



# **USAID Localize Global Health Security (LGHS) Project Cameroon Request for Application Bidder's Conference**

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Presented by the LGHS Project

October 17, 2024

3:00 - 4:00 pm West African Standard Time

# Reminders

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# Overview of Agenda

1. Introductions to the LGHS project
2. Key Themes from the NOFO and RFA
3. Wrap-up and Next Steps



# I. Introduction to LGHS in Cameroon

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# Introduction to LGHS

- **Project Name:** Localize Global Health Security (LGHS)
- **Project Funder:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- **Duration:** October 2023 – September 2028
- **Geography:** Global; 7 countries in Project Year 1, up to 15 countries in total.
- **Objectives:**
  1. Address critical gaps in health security through grants and technical assistance in prioritized technical areas.
  2. Strengthen the administrative and financial organizational capacity of local entities to effectively manage the implementation of health
  3. Expand the global knowledge base of approaches and best practices for local entities conducting global health security interventions

# LGHS Cameroon Grant Program

- The grants program in Cameroon is part of Objective I: *Addressing critical gaps in health security through grants and technical assistance*
- Grants will provide funding to local organizations to implement activities that address critical gaps in Cameroon's public health security
- In addition to the grant, successful grantees will receive:
  - Technical support in public health security
  - Organizational capacity strengthening
  - Learning, knowledge exchange, and networking opportunities
- This package of support helps grantees implement their public health security activities more effectively and strengthen their technical and organizational capacity

# LGHS Cameroon Grants Program

**Purpose:** To further strengthen, establish and sustain Cameroon's implementation of GHS priorities and compliance with International Health Regulations (2005) at the subnational level in the Center and West Regions

## **Program Objectives:**

1. Improve the ability of local organizations to prevent, detect, and notify suspected cases of infectious disease threats (including zoonotic diseases) at the subnational level.
2. Strengthen community-level ability to identify, respond to, and mitigate the risks associated with animal-to-human transmission of diseases.
3. Improve the ability of local organizations to mitigate the risks of antimicrobial resistance in the human, animal, agriculture and environment sectors at the community level.
4. Promote healthy behaviors in combating infectious diseases through risk communication and community engagement.

# Technical Focus Areas

## Technical Focus: Zoonotic Disease and Antimicrobial Resistance

- **Zoonotic Disease (Community-Based Zoonotic Disease Surveillance):** Improve community-based surveillance, reporting, and response to priority infectious diseases, including zoonotic diseases, in the human and animal health sector at the community level using a One Health approach.
- **Antimicrobial Resistance:** Design innovative community approaches to listen to community perceptions and concerns related to AMR and communicate with and engage communities in interventions and actions designed to combat AMR in humans and animals, focusing on farmers and rural communities.
- **Risk Communication, Social Behavioral Change, Community Engagement:** Develop community listening approaches that gather community concerns and perceptions and improve understanding of the risk factors and early warning signs of priority zoonotic and AMR.



# Geographic Scope

## **Geographic Focus: Center and West regions**

- High risk of zoonotic (and other infectious) diseases with epidemic or pandemic potential
- Intensive poultry and swine production, more susceptible to zoonotic disease outbreaks
- Applicants must specify their catchment area within these regions
- Increased use of antimicrobials by farmers in these intensive production systems to compensate for inadequate biosecurity measures

## **Target Population: To be defined by applicants based on proposed activities**

- Small scale Farmers , rural Communities
- Women and youth
- Other marginalized groups



## 2. Key Themes from the NOFO and RFA

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# RFA Review

## 1. Program Description : Section A

- Provides technical scope for application

## 2. Grant Information: Section B

- Estimated availability of funds
- Period of Performance

## 3. Eligibility: Section C

- Local entities (a corporation, a non-profit, or another body of persons)
- Entity that is registered in Cameroon with the Ministry of Territorial Administration
- Organizations based outside of Cameroon (and/or with offices outside of Cameroon) will not be considered eligible for grant support.

