

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON

Expression of Interest (EOI) for Multistate Implementation Research Study for the development of sustainable, scalable model of implementation strategies for prevention and treatment of anaemia

Can a Contractual staff act as Principal Investigator?

As mentioned in the EOI, EOI can be submitted by scientists/ professionals who have **regular employment** in Medical Institutes/ Research Institutes/ Universities/ Colleges/ Government and semi- government organizations and NGOs (documentary evidence of the recognition including a DSIR certificate should be available).

Can a newly joined regular scientist who doesn't have relevant publication but has adequate experience as a clinician and academician apply as PI?

As mentioned in the EOI, investigators would need to submit up to five most relevant previous research grants, relevant previous publications and experience in undertaking projects on anaemia from the public health perspective.

Can there be multiple PI on the proposal?

Yes, multiple PIs are encouraged in a multisite project

Is it mandatory for institute of PI to have DSIR certification?

Yes, as mentioned in the EOI it is mandatory to have DSIR certificate.

Are private institutions allowed to submit the EOI?

Yes, if the private institute has a DSIR certificate.

Can a project exceed 3 years?

As mentioned in the EOI, the study may be proposed for to 3 years. The investigators should complete the work in a time bound manner. However, an additional period of 3-6 months for preparatory activities (with no additional costs) can be incorporated into the proposal. Based on progress of study and requirement, the project can be considered for extension in exceptional circumstances.

Can the study focus on any one or two groups or focus on all six groups?

As mentioned in the EOI, the target group of the study should be beneficiaries of AMB programme i.e. children aged 6-59 months; children aged 5-9 years; adolescent girls and boys; women of reproductive age group and pregnant and lactating women.

Can neonatal population be included in the study?

As mentioned in the EOI, the target group of the study should be beneficiaries of AMB programme i.e. children aged 6-59 months; children aged 5-9 years; adolescent girls and boys; women of reproductive age group and pregnant and lactating women

Can the study be restricted to one specific population group such as Tribal communities OR is it required to include both general and tribal communities?

There is no restriction on the type of population being covered as long as the population covered are beneficiaries of AMB programme i.e. children aged 6-59 months; children aged 5-9 years; adolescent girls and boys; women of reproductive age group and pregnant and lactating women.

Is it okay to propose the study as a single centre study?

As mentioned in the EOI, the unit of implementation may be an entire district or a block of a large district. There is no restriction on number of districts to be covered under the study.

What is review of secondary data in formative phase?

There is no restriction on type of secondary data in formative phase. Review of relevant secondary data is to get an idea regarding implementation gaps in AMB of the district(s) that will be useful to plan implementation approach.

What is the maximum budget that can be granted to one site?

The budget allotted under this EOI by ICMR is Rs. 25 crores. Hence, there is no maximum budget for each proposal as of now.

Is there budget provision for equipment?

Yes, there is budget provision for equipment depending on the proposed work.

Should the names of govt administrators as Co investigator, civil societies and NGOs be provided in the proposal itself? Or it can be added later on?

Inclusion of government administrators as co investigator is encouraged. It is upto the PI to include names of civil societies and NGOs during the submission of proposal.

Is it necessary to submit any approval from District Collectors along with the application and Google form?

It is not mandatory to submit approval from District Collectors along with the application and Google form. However, as mentioned in the EOI, you can mentioned whichever collaborations have been established (e.g. Preliminary discussions with stakeholders) with the potential stakeholders and participants including health systems, governmental departments, local governance institutions, district and block administration as needed, community.