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INTRODUCTION

As per the Pandemic Fund's Governance Framework and Operations Manual, approved by the Fund's Governing Board in September 2022, the objective of the Pandemic Fund is to provide a dedicated stream of additional, long-term funding for critical pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) functions in eligible countries and territories, through investments and technical support at the national level, as well as at the regional and global levels. The Pandemic Fund is expected to support and reinforce capacity building and implementation of pandemic PPR under the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and other internationally endorsed legal frameworks, consistent with a One Health¹ approach.² The Pandemic Fund launched its second Call for Proposals (CfP) on December 22, 2023, with an envelope of US\$500 million. The second CfP continues to prioritize high-impact investments in the following priority areas, in recognition of the high demand for funding in these areas: 1) early warning and disease surveillance systems, 2) laboratory systems, and 3) strengthening human resources/public health and community workforce capacity, including workforce capacity related to human and animal health,

¹ One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals, and ecosystems. It recognizes the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and interdependent. The approach mobilizes multiple sectors, disciplines, and communities at varying levels of society to work together to foster well-being and tackle threats to health and ecosystems, while addressing the collective need for healthy food, water, energy, and air, taking action on climate change and contributing to sustainable development. Source: One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP), Adisasmito WB, Almuhairi S, Behravesh CB, Bilivogui P, Bukachi SA, et al. (2022) One Health: A new definition for a sustainable and healthy future. PLoS Pathog 18(6): e1010537. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1010537

² Source: Pandemic Fund Governance Framework (paragraph 5) and Operations Manual (paragraph 2).



to help countries prevent, prepare for and respond to health emergencies. Proposals submitted to the Pandemic Fund for funding under the second CfP must cover one or more of these three priority areas.

Further, regardless of priority areas for the second CfP and future rounds, the Pandemic Fund requires that particular attention be paid to community engagement, and in addition, to civil society engagement, gender equity, and other broader equity considerations, as cross-cutting areas of focus in proposal development and implementation, and be reflected clearly in the proposals submitted.

For the 2nd CfP, the 16 countries that were awarded single-country grants under the first CfP are not eligible to receive Single-country grants under the second CfP.³ However, these countries may be included in "Multi-country" or "Regional Entity" proposals. Countries that were part of successful multi-country grants and/or covered under successful Regional Entity proposals in the first CfP are eligible to apply for both single-country and multi-country grants in the second CfP.

Unsuccessful applicants from the first CfP are encouraged to re-apply for this second CfP. It is recommended that such applicants review the feedback provided to them on their previous submission before re-applying and ensure that their proposals reflect the considerations in the Guidance Note, Application Portal, and Scoring Methodology.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

The Funding Proposal Template should be completed on the Pandemic Fund's application portal at: https://worldbank.smapply.io/prog/the_pandemic_fund_second_call_for_proposals/. All proposals must be submitted by May 17, 2024 at 23:59 EDT.

Proposals should be submitted in English. Implementing Entities are encouraged to provide support to countries and Regional Entities, when requested by them, with the proposal development process, including with any required translation into English. Funding requests, budgets and disbursement schedules should be quoted in US dollars.

Applicants should be aware that applicants may be contacted through the application portal to request clarifications and/or additional information during the course of the eligibility screening (May 17 – June 7, 2024) and proposal evaluation (June 7 – mid August 2024). This correspondence will come from the email address: Noreply@mail.smapply.net, which we advise applicants to add to their contacts to ensure that important, time-sensitive correspondence is not missed or overlooked.

³ The countries that are not eligible for a Single-country grant under the second CfP are: Burkina Faso, Kingdom of Bhutan, Republic of Cabo Verde, Kingdom of Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of India, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Republic of Paraguay, Republic of Suriname, Togolese Republic, West Bank and Gaza, Republic of Yemen and the Republic of Zambia.



i) Project proposal type

This proposal is for a (select one):

- □ **Single country project:** a proposal submitted by one eligible country along with one or more approved Implementing Entities (IE), where activities will occur in and benefit those at the national or sub-national level of the applying country.
- □ **Multi-country project:** a proposal submitted by two or more eligible countries along with one or more approved IEs where the activities of the proposal will occur in and benefit those at the national or sub-national level of each of the applying countries.
- □ **Regional Entity project:** a proposal submitted by a Regional Entity (or body or platform) along with one or more approved IEs, where activities will occur in and benefit those at the regional or sub-regional level.

ii) Please select the number of IEs that are involved in the project:

1	
2 - 3	
4 - 5	

iii) Please select the number of countries that are involved in the project:

1		
2 -		
6 -	0	
11 -		

iv) Name of the project



v) Project Leader

Note: this will be the main contact during the application process, including requests for clarification, supplemental information and evaluation outcomes. Project leaders, in most cases, would be a government official dedicated to the project submitted or, in exceptional cases (e.g., impossible for a country to indicate someone due to change of governments or strong instability), a representative of an IE. Please make sure that this person is included as a "Collaborator" on this application, if they are different than the person submitting the application, to ensure they receive the correspondence (please see https://www.thepandemicfund.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/FINAL_Pandemic%20Fund%202nd%20 Call%20for%20Proposals%20Application%20Tutorial.mp4 for instructions).

Please fill in the table below

I am representing:	Country Government	Regional Entity	IE
Name of Government Ministry or Department / Regional Entity / IE			
Name of Project Leader			
Job title			
Email			
Phone			

vi) Person submitting the proposal

If this is different than the Project Leader, please select who the person submitting a proposal is representing:

Not applicable – same as Project Leader
Country Government
Regional Entity
IE



vii) Proposal team / participants

Please provide the country / Regional Entity / IE name and details related to one point of contact for each country / Regional Entity / IE involved in the proposal.

