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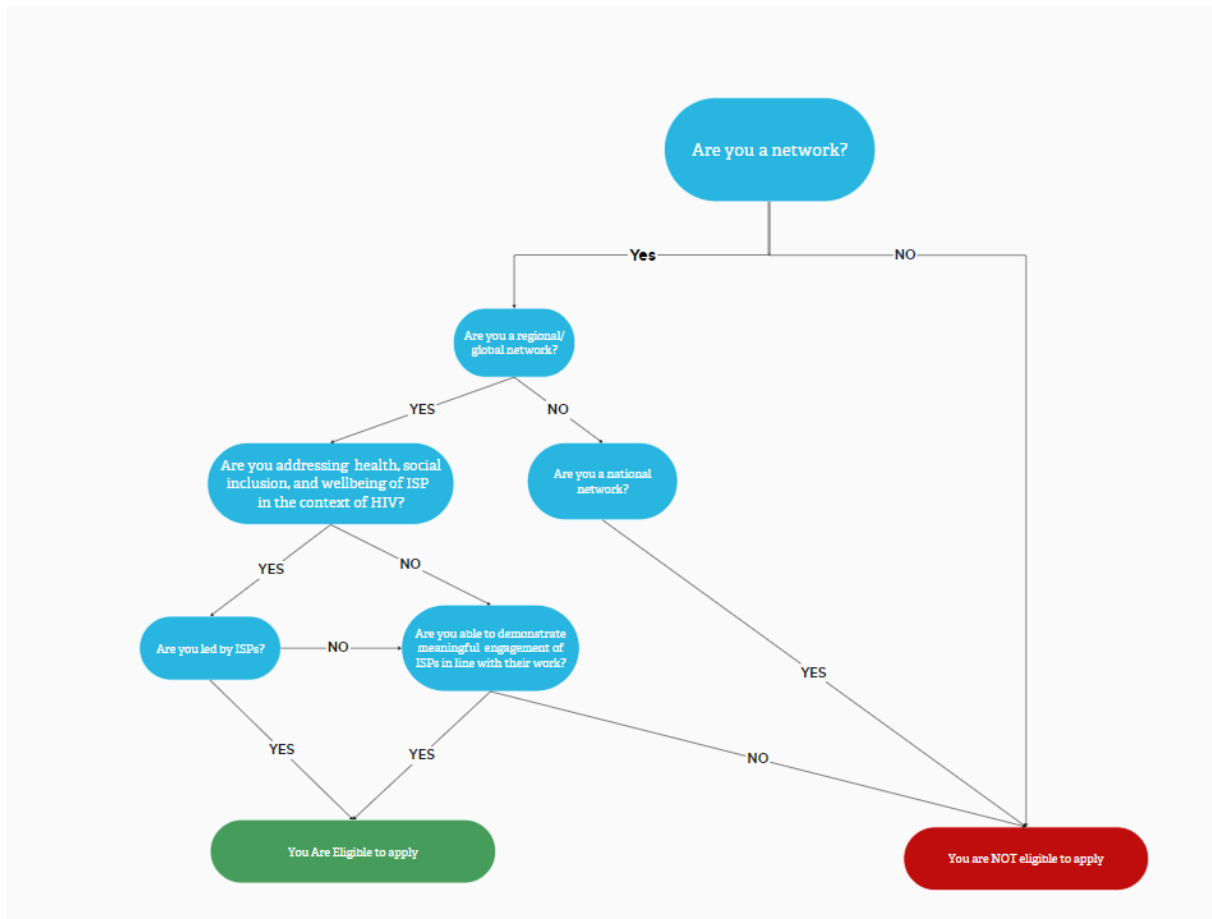
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CHAPTER 2: ELIGIBILITY AND CHAPTER 10: DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS

For eligibility criteria, please refer to the following flowchart:



