Useful Information

We are pleased to announce the Transform Fund Call for Innovation 2020 will focus entirely on supporting our Member Countries long-term preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Call will operate in addition to the IsDB Group’s other wide-ranging initiatives coordinated by our Strategic Preparedness and Response Facility.

Open from 1 April 2020, the Call for Innovation will identify, encourage and reward innovative proposals that will benefit local communities focused on the following:

**The application of advanced technology**
such as IoT, Big Data blockchain and Artificial Intelligence to track and monitor the spread of COVID-19 and other emerging Infectious diseases for improved diseases surveillance systems and patient care;

**Innovative health supply chain management systems**
powerful search engine of medical supplies, new Biosafety Laboratory Level-3 Design technology and biocontainment;

**Development of Low-cost rapid tests and screening methods**
such as Point-of-Care rapid tests, molecular tests and diagnostic test quality, for early detection, diagnostic, treatment and prevention solutions including vaccine production for COVID-19 and future emerging highly infectious diseases;

**Capacity building interventions**
targeted at improving operational capacities of health care providers in the field epidemiology and infection control management of highly pathogenic cases, such as training, deployment of software applications, awareness campaigns, service delivery or research centres.

The Fund will look for applications specifically linked to tackling COVID-19 in relation to the following six UN Sustainable Development Goals:

**Section 1: Basic Data and Contact Information**, capturing applicant/institution information, registered status, title of project, executive summary, field related to SDGs and amount requested.

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Applicant Name/Principle Investigator/Project Leader *

First Name *

Last Name *

Gender *

Male
Female

Institution Name *

Apply if you are part of an institution only

Registered Status of Applicant * (Please select the type of Institution which would administer the funds)
Innovator/ Scientists
Startup
Government Entity
NGO
Entrepreneurs and SMEs
Private sector company
Academic Entity/Research and Development institution

Location/Country *

Afghanistan

Address (please provide full address) *

Street*

City*

Postcode*

Contact Information: *

First Name *

Last Name *

Telephone Number * (Please include country code)

Email Address *

Title of Idea/Proposal *
Beneficiary Country (please select from the 57 IsDB Member Countries the county or group of countries that will benefit from the project/idea) *

Executive Summary (100 words): * Please Provide information summarizing your idea/proposal and stating the vision for your proposal/ idea. The summary should also contain information answering the following: What challenge(s) are you addressing? What is your proposed innovative solution? If successful, who will be the beneficiaries? What is the expected medium and long term impact (please be as specific)? What is the value proposition of your proposed work?

Link to SDGs (Please select which one of the following SDGs the project/idea contributes to); for more information on the selected SDGs, please click here

Primary SDG * (please select the most dominant SDG your idea/proposal is addressing)
- No Hunger (food security)
- Good Health and Well-Being
- Quality Education
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Affordable and Clean Energy

Other SDGs (you may select more than one SDGs related to your proposal)
- No Hunger (food security)
- Good Health and Well-Being
- Quality Education
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Affordable and Clean Energy

Amount requested (US$) *
US$ 100,000-150,000
Please do not use decimals and commas or other symbols. Just enter the requested amount rounded off to the nearest dollar. Please ensure that the requested amount is within the limits of the selected category. You may refer to the Operational Guidelines in this regard.

Please complete the milestone and deliverable table. Please also complete the high level budget table, linking the milestone activities and deliverables to the proposed budget/amount requested.

Please upload the milestone and deliverable table here. *

Upload only files of the following formats: pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, ppt, pptx

Please upload the High Level Budget table here. *

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Section 2: Technical Information related to the Proposal, reflecting its innovativeness, needs assessment and value proposition, potential impact and outreach, implementation plan, scalability, and sustainability.

Category Four (Capacity Building in STI)
(A) Identification of STI Capacity Building Challenges (assessments/needs): * Please identify what key STI capacities already exist in a particular IsDB MC (with priority given to LDMCs) and what additional capacities will be needed (at the three levels - individual, institutional and enabling environment) to address a specific development challenge related to one of the following SDGs: No Hunger (food security), good health and well-being, quality education, clean water and sanitation, affordable & clean energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure?

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(B) Innovativeness: * Please describe your proposal, articulating clear and specific capacity building objective(s), with suggested activities. Please clarify how these activities are expected to address the identified capacity gaps/challenges. In doing so, kindly highlight the innovation and creativity behind the proposed capacity building intervention describing how your intervention is expected to boost STI capacities in MCs to address one of the above-mentioned development challenge(s). How is this different from other capacity building efforts? Why is this an improvement?

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(C) Impact and outreach: * Please specify key outputs and outcomes of the proposed capacity building intervention, describing its intended impact on the various elements of the STI ecosystem? How will impact be measured? How many people or institutions do you expect to impact directly and indirectly in the short, medium and long term? What sort of capacity improvements would the intervention provide?

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(D) Estimated Cost & Implementation Plan: * Please list the expected deliverables, activities and estimated cost for the program. How much is being requested from the IsDB and what will be the contribution of other donors?. The plan should describe how the various stakeholders in the recipient country will be engaged. Please note that IsDB support under this category will not cover the total cost of the proposed capacity building intervention, as it is considered a contribution to the total cost.

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(E) Sustainability: * Please describe how the effort will last beyond the life of this grant. What are the special measures embedded in the design of the capacity building intervention that will ensure the continuity of its impact/results in the long term?

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(F) Scalability: * Please describe how the effort will efficiently grow over time. How is this embedded in the plan?

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