

TB REACH Wave 10
Application Information
*Innovations in Integrated Service Delivery and
Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment Expansion
to Strengthen Health Systems*

TB REACH is a grant-making platform that funds innovative approaches and technologies to find and treat people with tuberculosis (TB) disease, drug-resistant TB, or TB infection. Funded projects undergo rigorous, independent, monitoring and evaluation with the aim of linking impactful projects to long-term funding for scalability and sustainability. This Wave 10 round of funding is supported by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

This document describes the application process, funding, eligibility criteria, and timelines.

For the Wave 10 round of funding, the overarching theme is **health systems strengthening (HSS)**. All proposed projects will need to describe how their efforts contribute to HSS which is critical for achieving the broader sustainable development goals (SDGs) of universal health coverage and global health security. Under this overarching theme, TB REACH is seeking proposals that address either of the following two focus areas or a combination of both*:

- **Integrated Service Delivery (ISD)**
- **Expansion of TB Preventive Treatment (TPT)**

**Applicants will also be allowed to submit an application that combines both ISD and the provision of TPT.*

Integrated service delivery (ISD) combines multiple interrelated healthcare services and allows for the offering of people-centered care, and the maximization of resources to increase efficiencies in the health system. For this wave, ISD applications are sought to expand the TB response out of the traditional vertical structure of TB care provision and combine it with the offering of other health services. This approach can take advantage of opportunities to reach more people, reach them earlier, lower costs, and provide more comprehensive management and care to those in need. Examples of TB integration with other health areas is provided in more detail in the [Wave 10 Technical Brief](#).

While TPT has long been a part of global policy, especially for people living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the TB community is far behind on getting young children, adolescents and adult contacts, and others at high-risk of infection or development of disease on TPT. TB REACH will fund innovative strategies to introduce and evaluate new approaches and tools that can drive the uptake of TPT in these populations.

Applicants are encouraged to propose new “out of the box” approaches for addressing either focus area. Where possible, the use and evaluation of new screening, diagnostic, and treatment tools are also encouraged as results and lessons-learned from TB REACH projects are often used to inform national or

global guidance and policies.

To help ensure sustainability of projects, applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with their National TB Programs (NTP), other programs within the Ministry of Health (MOH), engage with Global Fund country coordinating mechanisms (CCMs) other donors and partners active at country level.

For more details about HSS and the specific focus areas, refer to the [Wave 10 Technical Brief](#) and the [Wave 10 Logic Model Framework](#).

Application Process

For Wave 10, TB REACH follows a two-stage application process.

The primary focus of the Stage 1 application is on the proposal concept and organizational capacity. An independent proposal review committee (PRC) will review and select the top Stage 1 applications to be invited to submit a more detailed and comprehensive Stage 2 application that will include information on plans for sustainability, implementation research, and monitoring and evaluation.

Stage 1 will be open from March 31 to May 11, 2022

Stage 2 will be announced to all successful applicants of Stage 1 in June 2022

All proposals must be submitted online. The online application can be found at [Wave 10 Online Application](#).

Funding

For Wave 10, up to **USD 600,000** can be requested for a grant.

Very important: Applicants submitting proposals under the ISD focus area, should ensure that detection, treatment, and care for non-TB morbidities are covered, preferably by linking to existing services and health systems or through in kind or partner support. Additional information on developing a budget can be found in the [Wave 10 Budget Instructions](#).

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Countries for Implementation

The following 40 countries are eligible for Wave 10 project implementation. This eligibility list is comprised of a combination of WHO's 30 high TB burden countries, USAID TB priority country list, and the Global Fund Strategic Initiative countries.

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tajikistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine*, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

**Proposals addressing Ukrainian refugees with TB in neighboring countries will be accepted.*

Eligible Entities

To be eligible as primary recipient (PR) of TB REACH funds, an applicant must be a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization or institution with a demonstrated presence delivering services in the country of application.

For Wave 10, a strong preference will be given to local, non-governmental organizations and institutions applying as PRs. Governmental organizations, including TB programs, are encouraged to be included as a sub-recipient (SR) for the application where appropriate. International non-governmental organizations should demonstrate local capacity and presence in-country to carry out service delivery interventions, and the ability to sustain and scale successful interventions.

An organization may submit multiple applications, but a maximum of one grant per organization, per country will be awarded.

Partner Engagement

Wave 10 applicants should aim for sustainability if their projects are successful. This requires early and continued engagement of local and international partners and donors. Applicants need to describe their engagement plans with the following partners in their proposals.

MOH/NTP and Other Government Program Engagement

Early and continued engagement with the MOHs, NTPs, and other relevant governmental units, programs/organizations throughout the lifecycle of the project is important for promoting uptake of successful interventions. For Wave 10, applicants must describe how the NTP, and other relevant governmental entities are engaged in their project. To ensure commitment, applicants may budget for NTP or other government programs to support the projects, disseminate project progress, and coordinate efforts as part of the formal budgeting guidance.

A NTP letter of support must be submitted as part of the Stage 2 application outlining roles, responsibilities, and commitments. For all applications, the NTP must provide access to TB case notification, TPT enrollment and/or outcome data to facilitate the project's impact measurement. The NTP's, where appropriate, must also commit to providing free TB treatment drugs and TPT for all people the project diagnoses with TB disease or TB infection (if eligible). Projects are highly encouraged to seek co-financing for diagnostic commodities from their respective NTP. Projects proposing the use of new shorter TPT regimens and/or diagnostic tools, that are not readily available through the NTP, can submit a budget for these items as part of their TB REACH application.

For applicants submitting proposals under the ISD focus area, detection and care for non-TB morbidities should be covered by in kind or through relevant partner support. Applicants will be asked to provide a letter of partner support for the Stage 2 application. The letter should outline roles, responsibilities, and

– where possible - financial commitments from non-TB morbidity partners who will be involved in ISD activities.

Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) and Other Donors and Partners

Applicants are expected to actively engage with other donors and partners, the Global Fund structures including the CCM, as well as potential funding agencies to build awareness of their approaches. The linkage to and involvement of the CCM will help ensure that the TB REACH projects are based on need, complement existing Global Fund-supported interventions, and are considered for scale-up if proven to be impactful. Participation in country dialogues, National Strategic Plan (NSP) development and national policy meetings is also encouraged based on country-specific timelines.

Applicants should clearly describe plans for engaging in Global Fund processes, and other partner engagement in their proposals.

Grants Timeframe

Selected projects should plan for 18-21 months of work depending on their proposal.

The timelines post-award may include

- Up to 3 months of planning and start up
- 12-15 months of implementation activities
- A 3-month buffer period to close-out project activities and support reporting, documentation, and results dissemination

Timeline for Wave 10 Applications

March 31, 2022- Stage 1 Application Launch

May 11, 2022, Stage 1 Application Closes

June 2022- Stage 1 Independent Proposal Review Committee Meeting

June 29 - August 10, 2022- Stage 2 Application Will Open

September 2022- Stage 2 Independent Proposal Review Committee Meeting

October 2022- Approval of selected Grants