Q. I am reaching out to you on behalf of the University of La Frontera (Chile). We are interested in exploring funding opportunities for research projects available to universities, so in this instance, I would like to ask if there are any special eligibility conditions for entities that can receive this grant which is opened till the 22th of July (I mean, regional restrictions, for example, or by income selection). Also I would like to mention that the researchers from our university are oriented to work on scientific investigational innovation projects./ Batwa community Development Organization from UGANDA East Africa. The organization supports the Batwa Indigenous community in Acquiring human rights and capacity building, Provision of healthcare services, home building Provision and Land acquisition, Batwa children Education, Agriculture and farming, Provision of clean water and Sanitation, Economic empowerment through income generation skills among many others. Are we eligible to apply?/ how is the way to apply for a grant to support the program of BCMI to Robert Carr Foundation?/ We are

South African agricultural service training provider. Our trainings are offered to and targets unemployed youth, women and people with disabilities in disadvantaged communities. We just want to know if we are eligible to apply for funding?/ I'm a Political Science PhD student with a research entitled: Contextual Factors behind State-Civil Society Relations in Kenya's Reform Process, 1992-2022. I'm starting my research a deficit of funds. Can I apply for this grant?

To be eligible for the 2025-2027 grant, applicants must:

- Address the health, social inclusion, and wellbeing of inadequately served populations (ISP) in the context of HIV (please refer to ISP definition in section 10 of Request for Proposals 2024).
- Be led by a regional or global civil society network, or on behalf of a consortium of networks, as defined by the RCF. Note that RCF prioritizes funding ISP-led applicants. It also recognizes that in some contexts some ISP groups experience greater challenges to ISP leadership, such as prisoners, migrants and children. In these cases, non-ISP led networks are also eligible but must demonstrate meaningful engagement of ISPs in line with their work. The application must improve network strength and influence.

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Q. Does the Fund cover South Sudan and Kenya? Can National organizations (Civil society organizations) apply?

The fund covers all regions but national networks are not eligible to receive RCF funding.

Q. Though I feel we have the eligibility since we are a nonprofit in Healthcare and humanitarian causes, I still wanted to confirm we if are eligible?/ I'm from a leading NGO in Bangladesh. We are offering health, education, environmental services to the less fortunate in Bangladesh The Diocese has 26 parishes and two healthcare facilities. Are we eligible to apply for RCF?/ Can we (Resilient) apply for funding? / I wanted to ask if a consortium of 3 organizations whose operations are ONLY limited to Ghana still qualify or meet the definition of consortium in this call?/ As a consortium of networks, can implementation of the project take place in one country in an eligible region?/ I work for Deadly Connections, an Aboriginal-led charity in Australia and I was wondering if we would be eligible to apply for your current grant round. We address health, social inclusion and wellbeing of Australian Aboriginals as well as advocate for their rights. However we do not specifically address HIV. Would this make us ineligible?/ We are a non governmental organisation that is rooted in inadequately served populations (ISPs) in Sierra Leone. We saw the call for project proposal and we intend to submit a proposal with a consortium of two organisations that are also rooted from inadequately served populations (ISPs).

National nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and national networks/ consortiums are not eligible to receive RCF funding.

The following entities are not eligible for funding under this RFP:

- Non-governmental organizations that are not global or regional networks.
- National networks (networks, working and having members in one country).
- Collaborations between national networks or organizations (for example national network “A” from country “A” collaborating with national network “B” from country “B”).
- Governmental or inter-governmental organizations, agencies or units.
- Aggregates of projects, individuals or professional associations.

Q. We wanted to understand whether the “target group” was limited to people living with HIV, or whether other vulnerable groups such as those suffering of malnutrition would be considered under that category?

In order to be eligible for RCF fund, you must address the health, social inclusion, and wellbeing of inadequately served populations (ISP) **in the context of HIV.**

Q. As a university social responsibility office of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana of private nature subscribed as a non-profit entity, can we apply to the call?

In order to be eligible for RCF fund, you must be a civil society network. Network is defined as “a membership of organizations and/or individuals that pool skills, experience, and resources, working towards common goals. A network creates platforms for social action and is sustained through jointly developed governance structures, resources and regular communication.”

Q. Can PHM submit a funding request based on our strategic plan? In other words, to continue our work on local and global health activism, on global/regional capacity building, knowledge production and global health governance, without specifically focusing on HIV/Aids? Or would such proposal not be in line with the RCF strategic plan?

