Request for Applications
National NCDI Poverty Commissions — 2020

Background

Our family of organizations — the Program in Global NCDs and Social Change at Harvard Medical School, the NCD Synergies project at Partners In Health, and the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital — 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, context-appropriate NCDI responses at national and local levels. Our ultimate goal 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, we have 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
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We are 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 and 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 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

- The [application form](#) may be viewed and downloaded [here](#).
- Please [submit completed application forms](#) by email to Kelsey Soderberg – ksoderberg@pih.org.

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.)

Contact

For more information, please visit [www.ncdipoverty.org](http://www.ncdipoverty.org) or contact Kelsey Soderbergh – ksoderberg@pih.org.