



LOCALIZE GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY ACTIVITY (LGHS)

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

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Dear Prospective Applicants,

Panagora Group, under the USAID-funded Localize Global Health Security (LGHS) project, is seeking applications from qualified local organizations to fund grant activities under the LGHS project. In the near future, **LGHS intends to issue a two-part Request for Application (RFA)¹ solicitation for prospective grantees in Senegal to fund Global Health Security activities.** The RFA will be released in two phases, comprising of a concept note followed by a full technical and cost application. The two-phase RFA process will be as follows:

- Part 1 will consist of a **Concept Note**. Based on a review and evaluation of Concept Note applications, respondents that best meet the goals and objectives of LGHS will be selected and invited to prepare a submission for Part 2.
- Part 2 of the solicitation process will only be open to those applicants who have received an invitation to proceed. Under this part, Applicants will submit a **Full Application** that addresses the key technical content area of the program. Each application received will be reviewed for its technical merit and responsiveness to one or more of the objectives presented in the RFA.

Eligible organizations interested in submitting an application are encouraged to read this funding opportunity thoroughly to understand the type of activities LGHS is looking to support, submission requirements, and evaluation process.

LGHS intends to make up to two awards to applicants who best meet the objectives of this funding opportunity based on the merit review criteria that will be described in the RFA. While two

¹ Request for Application (RFA) is a type of solicitation notice used to announce that grant funding is available for a specific service or need and encourages applicants to specify their ideas on how to execute the intended service or need.

award(s) are anticipated as a result of the RFA, LGHS reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

At this stage, LGHS is notifying interested applicants of the upcoming RFA and seeking questions. Applicants should not prepare formal concept notes or applications at this time.

Subject to funds availability, awards will be made to the responsible applicant(s) whose applications best demonstrate the most technically responsive and cost-effective approach and methodology to meet the requirements of the RFA, which are fully compliant and present the best value to USAID/LGHS. To be eligible for an award, the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements included in Section C and provide all the information and signed attachments required in the RFA that constitutes a full application.

The RFA, and all subsequent amendments, will be posted on <https://localizeglobalhealth.org/active-grants/>, [workingwithusaid.gov](https://www.workwithusaid.gov), and [Panagora Group's LinkedIn page](#), and may be amended.

Potential Applicants should regularly check the above-mentioned websites to ensure they have the latest information pertaining to the RFA. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the RFA has been downloaded in its entirety, including any amendments. If you have difficulty accessing the RFA, please contact the LGHS Grants Team at LGHSGrants@lghsproject.net for technical assistance.

The deadline for questions is October 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Responses to questions received by the deadline will be provided to all potential Applicants through an amendment posted to:

1. <https://localizeglobalhealth.org/active-grants/>
2. <https://www.linkedin.com/company/panagora-group> (Panagora Group's LinkedIn Page)
3. <https://www.workwithusaid.gov/sub-opportunities/>

No questions will be accepted after the deadline, October 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM UTC.

Issuance of this NOFO and RFA does not constitute an award commitment from LGHS, nor does it commit LGHS to pay for any costs incurred in preparing or submitting comments/suggestions for an application. Applications are submitted at the risk of the Applicant.

Thank you for your interest in the LGHS project.

Sincerely,



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Section A: Program Summary

BACKGROUND ON LOCALIZE GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY IN SENEGAL

The USAID-funded Localize Global Health Security (LGHS) project will issue two-year grants to local organizations in Senegal to address critical gaps in global health security (GHS) at the subnational level using a [One Health approach](#) that integrates human, animal, and environmental health. The focus of the project will be on risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) and social and behavior change (SBC), and on the prevention of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). LGHS anticipates awarding up to two grants to locally registered organizations operating in the **Central regions** of Senegal who **have not received previous funding directly from USAID or are currently engaged in USAID-funded projects**. Successful applicants will receive grants to implement GHS activities in the identified technical focus areas. In addition, LGHS will offer technical assistance in GHS, organizational capacity strengthening, and learning opportunities to support grantee effectiveness and improve the reach of grantee programs. Based on the One Health approach and the aspects of RCCE and SBC and prevention of AMR that LGHS aims to support, we encourage the participation of organizations with experience implementing human, animal and environmental health-related activities that can leverage this experience to address GHS.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the LGHS Senegal grants program is to further strengthen and sustain Senegal's implementation of GHS priorities and compliance with [International Health Regulations \(2005\)](#) at the subnational level in the Central regions, including the Thies, Fatick, and Kaolack Regions. Specifically, successful grant activities will improve the ability of local organizations to mitigate the risks of AMR through RCCE and SBC activities designed to create awareness and facilitate behavior change of community stakeholders in the human, animal and environmental health sectors.

EXPECTED ROLE OF THE GRANTEE IN THE PROGRAM

Grantees will work with LGHS to implement a program of integrated activities that will contribute to the prevention of AMR at the subnational level in the Central regions of Senegal, using RCCE through the multi-sectoral One Health approach. The technical areas of focus include:

- Using participatory approaches that involve communities in the design and contextualization of messages and materials, develop RCCE resources to increase community awareness of the risk factors of AMR in humans and animals, and facilitate behavior change among multi-sectoral community stakeholders.
- Using newly developed tools, design approaches that gather information about community knowledge, perceptions, misinformation and concerns related to AMR and develop innovative community-based approaches and activities to combat AMR in human, animal, agriculture and environment, especially among farmers, farmers networks / associations and rural communities with a high prevalence of AMR.

