

Annex 5: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

CGIAR Generating Evidence and New Directions for Equitable Results (GENDER) Platform

Evidence Module Innovation Grants

Frequently Asked Questions



Applicant's Eligibility

Are non-CGIAR organizations eligible for funding?

Applications must be led by CGIAR Research Centers. However, other non-CGIAR organizations or individuals can be involved in projects as collaborators.

Are there restrictions in terms of the number of concept notes and proposals a center or an individual can submit? Can a Center lead more than one proposal?

There is no limit to the number of proposals in which a center or an individual may submit or be involved. However, only one proposal will be selected per lead Center.

Do all proposals need to include partners based in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)?

Yes, this is an eligibility requirement. Partners can be either local or international organizations operating in LMICs.

What makes a Center qualify as “lead”?

The “lead Center” is the Center responsible for ensuring overall project performance, coordination with partners, timely delivery of outputs, and grant reporting.

Can the Centers that are not joining One CGIAR (e.g. CIFOR-ICRAF, ICRISAT) lead proposals?

Those Centers not joining One CGIAR will not be eligible to lead proposals, but are eligible to be partners on proposals. The GENDER Platform is taking the approach that the Centers will still be a partner in the future regardless of what happens at the One CGIAR level. Should the situation change, we will inform you as soon as possible.

If a Center has already received a grant from another platform module (e.g. Methods), would that have implications for eligibility on this call?

It does not disqualify you from being selected for funding under this call if you have received funding from another platform module or previously from the Evidence Module. In fact, we are looking for good synergies across the GENDER Platform and One CGIAR as indicated in the Call for Applications, which means that this could make your proposal stronger if you well articulate this synergy component in your proposal i.e. what the value added of your proposal would be to our portfolio as well as to other activities undertaken by the Platform and across CG.

Application Requirements and Rules

Is there a specific time by when submissions must be submitted?



Proposals must be submitted by *17:00 Hrs East Africa Time on Wednesday, 30 June 2021*. Please see the Call for Applications for more details about the timelines.

Is there a template that we are required to use for the submission of proposals?

Yes, you are required to use the application form provided by us, along with the call document.

Is there a limit to the length of a proposal?

Please abide by the word limits indicated in the application form.

Are appendices accepted with the concept note?

CVs and letters of support should be included as appendices to the proposal document. Figures and tables may also be included as appendices. For consistency and to facilitate the review process, we are asking all applicants to follow the application form template. Submissions that do not use the template will not be accepted.

For the review of literature/citations, can we add them as footnotes so it will not add to the number of words?

Yes, it is fine to cite references as footnotes, endnotes, or in a separate reference list at the end of the document. Regardless, it will not be counted against the word limits.

Budgeting Rules

What is the upper limit of the individual grant applications?

The budget is up to \$150K per grant. The Evidence Module as a whole will award up to 6 grants at 2 per theme.

Does the \$150 K exclude indirect costs?

No, the \$150 K grant limit is the total amount that can be allocated to any one grant, including any indirect costs.

Are there any requirements for co-financing?

There is no co-financing requirement for applications, but is welcome.

Selection Process and Criteria

Does Evidence Module consider qualitative methods, tools and approaches?

Absolutely. We particularly welcome applications proposing the innovative use of qualitative or mixed methods.



Are there any priority countries for research?

There are no priority countries within the Evidence Module. However, your proposed projects must focus on LMICs and regions and consider the regional gaps in evidence as described in the call document.

How will you assess whether a project offers “value for money”?

We will look for projects that 1) have a greater potential impact of the outputs and outcomes generated by the project compared to its overall cost and 2) are cost-effective i.e. making sensible efforts to reduce expenditure, such as limiting nonessential trips and holding meetings virtually.

Is there a possibility that a project will be matched with another project by the Selection Panel?

There will be no official matchmaking process for this call. However, if we see the potential of a good match between different projects, we will reach out to the applicants.

Other

What are the required deliverables under this grant?

In addition to the project outputs that you include in the proposals including communication and knowledge management products, all projects are required to submit an annual project report as well as a financial report.

- Final research design aligning with standards for robust research including pre-analysis plan, research instruments/tools produced (survey questionnaire/s, interview guides, manuals, protocols, etc.) for access.
- Anonymised data set following FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles
- Webinar
- Blog
- Working Paper, under the GENDER Platform Working Paper Series
- Brief

What are the contractual requirements of the grants?

Funds will be allocated through GENDER Platform Program Participant Agreements (PPAs) with the respective Centers, and adhere to the terms and conditions therein.

