

2022 CALL FOR PROPOSAL

**4TH CCM PLENARY MEETING
VIENTIANE
9TH DECEMBER 2021**



L'INITIATIVE
sida, tuberculose, paludisme

une facilité mise en œuvre par



TABLE

1. L'Initiative presentation
2. Presentation of the Call for proposals
3. Agenda

OUR MANDATE

Launched at the end of 2011, L'Initiative is a facility implemented by Expertise France that complements the Global Fund's work. It provides **technical assistance** and **support for innovation to Global Fund recipient countries** to improve the effectiveness of grants and strengthen the health impact of the programs funded. In this way, it contributes to ensuring the effectiveness of the response to pandemics.

Countries eligible for support from L'Initiative include the **19 priority countries for French official development aid** and member countries of La Francophonie.

L'Initiative's recent work has demonstrated its **catalytic effect** through building the capacity of health and civil society stakeholders, improving institutional, political and social frameworks, and supporting innovative approaches to respond to pandemics.

L'Initiative is today a key Global Fund impact partner. The project places France and the stakeholders it works with - research teams, civil society, public agencies, etc. - in an unprecedented position in the response to the three most deadly pandemics.

L'Initiative's mandate is set out by the **Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs** and is funded by a percentage of **France's contribution to the Global Fund**.

OUR VISION

Access to health for all and the elimination of the HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria pandemics.

OUR MISSION

L'Initiative contributes to **strengthening health systems** and mobilizing responses to pandemics. Its work supports and complements the Global Fund's mission in a sustainable way.

L'Initiative operates in a limited number of eligible countries and is part of a collective "**Team France**" in a valued and recognized French-speaking world.

OUR 4 STRATEGIC PILLARS

Mobilizing skills



L'Initiative provides **technical assistance** that promotes optimal access to the Global Fund programs and contributes to improving the efficiency of its grants and incorporates gender mainstreaming.

Supporting catalytic projects



L'Initiative supports medium-term **catalytic programs** to **change health practices and policies**. L'Initiative supports the Global Fund's ecosystem and the response to pandemics, with a particular focus on local and national actors.

Generating and sharing knowledge



L'Initiative **gathers documentation**, evaluations, audits and knowledge sharing materials with a view to **producing analysis pieces**, overview documents or guidance by country, region and theme, including gender.

Supporting the influence of French or French-speaking actors



L'Initiative favors a **partnership approach** with all those working as part of “Team France”, France’s European partners, and the United Nations system. L'Initiative contributes to **coordinating technical assistance** and dedicated support to countries through the Global Fund.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Out of the eligible countries for Global Fund financing, those eligible for support from L'Initiative include:

- Priority countries for French official development assistance, as identified by CICID*;
- Countries with implementation challenges;
- The Global Fund's high impact countries in the response to pandemics;
- Particular focus given to countries that are part of La Francophonie.

* The French Interministerial Committee for International Cooperation and Development ([CICID](#))



Algeria
Benin
Burma/Myanmar
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Central African
Republic
Chad
Comoros

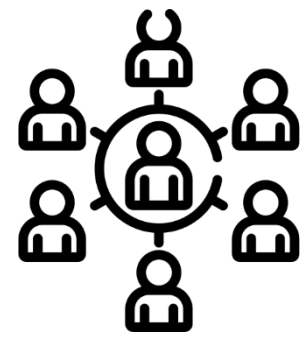
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Rep. of
Congo
Djibouti
Dominican Republic
Ethiopia
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana

Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Haiti
Laos
Lebanon
Liberia
Madagascar
Mali
Morocco
Mauritius
Mauritania

Mozambique
Niger
Rwanda
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Thailand
Togo
Tunisia
Vietnam

OUR TEAM

L'Initiative's strategic direction and management are coordinated by a dedicated team within Expertise France's Health department.



33 Head office staff

Divided into **6** coordination teams



6 IPSA (Presidential Initiative for Health) Experts

6 experts deployed in Burkina Faso, Burundi, Mali, Niger, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo (currently being established)

