunities' tab selected in the navigation menu. The main content area features a 'CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST' section, stating that the Governing Board has approved a \$300 million envelope for its first round of funding. It invites interested eligible countries, regional entities, and implementing entities to submit EOIs for potential projects. The purpose of the EOI is to facilitate coordination among partners and provide an early sense of demand. A key deadline is highlighted: 'The deadline for submission of EOIs is February 24, 2023 at 23:59 Eastern Time.' Below this, there is a section for downloading the cover letter and EOI form in English, Arabic, or Chinese. On the right side, a 'RELATED' section lists various documents, and a yellow callout box highlights 'Results Framework available here'.