Request for Applications
National NCDI Poverty Commissions — 2020

Background

The NCDI Poverty Network aims to support countries with substantial populations living in extreme poverty to understand the unique burden and risk factors for non-communicable diseases and injuries (NCDIs) affecting the poorest and to develop locally-driven and context-appropriate NCDI responses at national and local levels. The ultimate goal of this network is to ensure that service availability and delivery for NCDIs affecting these populations are key components of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for the poorest populations.

To achieve these goals, the Network has to date supported NCDI Poverty Commissions in sixteen countries in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Caribbean (see Map below). These expert committees are comprised of diverse and interested stakeholders, including national policy makers, clinicians and academic researchers, health planning and financing experts, implementing partners and donors, civil society, and patient advocates. These groups assemble and synthesize existing data to propose evidence-based recommendations and catalyze local and national efforts to address NCDIs affecting the poorest. Analytic approaches, recommendations, and impacts from existing NCDI Poverty Commissions can be found here.

National NCDI Poverty Commissions and Groups

- National Commissions formed in 2016, analysis completed and report published
- National Commissions formed in 2016, analysis and report in process
- National Commissions formed in 2018–2019, or in process for 2020 launch

[Map showing the locations of NCDI Poverty Commissions and Groups]
Request for Applications

The NCDI Poverty Network is requesting applications from in-country stakeholders interested in supporting national governments to establish subnational or national-level NCDI Poverty Commissions. New Commissions would begin in late 2020 and engage in an established 12-month process of quantitative analysis, priority-setting, report development, and dissemination of key findings and recommendations.

Successful applicants will receive technical support from the NCDI Poverty Network secretariat, which is hosted by Partners In Health and the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Awardees will also receive a seed grant of US$25,000 to support key personnel, data analysis, convenings, and dissemination of findings.

National NCDI Poverty Commissions will be eligible to participate in regional and global events supported by the Network focused on advocacy and network building, training and capacity building, and research collaboration.

Eligibility

- Locally-registered non-governmental institutions engaged in the areas of clinical or public health implementation, training or academics, research, health policy translation, civil society or advocacy, or related fields are eligible to apply.
- Applicants should provide a letter of support or endorsement from governmental partners (typically from the relevant line ministry responsible for health services).
- The applicant must be from a country with at least one sub-region with >25% extreme poverty as defined by the multidimensional poverty index. A list of eligible countries can be found here.
- Applicants from countries with existing national-level NCDI Poverty Commissions are not eligible.
- Applications may be submitted in English, French, Spanish, or Portuguese.

Criteria for Selection

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Magnitude and severity of NCDI burden of disease affecting population living in extreme poverty
- Current capacities and gaps in existing national NCDI response
- Potential for contribution and impact by the NCDI Poverty analytic framework and processes
- Interest, experience, potential capacities of applicant and partner institutions
- Successful experience and accomplishments in partnership with government on technical assistance, research, policy translation, or related fields

Application Process

Application may be viewed and downloaded here.

Timeline

Applications are due by July 1, 2020. Receipt of applications will be confirmed within 3 business days. Funding decisions will be communicated by October 1, 2020. (Note – The number of awards granted is contingent on available funding.)

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