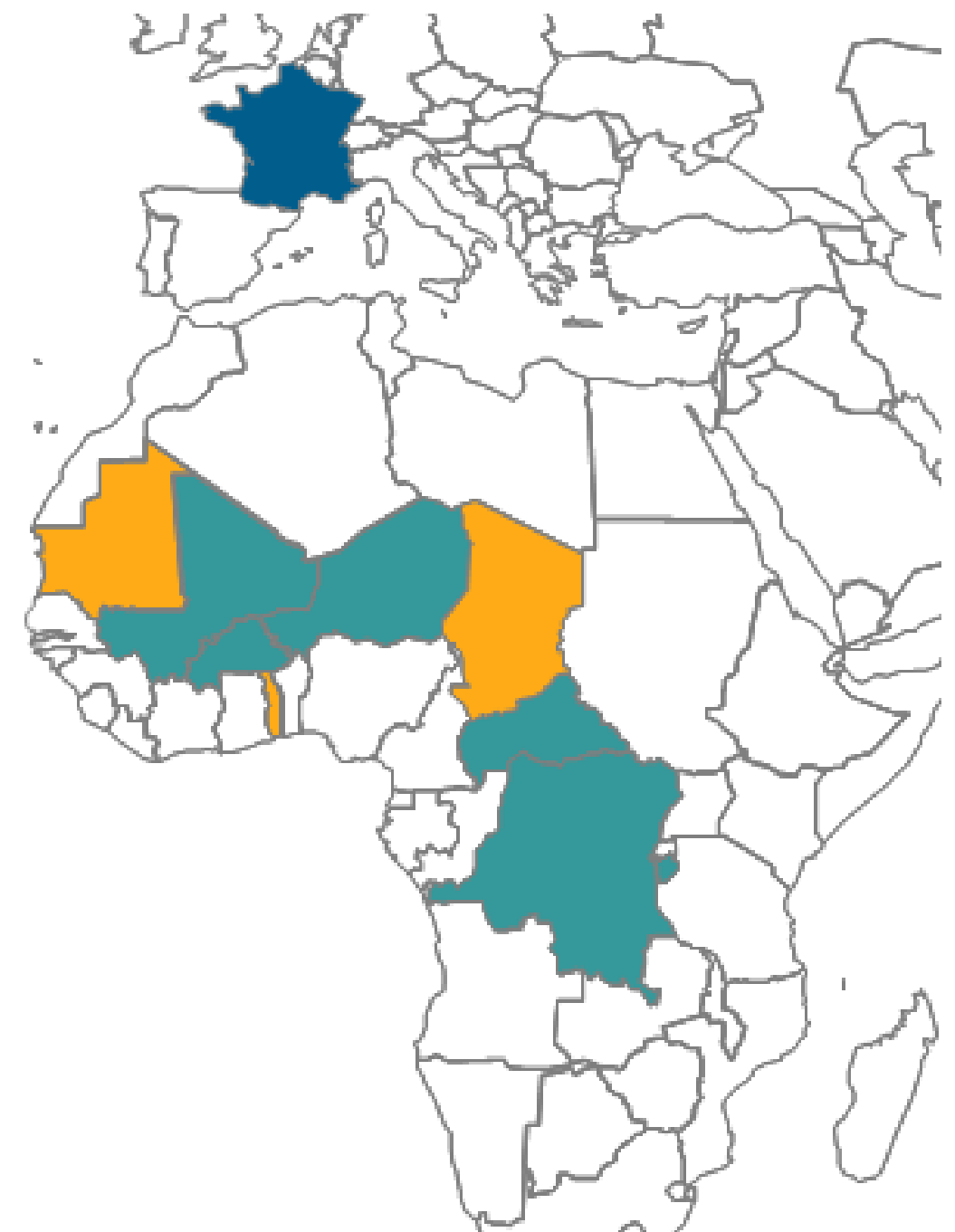


3 Technical assistance mechanisms established in three countries

4 experts to the Global Fund PMU in Chad

1 expert in Togo, to the Central Purchasing Agency

8 experts in Mauritania



HOW WE WORK

Technical assistance upon request

The **Expertise Channel** is L'Initiative's technical assistance mechanism. Assignments happen throughout the year for a maximum length of one year.

The goal: to support stakeholders responding to pandemics to access and implement the Global Fund grants.



Funding long-term initiatives

L'Initiative's **Projects Channel** supports medium-term catalytic programs to change health practices and policies.

L'Initiative supports the Global Fund's ecosystem and the response to pandemics, with a particular focus on local and national actors.



Innovating in the fight against pandemics

The **Pilot Channel** was created in 2018 and is a new way of working. It responds to strategic, political and / or scientific challenges linked to the evolving needs and priorities of countries, the Global Fund and France.

Currently, three projects are being implemented.



CALL FOR PROPOSAL HHS

**"STRENGTHENING
HEALTH SYSTEMS AT
ALL LEVELS
(COMMUNITY TO
NATIONAL)"**

AIM OF THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This call for proposals will select projects that complement and / or support Global Fund investments:

- ✓ Contributing to building or strengthening a system that is gender-sensitive and enables populations to access quality services, particularly in response to the three pandemics
- ✓ Capable of changing practices and / or policies (catalytic projects).

DEFINITIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS CALL

Definition of personnel working in the field of health : The definition used here is the one adopted by the Global Fund in its technical brief on human resources for health : "Human resources are grouped into two categories: those with clinical responsibilities (such as doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists and community health workers) as well as those who support their work (program staff, health service managers, administrative workers, laboratory technicians, social workers, and community workers, such as peer educators, and community counselors for testing and treatment)."

Technical Brief: Strategic Support for Human Resources for Health, Geneva, December 15th 2016.

Quality medication and healthcare products: This refers to medicines and health products whose manufacturing processes are in line with international standards and quality assurance standards, and that guarantee patient safety.

TYPES OF PROJECTS THAT CAN BE SUBMITTED

- 1) Projects to strengthen the capacity of national or regional actors, including community actors
- 2) Projects to strengthen national procurement and supply management (PSM) systems for medicines and health products as well as strengthening pharmaceutical governance
- 3) Projects to align HIV, tuberculosis and malaria control programs with sexual and reproductive health, maternal, child and adolescent health programs and integrated service delivery platforms at all levels of the health system, including the community level.
- 4) Projects to strengthen laboratory networks.

=> New theme this year on capacity strengthening of laboratory networks and on training laboratory staff

CALL FOR PROPOSAL VP

"STRENGTHENING THE
ROLE OF KEY AND
VULNERABLE
POPULATIONS IN
RELATION TO HIV,
TUBERCULOSIS AND / OR
MALARIA TO IMPROVE
THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-
BEING"

AIM OF THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This call for proposals will select projects that complement and / or support the Global Fund through strengthening the role of key and vulnerable populations in improving their health and their environment. L'Initiative encourages applications that focus on:

1) Implementing adapted, gender-sensitive advocacy and empowerment approaches with a view to promoting human rights and improve access to health services (NEW)

2) Improving the quality of health services and access to them by and for key and vulnerable populations, through adapted, gender-sensitive and community-integrated approaches.

Projects must be catalytic - i.e. they should be capable of changing practices and / or policies.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Key populations: key populations are those who are most at-risk or affected by at least one of the three diseases and who are stakeholders involved in the response. They generally have reduced access to services and may be criminalized and / or marginalized.

Other vulnerable populations: populations that are more vulnerable in a particular context and that do not fall into the categories mentioned above, including, children and adolescent girls, young girls and women and people living with disabilities.

As different vulnerable populations are not homogeneous groups, this call for proposals encourages a focus on **intersectionality** (multiple vulnerabilities), such as belonging to different key populations (e.g. sex worker and drug user), to different socio-ethnic groups, age categories, etc.

TYPES OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES (WHICH CAN BE COMBINED WITHIN THE SAME PROJECT)

- ✓ Capacity and skills strengthening of national and community actors
- ✓ Developing population empowerment strategies to increase the impact of policies and health and support services adapted to the needs of key and vulnerable populations.
- ✓ Developing and implementing adapted and targeted advocacy plans with a view to systematically taking into account the needs of key and vulnerable populations in intervention approaches; their involvement and effective representation in coordination and decision-making mechanisms
- ✓ Identifying and documenting cases of human rights violations through the collection and analysis of reliable and disaggregated data on the barriers and violations of rights encountered by populations in accessing health care
- ✓ Promoting community-based approaches by and for key and vulnerable populations in order to provide them with appropriate services at community level
- ✓ Activities related to the human papillomavirus (HPV) and associated cancers

TO BE CONSIDERED

- ✓ Vulnerable populations must be involved throughout the project, to ensure optimal impact and lasting ownership
- ✓ Projects must aim to improve understanding, perceptions and sharing of information about the particularities and specific needs of key and vulnerable populations
- ✓ Projects must pay particular attention to consistency and synergy with interventions implemented by other country level stakeholders.
- ✓ Projects must focus as much as possible on the continuum of care for target populations
- ✓ Interventions targeting sex workers, who often experience multiple vulnerabilities but are less frequently targeted by projects, are encouraged
- ✓ Projects may include operational research activities (e.g. establishing a baseline, testing an innovative approach or tools, using social science methodologies to demonstrate the relevance and effectiveness of a selected approach)
- ✓ Projects must include a **cross-cutting approach to gender** in their design, implementation and coordination. , L'Initiative strongly encourages lead **applicants to include a dedicated or general objective in their projects** that explicitly focuses on promoting women's rights and gender equality.
- ✓ Projects should **take a human rights-based approach** to project design, implementation and coordination