How it is displayed in the portal: Depending on what was selected in question i, either the country table or Regional Entity tables would be displayed.

a) Country (-ies)

Note: Please list each country and relevant contact details.

Country [Drop-down list]	
Contact person	
Government Ministry/ Department (if applicable)	
Job title	
Email	
Phone	
Official address of:	

b) Regional Entity

Regional Entity Name		
Contact person		
Job title		
Email		
Phone		



c) Implementing Entity(-ies)

Note: Please list each IE below. Please note that only proposals implemented through IEs that have been approved/accredited by the Pandemic Fund's Governing Board and have signed a Financial Procedures Agreement (FPA) by the deadline (May 17, 2024) will be eligible to be evaluated by the TAP for the 2nd Call for Proposals. The list of IEs with a signed FPA will be available and updated regularly on the Pandemic Fund's website.

IE [Drop-down selection with the approved IEs and Other]		
Contact person		
Job title		
Email		
Phone		

viii) Location

Please describe the location where implementation activities will take place (e.g. regional, national, sub-national levels)

ix) Special contexts

Please explain if any of the countries involved in the proposal have special contexts/ circumstances that the Secretariat and TAP should be aware of (e.g., debt-distress, fragile and conflict affected situations, Challenging Operating Environments, Small Island Developing States).



x) Priority Areas

This proposal covers the following Priority Areas (please check all that apply):

Early warning and disease surveillance systems
Laboratory systems
Human Resources/Public Health and Community Workforce Capacity

xi) Total Funds Requested from the Pandemic Fund

a) Please fill out the table below with the Total amount of grant financing requested from The Pandemic Fund, with the break down as requested.

Note: The Pandemic Fund grants must be used for activities that will take place over three years, with the understanding that these funds are part of a larger project, that may have a longer time horizon. Please use USD and precise numbers (e.g. do not round to nearest US\$1). Also note that in the case where a project will engage multiple IEs, the administrative fee that each IE will receive must be described below. Please refer to Section II.I Cost Recovery for IEs in the Guidance Note for more information.

Table 1: Total grant amount requested by each IE

Budget area of grant	IE #1 [Drop- down]	IE #2 [Drop- down]	IE #3 [Drop- down]	[]	Total grant amount requested from Pandemic Fund
Total Project funds requested	[auto sum]	[auto sum]	[auto sum]	[auto sum]	
a) Project funds that will be passed onto the Beneficiaries or Delivery partners for implementation activities					
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Budget area of grant	IE #1 [Drop- down]	IE #2 [Drop- down]	IE #3 [Drop- down]	[]	Total grant amount requested from Pandemic Fund
Total Project funds requested	[auto sum]	[auto sum]	[auto sum]	[auto sum]	
b) Project funds that will be used for implementation activities by IE					
Total IE administrative fees					
% IE administrative fee / Total grant amount requested					
Total grant amount requested					

b) If the % IE administrative fee/Total grant amount requested surpasses 7%, please provide a justification below.

Note: A cap on IE administrative fees at 7% (as a percentage of amount requested) has been instituted for activities related to preparation, administration and supervision of Pandemic Fund funds. However, for projects operating in Challenging Operating Environments (COE), Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations (FCS), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) contexts or other exceptional circumstances, the cap could be up to 10% of the grant amount requested by the IE, provided that the proposal includes a clear justification of the rationale behind the higher fee and substantiate this with evidence. Please see Section II.I of the Guidance Note for more information.



How it is displayed in the portal: If Multi-country or Regional Entity project was selected, then Table 2 would be displayed.

c) For Multi-Country projects and Regional Entity, please provide the proportion of the total grant amount requested that will be allocated to activities in each country. For Regional Entity projects, we understand that funds may not be directly passed onto to countries, but please provide your best estimate of how the funds would be split across the countries in the region. Assumptions you have used may be provided in the text box below (note: total should add up to 100%).

Table 2: Percentage of Total Grant Amount Requested allocated to each Beneficiary country

Beneficiary country	% of Grant Amount allocated for Beneficiary
Country 1	
Country 2	
[]	
Total Grant Amount requested (must be 100%)	

Please describe the methodology used to determine the percentage of the grant amount allocated for each beneficiary country.

xii) Estimated date to begin implementation of project

Note: Projects should have received all necessary approvals and be ready to begin implementation by the end of Q1 2025. Please see Section II.F in the Guidance Note for more information.



Part A: Scope and objectives of the proposal, targeted Core Capacities, key activities and expected outcomes and Theory of Change

Please keep written responses to under 500 words for each question.

- Scope and objectives: Please summarize the overall scope and objectives of the proposal, as well as provide detailed descriptions of the proposed activities. Please make sure these are linked to the expected outcomes in the Project-specific framework and associated costs Excel Template provided in Part E: Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation.
- 2. Please indicate how the activities financed by the Pandemic Fund grant will help strengthen core capacities and achieve one or more of the focus technical areas of the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) 3rd edition tool and Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS), relevant to one or more of the three identified priority areas (surveillance, laboratory systems and health workforce).
 - a) Select in which areas the investments financed by the Pandemic Fund grant will contribute to progress towards a demonstrated level of capacity (goal of level 4 or 5) in one or more of the focus technical areas of the JEE 3rd edition tool and/or PVS listed (Please select the applicable ones):

Surveillance and early warning systems	
Not applicable	
JEE D2.1 Early warning surveillance function	
JEE D2.2 Event verification and investigation	
JEE D2.3 Analysis and information sharing	
JEE P4.2 Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)	
JEE P5.1 Surveillance of zoonotic disease	
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JEE PoE1 Core capacity requirements at all times for Points of Entry (PoEs) (airports, ports and ground crossings)
PVS II - 3 Quarantine and border security
PVS II - 4 Surveillance and early detection
PVS II - 9 Antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial use