# RFA Review

## 4. Application Guidelines: Section D

### Part I - Concept Note

- Submission deadline: November 6, 2024, at 5pm W. African Standard Time (GMT+1)
- Concept Notes should not exceed 6 pages (exclusive of cover page):
  - Summary Information (1 page)
  - Proposed Activities (4 pages)
  - Organizational Capabilities (1 page)
- Template provided in Annex A

# RFA Review

## 4. Application Guidelines: Section D

### Part II - Full application – upon invitation ONLY

- Submission deadline: TBD
- Full Application package will include:
  - Technical Application
  - Cost Application
  - Organization's current and up to date registration
  - Signed certifications and assurances
  - Identification of the type of applicant organization/grantee profile statement
  - UEI number
  - Valid Registration
- Submission Method:
  - Submit applications electronically to LGHS Grants Team at [LGHSGrants@lghsproject.net](mailto:LGHSGrants@lghsproject.net)

# RFA Review

## 5. Evaluation Criteria: Section E

Evaluation Criteria	Points
<b>I. Technical Approach, Strategies, and Feasibility of Program Design</b> The review team considers a strong technical design to be one that is informed by local circumstances and needs. Applications must be in line with the technical areas outlined in the Program Description.	50
<b>II. Management and Staffing Plan</b> The review team will evaluate the extent to which the management and staffing plans demonstrate the applicant's ability to effectively implement proposed activities responsive to this RFA. Reviewers will assess whether the organization has proposed sufficient level of effort to achieve stated results.	30
<b>III. Past Performance References</b> Reviewers will evaluate whether the organization has managed successful projects of similar size and scope in the geographic areas specified.	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## 6. Administration: Section F and G

Sections F and G provide terms and conditions, guidelines that are expected of awardees.

# Key Themes from NOFO and RFA

- Key themes based on the questions received from the NOFO and current RFA
  - ❑ Release of the RFA
    1. <https://panagoragroup.net/procurements/>
    2. <https://localizeglobalhealth.org>
    3. <https://www.workwithusaid.gov/sub-opportunities>
    4. <https://cameroun.minajobs.net/>
  - ❑ Eligibility
    - Local entities that are legally registered in Cameroon
  - ❑ Templates

# Technical Overview

- **International Health Regulations (2005)** provide an overarching legal framework that defines countries' right and obligations in handling public health events and emergencies that have the potential to cross borders.
- **Joint External Evaluation (JEE)** conducted in Cameroon in 2017:
  - Help countries identify the most critical gaps within their human and animal health systems in order to prioritize opportunities for enhanced preparedness and response across 19 technical focus areas.
  - Zoonotic disease (including community-based surveillance), Antimicrobial resistance and RCCE were among the critical gaps identified in Cameroon, particularly at the subnational level.
- **WHO Benchmarks**
  - Provides list of activities by technical area that increase JEE capacity scores
- **National Action Plan for Health Security**
- **One Health National Action Plan (2024-2028)** : expands Cameroon's approach to public health by integrating human, animal, and environmental health sectors.



# Technical Resources

- "International Health Regulations (2005)." World Health Organization, World Health Organization, 2005, [www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241580496](http://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241580496).
- Joint External Evaluation (JEE) Tool." World Health Organization, World Health Organization, [www.who.int/ihr/publications/jee-tool-3rd-edition/en/](http://www.who.int/ihr/publications/jee-tool-3rd-edition/en/).
- "WHO Benchmarks for Strengthening Health Emergency Capacities." World Health Organization, World Health Organization, [www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240020135](http://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240020135).
- "One Health National Action Plan (2024-2028) (Cameroon)." National Program for the Fight Against Emerging and Re-emerging Zoonotic Diseases, 2024

# RFA Questions

## **Questions from attendees at the hybrid conference**

- Respond to questions from attendees attending the hybrid conference.



### 3. Wrap-up and Next Steps

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# Wrap-up and Next Steps

1. Summary of Main Points
2. Posting of Q&A Responses:
  3. <https://panagoragroup.net/procurements/>
  4. [LGHS \(localizeglobalhealth.org\)](http://localizeglobalhealth.org)
  5. <https://www.workwithusaid.gov/sub-opportunities>
  6. <https://cameroun.minajobs.net/>
3. Actions or Follow-ups from LGHS project team

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