

Operations Research in Tuberculosis Control & Management; Request for Proposals

The Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH) is pleased to announce a request for proposals for its research grants to support the scale up interventions for improving overall Tuberculosis (TB) case detection and retention through innovative approaches including active TB case search.

The primary objectives of this project are to provide an understanding of innovative strategies, interventions and mechanisms and how they can be deployed to improve TB diagnosis, case notification and treatment outcomes. The research will also provide in-depth knowledge on factors (barriers and enablers) that can be ameliorated to address the burden of TB especially among key populations. The impact of socio-cultural, psychological and demographic factors and other external factors affecting TB service utilization and case detection, will be of benefit to justify change of policy or program design.

The overall goal is to use the research findings to enhance national effort for increasing TB case detection and retention as well as improving measures of quality of care and treatment outcomes among patients with TB. Recipients of this research grant are expected to produce a publishable manuscript and complete a data use plan.

Eligibility

Eligible candidates include:

- State TB programs
- Academic institutions or centers
- Non-profit and for-profit research organizations
- Parastatals
- Individual researchers
- Research-focused NGOs or firms.

Individual researchers are also encouraged to apply for this funding opportunity. All candidates must have good understanding of the country context and demonstrate familiarity with the Global Fund supported Tuberculosis grant in Nigeria. Candidates must demonstrate competency in supporting country's research capacity and/or data use.

Research Grant Awards

- The research budget amount is intended to cover basic research expenses for the duration of research as per approved timeline. Anticipated data use and dissemination activities should be included in the proposed budget. Travel to international conference to present the research findings may not be requested.

- Funds will be paid in three installments: at the onset of the proposed study, after receipt of the first draft of a research report, and after completion of the final research manuscript paper and other products related to data dissemination and use.
- Note: Not more than one research grant will be awarded per organization.

Full research proposals are due by **November 8th, 2016**. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. All candidates will be notified by **November 20th, 2016**. Selected candidates will be required to submit proof of institutional or country ethics review and approval or exemption. Detailed information on the grant, the application procedure and selection criteria, can be accessed on the ARFH website on: www.arfh-ng.org/jobs