Laboratory Systems
Not applicable
JEE D1.1 Specimen referral and transport system
JEE D1.2 Laboratory quality system
JEE D1.3 Laboratory testing capacity modalities
JEE D1.4 Effective national diagnostic network
JEE P7.1 Whole-of-government biosafety and biosecurity system is in place for human, animal and agriculture facilities
JEE P7.2 Biosafety and biosecurity training and practices in all relevant sectors (including human, animal and agriculture)
PVS II - 1 Veterinary laboratory diagnosis

Human Resources/Workforce Strengthening
Not applicable
JEE D3.1 Multisectoral workforce strategy
D3.2 Human resources for implementation of International Health Regulations (IHR)
D.3.3 Workforce training
D3.4 Workforce surge during a public health event
PVS I-1 Professional and technical staffing of the Veterinary Services
PVS I-2 Competency and education of veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals
PVS I-3 Continuing education



b) If you are unable to refer to JEE or PVS core capacities, please indicate how investments financed by the Pandemic Fund grant will help strengthen core capacities along one or more of the identified priorities below consistent with the Guidance Note to applicants⁴) (Please select the applicable ones):

Not applicable
Policy, Legal and normative Instruments to implement IHR 2005 and World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) international standards
IHR Coordination, National IHR Focal Point functions and advocacy, One Health coordination mechanism
Financing
Laboratory systems
Surveillance and early detection
Human Resources related to human and animal health
Health emergency management
Workforce surge during a public health event, or events that would require public health intervention (e.g. mass gatherings, natural disasters)
Health services provision
Animal health service provision
Infection prevention and control (IPC)
Animal diseases prevention, control and eradication
Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE)
PoEs and border health
Food safety
AMR
Other (please specify)

⁴ Applicants should ensure their proposal reflects the considerations in this Guidance Note https://thedocs.worldbank.org/ en/doc/8fa20db71c206d37ffbb1b8fe1f1f111-0390072023/original/Pandemic-Fund-2nd-Call-for-Proposals-Guidance-Note-Dec-22-2023.pdf



3. Please select any other areas where investments financed by the Pandemic Fund grant will also contribute to progress in any other areas outlined in the Pandemic Fund Results Framework (as applicable). (Please check the applicable ones and describe how in the text box below).

1	Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)	
	R4.1 - IPC programmes	
	R4.2 – Health care-associated infection (HCAI) surveillance	
	R4.3 - Safe environment in health facilities	

2	Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE)
	R5.1 - RCCE system for emergencies
	R5.2 – Risk communication
	R5.3 - Community engagement

3	Additional capacities related to Zoonotic Diseases		
	P5.2 - Response to zoonotic diseases		
	P5.3 - Sanitary animal production practices		
	PVS II-6 Disease prevention, control and eradication		

4	Health Emergency Management [including Medical Countermeasures]
	R1.1 - Emergency risk assessment and readiness
	R1.2 - Public health emergency operations centre (PHEOC)
	R1.3 - Management of health emergency response
	R1.4 - Activation and coordination of health personnel and teams in a public health emergency
	R1.5 - Emergency logistic and supply chain management
	R3.3 - Continuity of essential health services (EHS)
	PoE 2 - Public health response at points of entry



5	Immunization [including capacity for mass vaccination]
	P8.1 - Vaccine's coverage (measles) as part of national programme
	P8.2 - National vaccine access and delivery
	P8.3 - Mass vaccination for epidemics of vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs)

Other /specify:

Please describe how the areas selected above will contribute to progress in any other areas outlined in the Pandemic Fund Results Framework.

4. Key activities and expected outcomes

For each targeted core capacity and JEE/Self-Assessment Annual Report (SPAR)/PVS indicator selected, please make sure to describe key activities, rationale for prioritization and expected outcomes (a set of intended results that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound) in the Project-specific framework and associated costs Excel Template provided in Part E: Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation.

5. Theory of change

Please clearly outline the proposal's Theory of change⁵ for how the total resources (Pandemic Fund grant, alongside co-financing and co-investment) and the proposed key activities will help strengthen core capacities and achieve one or more of the focus technical areas of the JEE 3rd edition tool and PVS relevant to one or more of the three identified priorities.

Text or document upload

5 Theory of change is a method that explains how a given intervention, or set of interventions, are expected to lead to a specific development change, drawing on a causal analysis based on available evidence. A thorough theory of change helps guide the development of sound and evidence-based program, with assumptions and risks clearly analyzed and spelled out.



Part B. Rationale, demonstrated needs and alignment with national/ regional priorities

Please keep written responses to under 500 words for each question. For Multi-Country proposals, please include information from each country. For Regional Entity proposals, please include any regional plans, assessments, other information.

- 6. Context and demonstrated needs
- a) Context. Briefly describe the country's [or region's] epidemiological context that justifies the request for funding in the prioritized areas selected above.
 Please include pandemic prevention and preparedness (based on the International Health Regulations Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (IHR MEF)), health systems, intersectoral perspectives and community needs, as well as specific vulnerabilities or exposures to epidemic/pandemic hazards.

b) Demonstrated needs.

Have relevant national and/or regional assessments been conducted?

National assessments have been conducted
Regional assessments have been conducted
No national or regional assessments have been conducted

How it is displayed in the portal: Depending on the selection checked, Table 3, Table 4, or a text box will populate.

Please upload copies of these assessments in **Part F:** Addional Required and Supplementary Documentation.

