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## International Pathogen Genomic Surveillance Network: Catalytic Grant Fund - Concept Note

Please complete all sections below in English. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding. Should you have any questions on your submission, please submit them according to the instructions in the RfP. Please note: any research involving human participants and/or individual data will be subject to ethical review.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EDIT YOUR APPLICATION AFTER SUBMISSION.

Early career researchers are encouraged to apply.

\* Required

### Section 1: Lead applicant organization

1. First name \*

2. Last Name \*

3. Gender \*

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary/Gender non-conforming
- Prefer not to say

4. Current job title \*

5. Lead applicant organization name \*

*Enter the organization name without abbreviations.*

6. Address of lead applicant organization \*

7. Country of lead applicant organization \*

*Or territory/area, if applicable.*

8. Is the lead applicant organization currently an IPSN member? \*

*Organizations must be IPSN members to be eligible for funding. If an application has not yet been submitted please apply for IPSN membership via this link <https://www.who.int/initiatives/international-pathogen-surveillance-network/membership>*

- Yes
- No
- Membership application submitted

9. E-mail address \*

10. Alternative e-mail address (optional)

11. Phone number (please include country code) \*

12. Additional applicants from the same organization

*List the full names of other applicants from the same lead applicant organization, separated by commas.*

## Section 2: Co-applicant information (if any)

### Section 2.1 Co-applicant organization #1

13. Are there any co-applicants in your proposal? \*

Yes

No

14. If no co-applicant organizations are listed, is your organization interested in the IPSN Secretariat suggesting potential collaborators? \*

*The IPSN Secretariat may broker collaborations if your proposal is shortlisted for a full application.*

Yes

No

Not applicable

15. Name of co-applicant organization 1

16. Country of co-applicant organization 1

*Or territory/area, if applicable.*

17. Is the co-applicant organization 1 an IPSN member?

Yes

No

IPSN membership application submitted

18. Co-applicant full name(s)

*Please list the full names of all co-applicants from this organization, separated by commas.*

19. Brief description of their role on the project

*For example, sampling, data analysis, capacity building in bioinformatics, project management*

## Section 2: Co-applicant information

Section 2.2: Co-applicant #2

20. Name of co-applicant organization 2

21. Country of co-applicant organization 2

*Or territory/area, if applicable*

22. Is the co-applicant organization 2 an IPSN member?

- Yes
- No
- IPSN membership application submitted

23. Co-applicant full name(s)

Please list the full names of all co-applicants from this organization, separated by commas

24. Brief description of their role on the project

## Section 2: Co-applicant information (optional)

Section 2.3: Co-application #3

25. Organization name

26. Organization's country

Territory or area if applicable

27. Co-applicant's full name(s)

Please list the full names of all co-applicants from this organization, separated by commas

28. Does the co-applicant have IPSN membership?

- Yes
- No
- IPSN membership application in progress

29. Brief description of their role on the project

## Section 2: Co-applicant information (optional)

Section 2.4: Co-applicant #4

30. Organization name

31. Organization's country

Territory or area if applicable

32. Co-applicant's full name(s)

Please list the full names of all co-applicants from this organization, separated by commas

33. Does the co-applicant have IPSN membership?

- Yes
- No
- IPSN membership application in progress

34. Brief description of their role on the project

## Section 2: Co-applicant information (optional)

Section 2.5: Co-applicant #5

35. Organization name

36. Organization's country

Territory or area if applicable

37. Co-applicant's full name(s)

Please list the full names of all co-applicants from this organization, separated by commas

38. Does the co-applicant have IPSN membership?

- Yes
- No
- IPSN membership application in progress

39. Brief description of their role on the project

40. Additional co-applicants

Please list here all additional co-applicants, including their names, organizations, positions, and descriptions of their roles on the project.

### Section 3: IPSN alignment and impact

41. Project title \*

*150 characters max.*

Please enter at most 150 characters

42. Project track \*

*Please choose which track you are applying for.*

- Pathogen genomic surveillance
- Wastewater and environmental surveillance

43. Please identify the broad group(s) of pathogens covered by the proposal \*

*Select all that apply.*

- Bacterial pathogens
- Viral pathogens
- Fungal pathogens
- Parasites
- Pathogen-agnostic
- Other

44. Project significance \*

*Please outline the knowledge gaps and/or issues addressed by the project, the broad aim(s) and/or proposed solution(s), and the geographies covered (2300 characters max).*

Please enter at most 2300 characters

45. Public health impact \*

*Please outline how the project links to the IPSN areas of work and the theory of change, and the expected public health impact (1600 characters max).*

Please enter at most 1600 characters

## Section 4: Project Proposal

### 46. Narrative \*

*Please describe the specific objectives, the technical approach, and the expected outputs and outcomes of the project (4000 characters max). If applicable, include information on the sampling strategy (e.g. retrospective or prospective, expected number of samples collected and sequenced), genomics approach and sequencing platforms.*

Please enter at most 4000 characters

### 47. Which genomics approach or approaches do you intend to use (if any)? \*

*Select all that apply.*

- Whole-genome sequencing
- Metagenomics
- Targeted-amplicon based sequencing
- Not applicable
- Other

### 48. References

Maximum of five key citations

## Section 5: Technical experience and collaboration

49. Please outline how the lead and co-applicants' technical experience and the proposed collaboration (if applying as a consortium) will contribute to the success of this project (*2000 characters max*). Include a brief description of existing capacity in pathogen genomic surveillance or wastewater and environmental surveillance (infrastructure, human resources, skills), how the collaboration will enhance it, and any plans to sustain it beyond the grant. \*

Please enter at most 2000 characters

## Section 6: Resource requirements

Please indicate estimates for the proposed duration and budget request. A revised duration and a detailed budget will be requested if the proposal is shortlisted for a full application.

50. Proposed duration (in months) \*

51. Budget request (in USD) \*

50,000 - 149,999

150,000 - 250,000

52. Other sources of funding for this project \*

*Please list any previous, current or anticipated sources of funding for this project, including the amount in USD and the funder name(s). Alternatively, please indicate "no previous/current/anticipated funding" (all that apply).*

## Section 7: Eligibility

53. Does the applicant organization(s) agree to open access regarding project results that enables the unrestricted access and reuse of all peer-reviewed published research? \*

Yes

No

54. If you responded "no" to the question above, please enter your explanation here.

*Answering "no" to question 54 without providing an explanation here will render your application ineligible for CGF funding.*

55. Does the proposal include research involving human participants or individual data? \*

Yes

No

56. If the proposal involves human participants or individual data, is the applicant organization(s) equipped to collect, anonymize, disseminate, and protect individual data ethically? \*

*Any research involving human participants and/or individual data will be subject to ethical review.*

Yes

No

57. The applicant organization(s) agrees to undergo due diligence in line with the UN Foundation and WHO regulations and guidelines and submit additional disclosures upon request. \*

*Answering "no" to this question will render your application ineligible for CGF funding.*

Yes

No

58. Do any of the applicant organizations plan to participate in a separate application to the IPSN catalytic grant fund in this funding cycle? \*

Yes

No

59. If you responded "yes" to the question above, please provide additional information here (1000 characters max).

Please enter at most 1000 characters

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