Prospective grantees can bid for part or all of the technical areas of the soon to be released RFA and must clearly specify which technical area(s) they are targeting in their application. Grantees will not be required to address all technical areas and are encouraged to prepare submissions according to their specialized expertise. We encourage organizations to leverage their existing strengths and propose targeted activities that are realistic, achievable and appropriate given the level of funding. Applicants who show a direct connection between their existing expertise and their proposed activities will be highly rated.

Up to two grants will be awarded to small- to medium-sized local organizations that have not previously received funding directly from USAID, and bring specific strengths in the technical focus area that they propose. Grantee applications may also complement another grantee who brings expertise in another prioritized technical area. Applications must also clearly state the program coverage area where they will implement activities in one of the Central regions in Senegal, including Thies, Fatick, and Kaolack Regions (e.g., districts, sub-districts) and clearly identify target audiences. Applicants are highly encouraged to focus on targeted districts and not spread activities too broadly.

Grantees will be expected to:

- Work with LGHS to develop a work plan and implement a program of integrated activities that will sustainably help prevent AMR using the selected technical areas of focus.
- Participate in project work planning, budgeting, and monitoring and evaluation preparatory meetings immediately after grant award.
- Regularly monitor their program; engage in continuous improvement and adaptive management exercises to meet defined program goals.
- Participate in monthly data review meetings to contribute to the tracking of key indicators.
- Share experiences and contribute to learning; actively engage in learning opportunities that will improve program performance and effectiveness.
- Ensure information flow between themselves and government structures/systems.
- Provide data but also seek out and receive information from government entities involved in work related to their program at subnational and national levels (e.g., High Council for Global Health Security – One Health; Ministry of Health and Social Action; Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment; Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production; Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development; and Health Districts).
- Grantees will be expected to collaborate with and attend USAID-GHS implementing partner (IP) meetings when relevant and also share their experiences with GHS IPs.
- Actively engage in the design and implementation of a capacity-strengthening plan, with support and funding from LGHS.

[END OF SECTION A]

Section B: Grant Information

ESTIMATE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AND NUMBER OF AWARDS CONTEMPLATED

LGHS anticipates this will be a fixed-price award. Subject to the availability of funds, the project intends to award up to two grants, each with a total value of **up to \$200,000** delivered over two years. Applicants should thoughtfully assess the appropriate funding level for their proposed activities, ensuring that their budget aligns with their organization's capacity and experience. It is important to avoid budgeting to the maximum allowable amount if the organization lacks prior experience managing similar levels of funding. Negotiations will be conducted with successful applicants only. LGHS reserves the right to award any or none of the applications submitted.

START DATE AND PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance anticipated is two years. The start date will be upon the signature of the award, estimated on or about March 2025.

[END OF SECTION B]

Section C: Eligibility Information

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

This competition is open to any local nongovernmental organization (NGO) that is either a nonprofit or not-for-profit entity that is legally-registered in Senegal. Grant support will be extended to local entities that are legally registered according to the law of Senegal and seek to strengthen their country's GHS capacity. These may include:

- Not-for-profit NGOs
- Civil society organizations
- Community-based organizations (not-for-profit)
- Local cooperatives or associations

Eligible organizations must meet the definition of local organization per USAID RAA27 Standard Provisions for Non-U.S. Nongovernmental Organizations - A Mandatory Reference for ADS Chapter 303 (usaid.gov). The Applicant/Recipient must be a legally formed entity, corporation, nonprofit organization, or another body or persons that—

- is legally organized under the laws of Senegal
- has as its principal place of business or operations in Senegal
- is majority owned or controlled by individuals who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of Senegal; and
- is managed by a governing structure whose members are citizens or lawful permanent residents of Senegal.

LGHS will only consider submissions from small- and medium-sized local organizations, currently operating in the Central region, who have not previously received funding directly from USAID. Preference will be given to those organizations who represent underserved communities.

Organizations based outside of Senegal (and/or with offices outside of Senegal) will not be considered eligible for grant support.

Grantees must be able to demonstrate that they:

- Have sound managerial, technical, and institutional capacities to attain project results.
- Have a system of internal controls and measures to safeguard assets and prevent fraud.
- Hold good standing with all civil and fiscal authorities.
- Possess financial accountability and the ability to maintain detailed records of all expenditures.
- Are willing to sign relevant assurance and certification required by USAID based on grant value.

Applicants will also be required to complete a pre-award survey, as part of determination of eligibility for award.

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Organizations **not** eligible to participate in the Grant Program include entities that:

- Are suspended or debarred by the U.S. Government or otherwise subject to an active exclusion in the System for Award Management.
- Appear on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- Appear on the United Nations Security Council Consolidated List.
- Are political parties, groupings, or institutions or their subsidiaries and affiliates.
- Advocate or promote anti-democratic policies or illegal activities.
- Are faith-based organizations whose objectives are for discriminatory and religious purposes, and whose main objective for the grant is of a religious nature.
- Are included in any supplementary information concerning prohibited entities that may be provided by USAID.
- Refuse to sign required certifications and assurances.
- Are university structures.
- Organizations currently engaged in USAID-funded projects or those that have recently submitted applications and are awaiting funding decisions.
- Applicants that do not meet the local entity eligibility criteria provided under USAID RAA27 [Standard Provisions for Non-U.S. Nongovernmental Organizations - A Mandatory Reference for ADS Chapter 303 \(usaid.gov\)](#).

[END OF SECTION C]