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Table 3: Assessments conducted by country

Assessment	Country [Drop-down]	Years [Drop-down]	Additional information
[Drop down menu: JEE, SPAR, PVS, PVS-GAP, IAR, AAR, EAR, Simex, Other (add name)]			

Table 4: Assessments conducted by region

Assessment	Region	Years [Drop-down]	Additional information

If no assessments have been conducted, please describe any plans to conduct assessments in the future, including over the course of this project.

c) Challenges and gaps. Please provide a clear and comprehensive summary of all the challenges and gaps raised by the assessments described in Tables 3 and 4 and/or by other means. Then, please describe which areas the proposed activities in this funding application aim to resolve. Describe how the funds requested will help close the gaps identified in the assessments, and/or by other means, and why these areas of need were prioritized for the grant application. In addition, please upload copies of these assessments in Part F: Additional Required and Supplementary Documentation.



7. Alignment with national/regional priorities. Please describe if the assessments conducted have led to a national/regional plan(s), and if this plan clearly identifies(y) gaps in PPR and priorities?

a) Has the country (-ies) prepared/updated any national/regional plans?

National plans have been prepared/updated
Regional plans have been prepared/updated
No national or regional plans have been prepared/updated

How it is displayed in the portal: Depending on the selection checked, Table 5, Table 6, or a text box will populate.

Please upload copies of these plans in Part F: Additional Required and Supplementary Documentation.

Table 5: Plans prepared/updated by country

National plan	Country [Drop-down]	Years [Drop-down]	Additional information
[Drop-down menu: 5 year strategic NAPHS, 1 year operational NAPHS, National Bridging Workshop, National Bridging Workshop Roadmap, One Health Country Roadmap, other /and space to type in name of other]			

Table 6: Plans prepared/updated by region

Regional plan	Region	Years [Drop-down]	Additional information



If there are no national or regional plans related to health security and epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response, please describe any plans to develop these in the future, including over the course of this project.

- b) Please clearly identify the relevant priorities in the national/regional plans, or identified through other means, and how the objectives of the proposal are aligned with these identified priorities.
- 8. Complementarity with other ongoing efforts and initiatives relevant to the three priority areas. Please clearly describe how the proposal complements other ongoing efforts/activities, including from other funders in the health space (e.g. Global Fund, Gavi, CEPI, Global Financing Facility, Global Environment Facility, UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund for AMR, bilateral agencies) in addressing relevant priorities under the scope of this Call for Proposals at the country [or regional] level. Provide a detailed description of the synergies. *Please note that the Pandemic Fund will look for clear coordination/alignment between current/ongoing Pandemic Fund projects and proposed projects involving the same country, in order to help to maximize the impact of the funded projects in PPR.*

9. Contribution to other priority initiatives. Please describe how the proposal builds upon other priority initiatives of the country or region's pandemic PPR agenda, such as Primary Health Care (PHC), Human Resources for Health (HRH) reform, Community Health Care, among others. Please also describe any intersectoral examples.



Part C: Co-financing, Co-investment and overall available funding

Note: Please keep written responses to under 500 words for each question. Please also provide any evidence of co-financing or co-investment in **Part F:** Additional Required and Supplementary Documentation

10. Co-financing. Please describe the co-financing that will be mobilized from IEs and other sources (such as bilateral agencies, philanthropies, private sector, etc.) to complement the requested Pandemic Fund grant and support project activities? Please also describe to what extent and how this co-financing is "additional"⁶ and linked to the Pandemic Fund grant.

11. Co-financing. Please fill in the table below with the source of each in-cash co-financing commitment, amount, and the activities that will be financed by such co-financing. If an IE or other source will provide in-kind co-financing, please list this separately in Table 8.

Note: This should include co-financing from IEs, philanthropic or private financing. If co-financing has a different time horizon than funding from the Pandemic Fund, please amend the table to reflect the differences. Please refer to the co-financing guidelines in Section IV in the Call for Proposals Guidance Note.

6 "Co-financing and co-investment should seek to bring new, additional resources over time." Source: Guiding Principles on Co-financing, Co-investment and Country Ownership, page 4.



Table 7: Total Co-financing: in-cash

Co-financing source [Drop- down menu: IE, bilateral agency, philanthropy, private sector, other]	Name	Amount (US\$)	Sub-type [Drop-down: loan, credit, grant, other]	Description of activities proposed to cover or objectives	Expected timeframe when funds will be available

Will in-kind co-financing be mobilized from IEs and other sources to complement the requested Pandemic Fund grant and support project activities?

Yes		
No No		

How it is displayed in the portal: If Yes is selected, then Table 8 will be visible.

Note: This should include non-monetary or 'in kind' contributions being committed, such as time of IE staff, office space, office supplies, transportation, etc. For in-kind contributions please estimate the value. Please ensure all figures are in USD. If co-financing has a different time horizon than funding from the Pandemic Fund, please amend the table to reflect the differences. Please refer to the co-financing guidelines in Section IV in the Call for Proposals Guidance Note.



Co-financing source [Drop- down menu: IE, bilateral agency, philanthropy, private sector, other]	Name	Amount (US\$)	In-kind sub-type [Drop-down: materials, technical support, other]	Description of activities proposed to cover or objectives	Expected timeframe when funds will be available

Table 8: Total Co-financing: in-kind

12. Co-investment. Please fill in the table below with the source of each in-cash co-investment commitment from the country or Regional Entity, amount, and the activities that will be covered. If a country or Regional Entity will provide both in-kind and in-cash co-financing, please list this separately in Table 10.

Note: This should include domestic resources from a country and/or Regional Entity. Please refer to the co-investment guidelines in Section IV in the Call for Proposals Guidance Note.