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



Projects that do not meet all of the eligibility criteria will be deemed ineligible and will be rejected without being assessed. A criteria checklist is attached to these guidelines

TYPES OF APPLICANTS

- The “lead applicant” is the organization that submits the letter of intent and fills in the complete proposal if they are pre-selected. Lead applicants are the sole recipients of L'Initiative grants.
- “Implementing partners” are involved in the design and implementation of the project and the lead applicant delegates a part of the budget to them.
- “Associated stakeholders” are other organizations linked to the project but that do not receive a part of the budget (other donors, beneficiaries, national institutions, etc.).

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

- An organization can be the lead applicant on a maximum of two projects.
- An organization can only submit three projects as lead applicant across all of the 2022 calls for proposals (HSS, VP).
- There is no limit with regard to being an implementing partner or associated stakeholder.

DURATION AND AMOUNT

- Projects must last between 24 and 36 months
- The total grant amount from L'Initiative must cover at least 50% of the project budget and be between €500,000 and €3,000,000
- It is mandatory for organizations with an annual budget of over €5 million to present co-financing of at least 10% of the total project budget from internal or external (other donor) funds. Including co-financing will be judged favorably for other organizations.

ELIGIBLE IMPLEMENTATION COUNTRIES

- Projects must be implemented exclusively in the eligible implementing countries
- Projects must not exceed three implementation countries unless they are backed by a network or a pre-existing regional non-governmental organization.
- In these cases, projects must not exceed five implementing countries.
- Multi-country projects must be part of a clearly justified regional dynamic.

STATUS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- ✓ The project lead applicant must be a legal entity with a board of directors / management committee and a registered office in an eligible country or in France.
- ✓ International organizations, with the exception of regional non-state organizations, may not be the lead applicant or an implementation partner of projects. However, they can be associated stakeholders that do not receive any part of the project funding.
- ✓ Projects must be implemented in partnership with a local organization in the country of implementation.
- ✓ For multi-country projects, this means that at least one local organization is needed in each of the implementing countries. In these instances only, the lead applicant is not obliged to have partnerships in their country of origin.
- ✓ Organizations must not have any statutory provisions that would prevent Expertise France or any external auditor appointed by Expertise France to carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections

MANAGEMENT CAPACITY

The lead applicant must have a sufficient management capacity to manage the requested budget

- ✓ Management capacity will be assessed, in particular, through the organization presentation, total expenditure from its latest approved financial year, its latest approved audit report, its 2022 projected budget, and the description of the team currently in charge of the administrative and financial management of the organization.
- ✓ The average annual cost of the project must not exceed 70% of the lead applicant's annual budget calculated on the basis of the total project budget, not the proportion requested from L'Initiative.
- ✓ In phase 2 of the call for proposals: there will be a specific focus on the proportion of the applicant's annual budget already funded by L'Initiative.

RENEWAL OF PROJECTS

If a project is the continuation or expansion of a project previously funded by L'Initiative, the application must include a one-page (max) note presenting the results and lessons learned, the changes envisaged in terms of results from the previous phase, as well as any available studies carried out in the context of the project. If the project is preselected, full documents, in particular the final evaluation, will be requested.

ELIGIBILITY OF COSTS

- ✓ A list of eligible and non eligible costs is available in the tab “2.1 Budget notice” in annex 2
- ✓ For projects requesting a budget from L'Initiative that is greater than or equal to 1 million Euros for a duration of 36 months, a mid-term evaluation must be planned and budgeted (human resource and activity costs) under the costs for monitoring, evaluation and learning.
- ✓ A final evaluation may be carried out by external consultants appointed by L'Initiative for certain projects (costs covered by L'Initiative).



AGENDA







Agence publique, Expertise France est un acteur clé de la coopération technique internationale.

Elle conçoit et met en œuvre des projets qui renforcent durablement les politiques publiques dans les pays en développement et émergents.

Gouvernance, sécurité, climat, santé, éducation... Elle intervient sur des domaines clés du développement durable et contribue aux côtés de ses partenaires à la concrétisation de l'Agenda 2030.

En savoir plus : www.expertisefrance.fr



L'INITIATIVE
sida, tuberculose, paludisme

L'Initiative

Département Santé
Expertise France

73 rue de Vaugirard
75006 Paris

Tel : 01 70 82 70 82

Email : initiative5pc.ef@expertisefrance.fr

www.initiative5pour100.fr

Retrouvez-nous sur