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We are a national network of ngos as a national chanter of a régional office based in Nairobi(thé African Network protection and prévention of child abuse ans neglect (ANPPCAN Nairobi Régional Office working in more than30 countriesi. Africa.Under which conditions can we apply?

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INADEQUATELY SERVED POPULATIONS (ISPS)

Q. Do organization of persons with disabilities (OPD), led by persons with disabilities (PWDs) qualify as an ISP? Are people with disabilities eligible?

While the Fund uses a standard definition for ISPs, it recognizes that there is tremendous diversity of identity and experience even within these groups. Other factors, including gender, race and ethnicity, social and/or economic status and ability/disability status including mental health, can significantly influence rights and access to care even within the same ISP.

In the application form you will have the possibility to select - next to the ISPs listed in the definition - 'Other' and you will be asked to provide an explanation for the population which is the focus of your application as to why they can be considered an ISP, in the sense that they face increased vulnerability to HIV and barriers to accessing services.

NETWORK AND CONSORTIA

Q. if we are applying for the RFP as a consortium and the consortium consists of 4 regional networks (1 of them is the consortium lead) and 1 national network. Will the proposal be considered eligible?

Consortiums can be global/ regional networks, however, consortiums can subgrant national networks.

Q. While Acted is present in many countries in the region, we would be only looking to implement in Jordan and Lebanon with Acted Lebanon leading the consortium and partnering with one national organisation in each country specialised in providing services in the prevention and treatment of HIV. Is a two-country approach fundable?

For a network to be considered as a regional network, it should:

1. conduct activities directed at a regional body or a regional process

AND/OR

2. conduct a sequence of activities over the course of one year in at least 3 countries in the region

AND/OR

3. have an active national network members operational in at least 3 countries in the region.

We are a networked global INGO (different sections of the organization: France, Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, etc) working with key populations in harm reduction by improving access to rights and services in Africa, Asia and Latin America. I'm writing to ask if MdM could apply as a lead or member of a consortium? We would like to propose 4 countries in West Africa and 2 in North Africa and we will work with CSOs in these countries, some of which are part of

regional or global HIV networks. Please note that our organization/network is not driven by ISPs but is focused on these populations and involves them at all stages of the project cycle. Also, can this grant be used to support existing projects or to finance new ones?

Yes, Global networks are eligible to receive RCF funding. Moreover, RCF is providing flexible core funding, it's up to grantee to decide how to use the activity budget.

Q. We need to choose the type of applicant we are and we struggle to understand which situation applies to us. We intend to apply with an unregistered and informal network. To date, we have not yet developed any formal governance documents. Based on this situation, we understand we need to apply as non-registered organization, and in partnership with a fiscal host. As mentioned, our network does not have supporting documents that it can submit. There is, however, one pager about the objective of the network and a members list. The fiscal host (Penal Reform International) will provide all supporting documents from its side. Is that satisfactory? We intend to use the fund to develop the necessary governance documents for the network.

An explanation can and should be provided for any required or requested documents that are not available at time of application. Any clarifications on omissions or updates to documents may be requested of the applicant as part of the rebuttal of the review process. Successful proposals awarded a grant may be requested for updates to documents or provide further documents to support contracting.

Applications led by unregistered organizations should be supported by a fiscal host, i.e. an organization which will enter into the project agreement with Aidsfonds, and bear ultimate responsibility for financial management and reporting to the Fund.

Q. Parity Lab - a feminist network of rural survivor-led organizations fighting against gender-based violence. A quick question about the RFP that the Fund launched couple weeks back: is this only for networks addressing HIV or can other human-rights centered networks led by ISPs apply too?

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Q. To operate at the regional and/or global level (does this mean that if you have a registered consortium but only operates in my country, you are not eligible?

If the consortium has conducted activities in 3 different countries, then it's eligible.

Q. You mentioned the NGO was not eligible. You know, we are an NGO network working in Nepal, Cyprus, and Portugal. If we are eligible, we could apply. Unfortunately, we can not apply.