Table 9: Total Co-investment: in-cash

Co-investment source [Drop-down menu: Government, Regional Entity]	Name	Amount (US\$)	Sub-type [Drop-down: loan, grant, operational budget, other]	Description of activities proposed to cover or objectives	Expected timeframe when funds will be available

a) If any country or Regional Entity that is part of the proposal is unable to provide financial co-investment, please explain why (e.g. country is in debt distress or at high risk of debt distress⁷)

7 Please see the current list of country debt distress ratings https://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/dsa/dsalist.pdf



Will in-kind co-investment be mobilized from a country and/or Regional Entity to complement the requested Pandemic Fund grant and support project activities?

Yes
No

How it is displayed in the portal: If Yes is selected, then Table 10 will be visible.

Note: This should include non-monetary or 'in kind' contributions they are committing to provide, such as time of government officials, office space, office supplies, transportation, etc. For in-kind contributions please estimate the value. Please ensure all figures are in USD. Please refer to the co-investment guidelines in Section IV in the Call for Proposals Guidance Note.

Table 10: Total Co-investment: in-kind

Co-investment source [Drop- down menu: Government, Regional Entity]	Name	Amount (US\$)	Sub-type [Drop- down: materials, technical support, other]	Description of activities proposed to cover or objectives	Expected timeframe when funds will be available

- 13. Co-investment plans. Please describe the plans around any financial, in-kind and/or policy co-investments that will be mobilized by the country/countries/ Regional Entity to support the activities over the project period.
- a) Please clearly describe: a) each financial, non-financial, and/or policy co-investment and what activities each will support; b) if each is a new or ongoing commitment;
 c) if each is "additional"⁸ and linked to the Pandemic Fund grant and d) how impact will be sustained following the end of the grant.

 8 "Co-financing and co-investment should seek to bring new, additional resources over time." Source: Guiding Principles on Co-financing, Co-investment and Country Ownership, page 4.



14. Technical and allocative efficiency/Value for Money: Please describe how the proposal ensures technical and allocative efficiency i.e., prioritizing the use of resources in an efficient manner to achieve the stated outcomes, and adherence to principles of value for money⁹. In particular, please detail if any "project funds" will be implemented by the IE instead of being passed on to the Beneficiary or a Delivery partner and describe the rationale for this. For activities implemented by the IE, what percentage would be allocated for administration and overhead costs?

Please review the table below for accuracy.

Note: Please do not modify any values in this table. If total values do not align with your proposal, please adjust the values in the respective tables of the Summary Information and in Part C.

Table 11: Financial Summary of Project

Total grant amount requested from Pandemic Fund	
Total grant amount requested	[auto-calculated]
Co-financing	_
Total co-financing (in-kind + in-cash)	[auto-calculated]
Total in-kind co-financing	[auto-calculated]
Total in-cash co-financing	[auto-calculated]
Total co-financing (in-kind + in-cash) / Total grant amount requested	[auto-calculated]
Co-investment	
Total co-investment (in-kind + in-cash)	[auto-calculated]
Total in-kind co-investment	[auto-calculated]
Total in-cash co-investment	[auto-calculated]
Total co-investment (in-kind + in-cash)/ Total grant amount requested	[auto-calculated]
Match Ratio	_
[Total co-financing (in-kind + in-cash) + Total co-investment (in-kind + in-cash)] / Total grant amount requested	[auto-calculated]

9 "Co-financing and co-investment should seek to bring new, additional resources over time." Source: Guiding Principles on Co-financing, Co-investment and Country Ownership, page 4.



Part D: Ownership, Commitment, Coordination, Collaboration, and Co-creation

Note: Please keep written responses to under 500 words for each question.

- **15. Ownership and co-creation.** Please describe how the country, group of countries or Regional Entity took ownership of and led the process to develop the proposal, ensuring co-creation by the country/countries/region, as well as how they will continue to lead the process moving forward through implementation. If Not Applicable, please provide a detailed justification for why this is not applicable (e.g. country is considered affected by fragility, conflict and violence situations (FCS), Challenging Operating Environment (COE)).
- 16. Commitment and sustainability. Please describe how the country/countries/ Regional Entity will be able to sustain and/or augment, over the longer-term, the project's outcomes/progress in PPR strengthening, beyond project completion, as well as how this will be financed.
- 17. Coordination and Collaboration. Please describe how the proposal development / inception process brought together key civil society organizations (CSOs), community organizations, and other actors engaged in pandemic PPR (including human, animal and environmental health), to ensure a co-created, coordinated, and coherent approach between and among the applicant(s) and partners (e.g., by aligning support of different partners around a government strategy or plan), and explaining how this coordination was done and how it will be carried through to implementation.



- **18. IEs.** Please describe the rationale for each IE's involvement and each IE's proposed role in the project.
- 19. Participation by sectors. Please describe how the proposal was developed in a way that includes multiple relevant sectors (e.g. human, animal and environment health, education, social protection and jobs), guided by One Health¹⁰ principles, and how these sectors will be involved in the implementation of the proposed project, including each's role and responsibilities.
- 20. Gender, human rights, equity. Please describe how the proposed project was developed in a way that integrates considerations related to gender¹¹ and groups living in situations of vulnerability, and how the project will address human rights and broader equity challenges. Proposals should include a concrete set of actions to address these (what to do) as well as a plan for how these actions will be advanced (how to do it) to integrate gender and broader equity into selected PPR capacities.

10 Please refer to: One Health: A new definition for a sustainable and healthy future. One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP), https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1010537

11 For example, see guidance available in the Gender in Preparedness and Response Toolkit (GENPAR) https://www.genderandcovid-19.org/resources/gender-in-preparedness-and-response-toolkit-genpar/



Part E: Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

21. Results Framework

a) For each dimension of the Pandemic Fund's Results Framework please provide specific examples of the areas of impact financed by the Pandemic Fund grant, as well as the intended results at output level, ensuring each is specific, measurable, achievable and time bound, including highlighting how activities will impact groups living in situations of vulnerability and populations who are marginalized.¹² Please also state any underlying assumptions you have used (e.g. on context/situation of country).

