



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Opportunity for Collaboration with Being

This document addresses anticipated and commonly asked questions about the Request for Proposals (RFP) launched on October 17, 2022. Please feel free to submit additional questions to globalmentalhealth@grandchallenges.ca. This FAQ document will be updated periodically.

1. When is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to apply is November 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. EST

2. Where can I submit my bid?

Please submit your bid by the application deadline via email to the Contracting Authority listed in the [Request for Proposal](#).

Attention: Mental Health at Grand Challenges Canada

Email: globalmentalhealth@grandchallenges.ca

3. How long should the technical bid be?

The technical bid must not exceed 10 pages, including the cover sheet and any appendices.

4. What are the eligibility criteria for this funding call?

Two criteria must be met to be eligible to apply:

1. The proposal must focus on analyzing local information on young people's mental health and wellbeing and leading stakeholder and network engagement to scope opportunities for investment and collaboration in one or more of 13 priority countries, including Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, India (with a focus on Odisha and/or Rajasthan states), Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam.

2. The entity applying must be legally registered in a low-or middle-income country (LMIC) or be in a partnership with the lead entity legally registered in an LMIC. You can be registered in any LMIC to apply; however, the proposal must focus on one or more of the 13 priority countries.

5. Is a focus on a specific population or group of young people within a country an appropriate scope for this funding call?

Although we expect information on specific populations or groups to be captured in the scope of work, we are looking for a snapshot of the overall societal, personal and environmental drivers and local contexts that impact young people's wellbeing in each country. For more information, please refer to Appendix A in the [Request for Proposals](#).

6. Has Grand Challenges Canada (GCC) provided a budget for each project or restrictions on costs?

Each applicant should submit a financial bid demonstrating a reasonable use of funds based on the scope of work and deliverables outlined. We have not provided a ceiling amount as we realize bids will have different needs based on the work proposed. However, we expect these projects to be within the range of our seed awards of \$150,000 – \$250,000 CAD, this could vary for multi-country bids.

7. Are there restrictions on indirect costs in the budget?

You are able to include indirect costs in the budget, however, they should not exceed 10% of all direct costs.

8. Can two partner organizations submit a joint application?

Two partner organizations can submit a joint application. However, one organization needs to be the lead and enter into the contract with GCC.

9. Are reference letters of two contacts required for the technical bid?

We ask that you submit the contact information for two contact references, however, reference letters are not required at this time.

10. Are there budget templates available for the application?

No, applicants are able submit their financial bids in a template they see most fit to clearly breakdown the costs.

11. Are there templates available for the technical bid?

No, applicants are expected to submit all the required items listed in the Request for Proposal within the 10-page limit. We strongly suggest using subheadings and clearly outlining how all components in the Scope of Work in Appendix A will be conducted.

12. Can we sub-contract other organizations to help us with stakeholder engagement or other specific activities in the listed countries?

Yes, you can sub-contract other organizations for different parts of the work.

13. Does GCC anticipate awarding more than one subcontract in response to this RFP?

Yes, our goal is to award more than one subcontract to cover all 13 priority countries.

14. How will each applicant be scored?

Each application will be scored on three areas including experience, fees, and ability to achieve program goals. Please refer to Appendix B for the Scoring Rubric for Evaluation.

15. What languages can I submit my application in?

We will accept applications submitted in English or French.