# STANDARD ‘CALL FOR PROPOSALS’ (CFP)

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| **Overriding Principle:**  In the interest of fairness, transparency and integrity, the ‘Call for Proposals’ (CFP) is recommended as the most appropriate solicitation method for announcing available grant support under the competitive selection method.  **Objective:**  The public distribution or advertising of the CFP should be tailored to best facilitate the project’s objective, and ideally result in the receipt of at least three (3) proposals. |

**Primary project/program title:**

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| Strengthening of the activities of National Malaria Elimination Programmes in the cross-border areas of South East Asia (SEA) countries to accelerate malaria elimination |

**and/or UNOPS reference number (if applicable):**

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| CFP-UNOPS-RBM-2021-02 |

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| 1. General instructions for proposal submission |  |  |
| **How to submit?**  **Fill out this simple Call for Proposal Form.**  Complete the Grant Application Form that has been posted together with this Call for Proposal | | |
| **When to submit?**  Deadline: **31/03/2021** | | |
| **Where to submit?**  Email: [FranciscoML@unops.org](mailto:FranciscoML@unops.org)  **Francisco Martinez** | | |
| **Questions?**  Please submit questions to Francisco Martinez at FranciscoML@unops.org no later than 16:00 Geneva time (CET) on 20 March 2021.  Any subsequent responses will be posted on the UNGM website by 25 March 2021.  *\*UNOPS preserves the right to cancel the process at any stage prior awarding the contract subject to availability of fund* | | |

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| 1. Eligibility criteria as per project agreement |  |  |
| **Minimum requirements/qualifications:**   * Demonstrated existing engagement with the countries in SE Asia in coordination and support in cross-border malaria elimination efforts including during the COVID-19 pandemic * Proven experience of regional coordination role in South East Asia * Strong engagement with the Global Fund country coordinating mechanisms at country level and the Global Fund SE Asia constituency * Demonstrated track record of working collaboratively with regional partners including the RBM partnership * Located within a SEA constituency country (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste) | | |

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| 1. Description of scope of work |  |  |
| **Background - RBM Partnership to End Malaria:**  The RBM Partnership to End Malaria is the global platform for coordinated action against malaria. It mobilizes for action and resources and forges consensus among partners. The Partnership is comprised of more than 500 partners, including malaria endemic countries, their bilateral and multilateral development partners, the private sector, nongovernmental and community-based organizations, foundations, and research and academic institutions. For more info check the RBM website: [www.endmalaria.org](http://www.endmalaria.org).  The RBM structure consists of its Secretariat and Partner Committees focused on the three priorities of  the Partnership: Advocacy & Resource Mobilization (ARMPC), Strategic Communications (SCPC) and  Country/Regional Support (CRSPC). Most notably, the purpose of the CRSPC is to provide a platform to engage the RBM Partnership community in coordinating support to countries and regions as they execute their malaria control and elimination implementation programs.  WHO report indicates that there were an estimated 229 million malaria cases in 2019 in 87 malaria endemic countries and 409 000 deaths. WHO’s South-East Asia region is on track to achieve a 40% reduction in malaria case incidence by 2020 – a global target set in 2016.  A large portion of the malaria burden is driven by difficult-to-reach communities and migrant populations living in border areas. Cross-border malaria is a recurrent issue due to unregulated migration, weak health delivery systems, and lack of coordination along the border districts in malaria elimination countries. Support to sustainable coordinated regional cross-border initiatives is needed to speed up reductions of malaria cases and deaths and accelerate malaria elimination in the countries and sub-regions.  Focusing on cross border malaria elimination is a pre-requisite and priority not only to achieve the 2030 WHO GTS target but also for sustaining it beyond 2030 in the SEA region. The purpose of this grant is to provide support the cross-border coordination of the effort of malaria elimination in SEA countries and mitigate the impact of COVID-19. | | |
| **Objectives of the Grant:**  The successful applicant will be involved in supporting the coordination efforts by countries in SEA and work closely with the RBM Partnership specifically CRSPC.  The successful grantee will address the following objectives:   1. Provide support to the countries in SEA to coordinate malaria elimination activities in the cross-border areas and at sub-national level. 2. Convene and coordinate partners to broker and mobilize support for SEA countries in malaria elimination. 3. Support sub-regional resource mobilization efforts to sustain malaria elimination in SEA. 4. Document the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Malaria Elimination Programmes.   **Key deliverables include:**   * Effective ways to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic identified after assessment. * Malaria elimination acceleration plan developed. * Coordination, regular M&E and periodic visits to the border district and cross border areas conducted. * Advocacy activities by Parliamentarians and regular meetings with partners conducted. * Resource mobilization strategy developed, and meetings conducted annually at regional and country level both for domestic and external resources. | | |

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| 1. Evaluation process |  |  |
| In line with UNOPS evaluation principles of fairness, transparency and integrity, an independent Grant Evaluation and Selection Committee will be responsible for the review of proposals and the Grantee selection. The review is based on the criteria outlined in the ‘Call for Proposals’ (CFP) and includes an assessment of the grant proposal’s formal, technical and financial aspects. The review should usually include at least two (2) ‘substantially compliant’ proposals and result in the selection of the lowest priced, substantially compliant proposal. Any non-compliant proposal may automatically be eliminated from the evaluation process.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Technical Evaluation Criteria** | **Maximum score** | | *Nature of the proposing organization, legal status (registration with government approved authority), proposed key counterparts, and affiliation to malaria and/or public health partners* | *25* | | *Demonstrated existing engagement with the public health sector in the SEA* | *20* | | *Ability to engage key stakeholders such as countries and partners* | *20* | | *Ability to conceptualize and execute the regional coordination of malaria elimination within the agreed upon timeline* | *20* | | *Strong existing working relationship with RBM partnership, Global Fund* | *15* | | ***Total score*** | ***100*** |   Only proposals that have a Technical Component receiving more than 70 points out of the potential 100 points shall be considered for financial evaluation. Financial proposals will be evaluated following the completion of the technical evaluation. | | |

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| 1. UNOPS Grant Support Agreement |  |  |
| The UNOPS Standard Grant Support Agreement (GSA) containing UNOPS General Conditions for Grant Support Agreements (Annex D of the [**UNOPS Grant Support Agreement template**](https://intra.unops.org/g/IPMG/policyandguidance/IPMG_Library/Forms/Grant_Mngmt.aspx)) is herewith attached. The GSA constitutes an integral part of this CFP as it is mandatory to accept this agreement with its conditions before submitting a proposal. | | |

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| 1. Interest / Grantee Application template |  |  |
| If your organization is interested in submitting a grant proposal in response to this CFP, please kindly prepare a short ‘Expression of Interest’ statement (below) **and** complete the Grantee Application template (herewith attached as **Annex 1**) and submit before the deadline | | |

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| My organization \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby formally interested in the advertised grant program/component and will submit a proposal within the established timeframe. | |
| **Authorized signature:** |  |
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