1) Building capacity / demonstrating capability

Describe the goals for improved capacity, as measured by changes JEE/SPAR/PVS scores or improvements on other assessments)

Describe the goals for improved capability, as measured by improvement of timeliness or other quality metrics and /or improved qualitative results Intra-Action Review (IAR), After Action Review (AAR), Early Action Review (EAR), Simulation Exercises (SimEx) or other review exercises.

2) Fostering coordination nationally (across sectors within countries) and among countries regionally and globally

Describe the intended goals for improved coordination and how the planned activities will contribute to improved cross sectoral coordination nationally, among countries and regionally (as applicable). This may be through direct (specific use of funds for strengthening coordination mechanisms) or indirect mechanism.

12 Link to Results Framework: https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/eac1acfe37285a29942e9bb513a4fb43-0200022022/related/ PF-Results-Framework-with-Indicator-Reference-Sheets-Feb-09-2023.pdf



3) Incentivizing additional investments in pandemic PPR

Describe the intended goals for incentivization of additional investments and how the planned activities will contribute directly or indirectly to these goals.

4) Ensuring administrative/operational efficiency of Pandemic Fund resources

Describe the intended goals of operational/administrative efficiency and how would the IEs and country project teams ensure these are reached.

5) Ensuring gender equality and broader equity considerations

Describe the intended goals of gender equality and advancement of health equity across underserved populations and how would the IEs and country project teams ensure these are reached. For guidance, you may wish to refer to the Gender in Preparedness and Response Toolkit^{13.}

- b) If specific indicators within the Pandemic Fund's Results Framework are not relevant to the proposed project or activities, please provide an explanation for the exclusion.
- c) Please provide a detailed plan with intended results that are linked to and aligned with the Pandemic Fund Results Framework and include project level indicators, using the Project-specific framework and associated costs Excel Template provided. M&E guidelines will be released shortly after the Application portal opens on the Pandemic Fund website and should be used to complete this template.

13 See guidance available in the Gender in Preparedness and Response Toolkit (GENPAR), for example. https://www.genderandcovid-19.org/resources/gender-in-preparedness-and-response-toolkit-genpar/



If co-financing has a different time horizon than funding from the Pandemic Fund, please amend the table to reflect the differences. If the project spans multiple countries, please use separate tabs in the Excel for each country.

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Note: The Pandemic Fund understands that allocations may need to be adjusted during implementation based on evolving needs and circumstances and will allow for that flexibility in certain cases. Please note that funds from the Pandemic Fund grant cannot be used to fund the core budget of the IE(s).

- **22.** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)
- a) Please provide a clear, costed plan (please fill out the tab «Costed M&E workplan» in the Project-specific framework Excel template from the previous question E.21c) for how and when monitoring & evaluation will be carried out for the project, including the specific activities financed by the grant, as well as what processes will be used to monitor whether progress is / is not on track. You may use the text box below to add any additional comments if needed.

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b) Please describe how learnings will be identified and documented.

23. Responsibilities. Please describe how responsibilities for activities, reporting and accountabilities will be allocated during the project implementation process across countries, IEs and partners (at the project level).



24. Key Risks. Please summarize the key risks of the project related to implementation (e.g. political and governance, technical design of project or program, sector strategies and policies, institutional capacity for implementation and sustainability, fiduciary). Please assess the overall risk level (i.e., low, moderate, substantial or high), likelihood of the risk materializing (given mitigation), severity of impact on the Pandemic Fund if the risk were to materialize and describe the mitigation that would be put in place. Financial risks (i.e., misuse, wasteful use of funding, fraud, corruption, terrorist financing), operational risks, political risks and governance risks should be included in the matrix.

Table 12: Risk Matrix

Risk & Description	Category of risk (financial, operational, governance, other)	Likelihood of risk materializing taking into account mitigation that would be implemented (low, moderate, substantial, high)	Severity of impact on Pandemic Fund of risk materializing (low, moderate, substantial, high)	Mitigation in place or planned and person/ entity responsible

25. Safeguards. Please describe how environmental and social safeguards, such as preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (PSEAH), child protection, and those related to gender, groups living in situations of vulnerability; data-sharing, governance, and other relevant aspects have been considered and will be ensured¹⁴.

¹⁴ As per the Financial Procedures Agreement (FPA), Section 4.1, IEs are "responsible for the use of funds transferred by the Trustee and the activities carried out therewith in accordance with a) its policies and procedures, including but not limited to its procurement, financial management, disbursement and safeguard policies, its framework to prevent and combat fraud and corruption and its screening procedures to prevent [the use of Trust Fund funds to] finance terrorist activities."



Part F: Additional Required and Supplementary Documentation

Please upload the following documents (*if you would like to submit multiple documents for each category, please combine them into one PDF document for each category*)

(*Required*) **Cover Letter:** Please submit a cover letter, signed by a) high-level officials in the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, and any other Ministries relevant to/participating in the project (if applicable – for single and multi-country proposals) or b) a high-level official of the Regional Entity (if applicable – for Regional Entity proposal) and c) a representative of each IE(s) confirming that:

- 1) the proposal was co-created with the participation of relevant stakeholders.
- 2) the process adhered to the principles of co-creation, co-ownership, inclusivity and participation; and
- 3) all parties, if selected for funding, commit to continue adhering to these principles over the course of the project's implementation

Please refer to Annex 3, paragraphs 7-8 in the Guidance Note for additional details on the cover note. A sample template will be provided in the portal.