I don't know why an NGO is not eligible. I experienced when I was working in Nepal that we apply global fund TB and HIV program calls from NGO.

National NGOs are not eligible, from your description, you are operating in 3 different countries and could be calcified as a regional network.

Q. As a regional network founded in west and central Asia in 2011 not formally and regionally registered but whose secretariat was formally registered, can apply as the lead applicant?

If you are formally registered you are eligible to apply as a lead, if you are not registered you will need a fiscal host.

Q. We are in a consortium of five DHAT country programmes working in collaboration with Zimbabwe Open University, Since DHAT is a regional programme and we partner with ZOU is this considered to be a consortium according to Robert Carr requirements or are we expected to increase number of partners?

Only regional and global networks are eligible to apply, in your case if you're not registered then you can have ZOU as your fiscal host.

REGIONS

Q. In terms of the geographic spread, do you fund organizations that are in South Africa?/ Are South Asian countries eligible for your RCF funding opportunity?

All regions are eligible to apply.

As indicated in the RFP (please see Chapter 4: Funding Priorities for 2021 RFP) RCF welcomes applications which seek to address previously underfunded regions (in the RFC portfolio). These include Networks and/or consortia from the Middle East and North Africa, West Africa or Central Africa.

CHAPTER 3: APPLICATION PROCESS:

Q. Is it a problem for individual organizations to be in multiple networks that are applying?

An organization can only be part of two applications: an organization can apply as a single network and at the same time be part of a Consortium application, or an organization can be part of 2 different Consortia applications. If an organization is part of 2 different Consortia applications, it can only be the lead in one application.

The rationale for participating in two applications must be clearly explained in both applications (e.g., drastically different sets of core needs or activities proposed under the two applications). Each applicant must demonstrate and guarantee that the same budget items are not applied for in separate applications.

Q. Can a fiscal host submit a separate application as well as network/consortium that it hosts?

An organization can be part of two applications: your organization can apply as a consortium lead and as the fiscal host for the other network. The rationale for participating in two applications must be clearly explained in both applications.

Q. I am writing as an applicant for a consortium of 5 networks. Can you please help clarify if for questions 3.4 and 3.8 you expect us to answer as the lead of the consortium or as the entire consortium? The definition of applicant at the beginning of the section implies that we should answer as the whole consortium but this does not seem realistic given the nature of the questions?

You can provide the answers as the lead of consortium.

Q. For us French speakers who don't speak English and who have financial difficulties to have our texts translated, is it possible to translate via the net and hope to have a chance?

You can use any means available to translate the application to English. The supporting documents can be submitted in French or any other language.

CHAPTER 5: BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Q. Can the recipients of RCF funds provide sub-grants to other organizations? / Can regional networks that will be selected as RCF funds' recipients provide sub-grants to national networks for advocacy activities?

Yes, subgrating is allowed, this needs to be highlighted in your submitted work plan.

Q. Is it possible to include capital costs in our budget, such as for a vehicle for mobile HIV testing purposes?

Capital costs like vehicles are not eligible.

Q. I have a quick question for clarification on the RFP. It states that applicants should budget for a face-to-face meeting with RCF in Amsterdam in early 2024 – is it anticipated that each Consortium partner will attend this (nine partners in our case), or will each Consortium be offered two or three places in total (as was the case for previous Impact Reflection Workshops in Amsterdam)?

It would be the same as in previous years. 2 or 3 places depending on size of the consortium.

Q. The budget template provided only includes the year of 2025. Since we will be dividing our activities over the years, the budget might look slightly different each year. Would we need to hand in three different budgets covering 2025, 2026, and 2027 separately or should we develop one budget of 2025 including the average costs for this budget to be repeated in the following years until the end of the grant period?

We only require a detailed budget for 2025, budgets for 2026 and 2027 will be requested at a later stage if the applicant was successfully selected.

CHAPTER 7: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIREMENTS

Q. Does every organization that is a member of the network which is applying, have to apply and submit the relevant documents individually? Or does one representative of the network apply alone on behalf of the entire network?

Only the lead organization needs to submit the required documents.