



LOCALIZE GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY ACTIVITY (LGHS)

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

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Dear Prospective Applicants,

The Panagora Group, under the USAID-funded Localize Global Health Security (LGHS) project, is seeking applications for grants from qualified local organizations to fund activities under the LGHS project. **LGHS intends to issue a Request for Application (RFA) solicitation for prospective grantees in Cameroon 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 phased RFA process will be as follows:

Phase I: Concept Note Submission due by 5 p.m. WAT on September 10, 2024

Applicants will submit a concept note (up to 5 pages) that will be reviewed for responsiveness to the objectives of the RFA and then evaluated according to the specific criteria provided. Selected applicants will advance to Phase II of the process.

Phase II: Technical Application and Cost Application due by 5 p.m. WAT on October 30, 2024

Applicant(s) advancing to Phase II will receive a summary of identified weaknesses, questions, and requests for clarifications resulting from the review of the concept notes. Selected applicants will be invited to put together a full application response, inclusive of a detailed technical approach, and cost application.

Successful applicants are fully responsible for ensuring the achievement of the activity's objectives. Please read each section of the NOFO.

LGHS intends to make up to four awards to applicants who best meet the objectives of this funding opportunity based on the merit review criteria described in the RFA. While four award(s) are anticipated as a result of the RFA, LGHS reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

Subject to fund availability, awards will be made to the responsible applicant(s) with applications that best demonstrate the most technically responsive and cost-effective approach and methodology to meet the requirements of the RFA, that are fully compliant, and that 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 full RFA will be posted on the following sites and may be amended:

- [Panagora Procurement Website](#)
- [Work with USAID website](#)
- [Panagora's LinkedIn page](#)

Potential applicants should regularly check the website 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 related to this NOFO is August 7, 2024, at 5 p.m. WAT. Responses to questions received by the deadline will be provided to all potential applicants through an amendment posted to:

- [Panagora Procurement Website](#)
- [Work with USAID website](#)
- [Panagora's LinkedIn page](#)

Issuance of this NOFO 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 CAMEROON

The USAID-funded Localize Global Health Security (LGHS) project will issue two-year grants to local organizations in Cameroon to address critical gaps in public health security 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, community engagement and behavior change, the prevention of antimicrobial resistance, and the prevention, detection, notification, and response to infectious diseases (including zoonotic disease) focusing on community-based surveillance. LGHS anticipates awarding up to four grants to local organizations. Successful applicants will receive grants to implement public health security activities in the identified technical focus areas. In addition, LGHS will offer technical assistance in global health security (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 risk communication, community engagement and social behavior change, prevention of antimicrobial resistance, and community-based surveillance of zoonotic disease that LGHS aims to support, we encourage participation of organizations with experience implementing human, animal and environmental health-related activities that can leverage this experience to address public health security.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the LGHS Cameroon grants program is to further strengthen 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. Specifically, successful grant activities will:

- Improve the ability of local organizations to prevent, detect, and notify infectious disease threats (including zoonotic diseases) at the subnational level.
- Strengthen community-level ability to identify, respond to, and mitigate the risks associated with animal-to-human transmission of diseases.
- Improve the ability of local organizations to mitigate the risks of antimicrobial resistance in the human and animal health sector.

All grant program activities geared to achieve the stated objectives will be implemented in the Center and West Regions.

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 antimicrobial resistance, and the prevention, detection, notification, and response to infectious diseases (including zoonotic disease threats) in the Center and West regions, using RCCE and community-based surveillance (CBS) through the multi-sectoral One Health approach. The technical areas of focus include:

- 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.

- Leverage existing RCCE resources (i.e. information, education, and communication materials, etc.) to improve understanding of priority infectious diseases (including zoonotic diseases) and associated prevention strategies at the community level, including identification of early warning signs of priority infectious diseases and the role of environment/climate change.
- Leverage existing RCCE resources (i.e. information, education, and communication materials, etc.) and identify innovative approaches to increase community awareness of the risk factors of AMR and engage the community in interventions to combat AMR in humans and animals, focusing on farmers and rural communities.

Prospective grantees can bid for part or all of the technical areas of the NOFO and must clearly state what they are bidding for in their application. They must also clearly state the program coverage area where they will implement activities within the Center and West regions (e.g., districts, sub-districts) and identify target audiences.

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, detect, and respond to zoonotic disease threats using the selected technical areas of focus.
- Participate in project work planning, budget, 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., National Program for the Prevention and Fight against Emerging and Re-Emerging Zoonoses; Ministry of Public Health; Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries; Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development; Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife; and Health Districts).
- Actively engage in designing and implementing a capacity strengthening plan, with support and funding from LGHS.

[END OF SECTION A]

Section B: Grant Information

GRANTS PROGRAM PRIORITY AREAS

The Request for Application (RFA) seeks applicants interested in proposing grant-funded activities to support USAID's global health security programs in the select technical focus areas. These three areas align with USAID's strategic expertise, with particular engagement across the human, animal, and environmental health sectors for Cameroon.

Grantees are invited to submit grant applications for technical programs in one or more of the following technical focus areas:

- 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.
- Leverage existing RCCE community awareness resources (i.e. information, education, and communication materials, etc.) to improve understanding of priority infectious diseases, including zoonotic diseases, and associated prevention strategies at the community level, including identification of early warning signs of priority diseases and the role of environment/climate change.
- Leverage existing RCCE resources (i.e., information, education, and communication materials, etc.) and identify innovative approaches to increase community awareness of the risk factors of AMR, and engage the community in interventions to combat AMR in humans and animals, focusing on farmers and rural communities.

ESTIMATE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AND NUMBER OF AWARDS CONTEMPLATED

LGHS anticipates this award will be a fixed-price or cost-reimbursable award. The grant type will be based on the program description and the results of the pre-award assessment, which LGHS will conduct before issuing the award. Subject to fund availability, the project intends to award up to four grants, each with a total value of up to \$250,000, delivered over two years. 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, subject to available funding. The start date will be upon the signature of the award, estimated on or about December 2024.

[END OF SECTION B]

Section C: Eligibility Information

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

This competition is open to any local non-governmental organization (NGO) that is either a non-profit, not-for-profit, or for-profit entity registered in Cameroon with the Caisse Nationale de Prévoyance Sociale (CNPS) under the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. Grant support will be extended to local entities that are legally registered according to the law of Cameroon and seek to strengthen their country's global health security capacity. These may include:

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

Organizations based outside of Cameroon 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.

[END OF SECTION C]






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