(*If applicable*) **Copies of Assessments:** Copies of the country/countries' previous JEE, SPAR, PVS or PVS-GAP assessment, and other relevant national and/or regional assessments (please combine all documents into a single PDF)

(*If applicable*) **Copies of national/regional plans:** Copies of the country/ countries'/region's plans including National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS), documentation from a National Bridging Workshop and roadmap, etc. (please combine all documents into a single PDF)

(*If applicable*) **Copies of Gender Equality Assessments and National Gender Action Plans:** Copies of the country/countries'/region's assessments or plans related to gender



(If applicable) Evidence of involvement of CSOs, community organizations and non-state actors: Please submit any evidence that CSOs, community organizations and non-state actors were involved in the development of the proposal and will be carried through to implementation. This could include: letters of endorsement, contact details, proof of meetings (e.g. photos, meeting/attendance logs). (Please combine all documents into a single PDF)



(*If applicable*) **Proof of co-financing:** Please submit any evidence/proof that co-financing will be available if the proposal is funded. This could include: letters from co-financers, other types of correspondance, etc. (*Please combine all documents into a single PDF*)

(*If applicable*) **Other:** Please use this to provide any other documentation that you would like to share with the Technical Advisory Panel, but please keep any submissions in this section under 10 pages. It is not required to submit additional documentation.



Annex 1: Glossary of Terms

Beneficiary: a) Any Eligible Country that may benefit from the Pandemic Fund through projects or activities undertaken by an Implementing Entity (IE) to advance the objective of the Pandemic Fund; such projects or activities can involve the government/public sector and private/non-governmental sector in Eligible Countries; and b) Regional Entities, bodies, or platforms that are specialized technical institutions established by the governments of one or more Eligible Country (-ies) to support their public health initiatives and strengthen pandemic PPR capacity.

Co-financing: The financial and in-kind resources required from IEs and/or other sources (e.g., bilateral aid agencies, philanthropies and potential future private sector sources of funding), in addition to the grant requested/received from the Pandemic Fund, to implement the Project or the part of the Project for which a Funding Proposal has been submitted.

Co-investment: The financial and in-kind resources and/or linked non-monetary policy commitments from Co-investor(s), in addition to the grant from the Pandemic Fund, to implement the Project or the part of the Project for which a Funding Proposal has been submitted; Co-investment could also include policy commitments and linked projects from the Co-investor(s) that would complement funding from the Pandemic Fund.

Co-investor: This is the same as "Eligible Country".

Eligible country: Any country or territory that is eligible to receive funding from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and/or the International Development Association (IDA)¹⁵.

Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF): A Trust Fund where IBRD provides a specific set of administrative, financial and/or operational services.

Financial Procedures Agreement (FPA): The financial procedures agreement entered into between IBRD as Trustee for the Pandemic Fund and an IE. The FPA must be signed by the IE prior to the deadline of May 17, 2024 in order for the IE to participate in the 2nd Call for Proposals.

Funding Ceiling: The maximum grant amount that any proposal may request from the Pandemic Fund. For the purposes of the 2nd Call for Proposals, single-country proposals may request up to US\$25 million. Multi-country proposals may request up to US\$40 million for any one proposal. Regional Entity proposals may request up to US\$40 million for any one proposal.

Grant amount: The financial resources requested by a proposal from the Pandemic Fund. This is the sum of the Project Funds and IE Administrative Fee.

¹⁵ List of countries and territories currently eligible for IDA and/or IBRD financing: https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/ knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups.



Implementing Entity (IE): An entity that is approved or accredited in accordance with the Operations Manual, and that has signed the FPA. There are currently thirteen (13) approved IEs: African Development Bank¹⁶; Asian Development Bank; Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank; European Investment Bank¹⁷; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Inter-American Development Bank; International Finance Corporation; UNICEF; World Bank; World Health Organization; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). However only eleven (11) approved IEs have signed FPAs as of February 5, 2024. Please note that only approved IEs that have signed the FPA by May 17, 2024 are eligible to apply for Pandemic Fund grants in the 2nd Call for Proposals.

IE Administrative Fee: The amount of Pandemic Fund grant resources allocated to the IE as a fee to cover the IE's costs in respect of services performed by the IE in connection with managing the IE Trust Fund/Account and the project for which an Allocation is made. This can include preparation and supervision of projects financed using Pandemic Fund funding. IE Administrative Fees should not include any Technical Expertise or Monitoring and Evaluation activities, as these should be accounted for in the project cost. For the 2nd Call for Proposals, a cap has been instituted on IE administrative fees at 7% (as a percentage of the total grant amount requested – or the sum of project funds and IE Administrative fees) has been instituted for activities related to preparation, administration and supervision of Pandemic Fund projects. However, for projects operating in Challenging Operating Environments (COE), Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations (FCS), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) contexts or other exceptional circumstances, the cap could be up to 10% of the total grant amount requested by the IE, provided that the proposal includes a clear justification of the rationale behind the higher fee and substantiate this with evidence.

Multi-country proposal: This is a proposal submitted by two or more eligible countries along with one or more approved IEs, where the activities of the proposal will occur in and benefit those at the national or sub-national level of each of the applying countries. A proposal from multiple countries in the same region would also be considered as a "Multi-country proposal" and not a Regional Entity proposal.

Project funds: The amount of Pandemic Fund grant resources allocated for implementation of the project, which includes activities related to Monitoring and Evaluation. This amount is separate from the IE Administrative Fee.

Regional Entity proposal: This is a proposal submitted by a Regional Entity (or body or platform) along with one or more approved IEs, where the activities of the proposal will occur in and benefit those at the regional or sub-regional level. A Regional Entity proposal is different than a multi-country proposal because the primary grant beneficiary is a Regional Entity, and not countries. Some examples of Regional Entities include the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and West African Health Organization (WAHO). Other regional bodies such as regional development communities or economic

¹⁶ As of February 5, 2024, AfDB has not signed the FPA.

¹⁷ As of February 5, 2024, EIB has not signed the FPA.



organizations may also be considered (e.g., Southern African Development Community (SADC), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)). Regional arms of a global organization, generally consisting of Member States grouped within a geographical region of that global organization, would typically not be eligible.

Single-country¹⁸ proposal: This is a proposal submitted by one eligible country along with one or more approved IEs, where the activities of the proposal will occur in and benefit those at the national or sub-national level of the applying country.

Value for money: The effective, efficient, and economic use of resources, which requires the evaluation of relevant costs and benefits, along with an assessment of risks, and non-price attributes and/or life cycle costs, as appropriate¹⁹.

¹⁸ The countries and territories that are not eligible for a Single-country grant under the second CfP, because they were awarded grants under the first CfP are: Burkina Faso, Kingdom of Bhutan, Republic of Cabo Verde, Kingdom of Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of India, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Republic of Paraguay, Republic of Suriname, Togolese Republic, West Bank and Gaza, Republic of Yemen and the Republic of Zambia.

¹⁹ From World Bank Guidance on Value for Money: Achieving VfM in Investment Projects Financed by the World Bank https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/274711479159288956-0290022017/original/GuidanceNoteonValueforMoney.pdf



Annex 2: Checklist for Applicants

Note: This checklist can be used to facilitate the gathering of information but should not be viewed as an exhaustive list of all the requirements in the application portal.

Application Submission

Proposal submitted in English on the online application portal prior to the deadline
May 17, 2024 deadline

- Identification of a Project Leader, who has been added as a Collaborator (if this is not the same person submitting the proposal)
- Proposal covers at least one of the three priority areas²⁰
- At least one approved/accredited IE is involved in the project to channel funds²¹
- Grant amount requested respects the cap (up to US\$25M for single-country proposals and up to US\$40M for multi-country and Regional Entity proposals)²²
- Maximum IE administrative fee band (as a percentage of amount requested) of 7% to 10% respected. For any amounts over 7%, a justification²³ has been provided
- Figures have been checked for accuracy (e.g. number of zeros checked) and are in USD
- All necessary internal management clearances have been prior to submission.
 If not, will final approval be completed by the end of the first quarter of
 Calendar Year 2025?
- A) Scope and objectives of the proposal, targeted Core Capacities, key activities and expected outcomes and Theory of Change
- Description of scope and objectives of proposed activities
- Explanation provided on how the project will help improve applicable JEE and PVS scores and/or lead to improved capabilities in comprehensive disease surveillance and preparedness to respond to health emergencies
- Description of key activities and expected outcomes
 - Description of the Theory of Change

20 Please refer to Section II.A of the Guidance Note 21 Please refer to Section I.C of the Guidance Note 22 Please refer to Section II.E of the Guidance Note 23 Please refer to Section II.F of the Guidance Note

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B)	Rationale, demonstrated needs and alignment with national/regional priorities
	Description of the country/regional context
	Description of previous assessments undertaken that underpin the proposal
	Description of identified gaps and challenges as well as an explanation for how the proposed activities will resolve them
	Explanation of how the proposed activities and objectives are related to national/ regional plans
	Explanation of how the proposed activities complement other ongoing efforts/ activities in addressing relevant priorities under the scope of this Call for Proposals at the country [or regional] level
	Explanation of how the proposed activities complement other priority initiatives of the country / region
C)	Co-financing, Co-investment and overall available funding
	Total values, sources and activities that will be covered by in-kind and in-cash co-financing, which will be leveraged by this project
	Total values, sources and activities that will be covered by in-kind and in-cash co-investment, which will be leveraged by this project
	Description of new and ongoing policy commitments that will be mobilized
D)	Ownership, Commitment, Coordination, Collaboration and Co-creation
	Description of how the country, group of countries or Regional Entity owns and leads the proposal development process, and will continue to lead implementation
	Explanation of how the country/countries/Regional Entity will be able to sustain/ augment the project's outcomes/progress beyond project completion
	Description of how the proposal development process brought together Civil Society Organizations, community-led organizations and other non-state actors
	Description of why each Implementing Entity was included and each IE's proposed role
	Description of how the proposal was developed in a way that includes multiple relevant sectors, and each sector's role in implementation
	Description of how the project will address human rights and broader equity challenges



E) Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

- Description of how the proposed areas of impact are aligned with the Pandemic Fund's Results Framework
- Completion of project-specific framework and associated costs Excel Template
- Description of the project's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning plan
- Description of roles and responsibilities of Implementing Entities and partners
- Summary of key risks and proposed mitigation
- Description of how environmental and social safeguards will be ensured

F) Additional Required documentation

- Cover letter signed by MOH, MOF, other relevant Ministry/Department/Entity and representatives of the identified IE(s)²⁴
- Copies of all relevant countries' previous JEE, SPAR, PVS or PVS-GAP assessment and other relevant assessments
- Copies of all relevant country/regional plans such as NAPHS, National Bridging Workshop and roadmap
- Copies of the country/countries'/regions' assessments or plans related to gender
- Evidence of involvement of CSOs, community organizations and non-state actors in proposal development process
- Evidence/proof of co-financing (e.g. letters or other types of correspondence from co-financers)

^{24 &}quot;Should the Secretariat find that a Funding Proposal does not comply with the Governance Framework and the Operations Manual, such Funding Proposal may be returned, on a one-time basis, for resubmission within a stipulated time period.If, after one round of revisions, the Secretariat finds a Funding Proposal to be non-compliant, such Funding Proposal would not be eligible for consideration." Pandemic Fund Operations Manual, paragraph 12.