

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

13<sup>th</sup> April 17:00 (EDT)

## BACKGROUND

[International Development Research Centre](#) (IDRC) is a Canadian Crown corporation that funds research in developing countries to create lasting change on a large scale. IDRC **supports local organizations** in the Global South to generate the evidence that is relevant in their context. They provide **financial resources, advice, and training to researchers** in developing countries to help them **find solutions to local problems, and encourage knowledge sharing with policy-makers, researchers, and communities**.

The COVID-19 pandemic is reversing hard-fought progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The immediate health impacts of the pandemic have been devastating, as are the impacts on economy, livelihoods, poverty, and inequalities. In lower-income countries, **governments' ability to implement supportive measures and economic stimulus has been limited**.

This IDRC call aims to help ensure more **inclusive and sustainable pandemic responses and recovery** in low- and lower-middle-income countries through its [Sustainable Inclusive Economies](#) division. It will support the generation of data and evidence - using an appropriate combination of methodologies - to **promote effective public, private sector, and non-governmental action** that promotes **gender equality** for economic opportunities in COVID-19 responses **and transitions to a low-carbon economy**. The call will support partnerships and ways for researchers and stakeholders to work together to ensure that robust evidence leads to better practices, policies, and outcomes. It will also support research organizations working together to promote peer learning and enhance the likelihood of research uptake.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- This call is open to institutions with **legal corporate registration**, and with demonstrable capacity to manage and undertake the proposed work, including:
  - the ability to **implement, monitor, and report on research grants** from international funders
  - the ability and procedures to **assess and manage project, organizational, and funding-related risks**
- Proposed projects must be **carried out in low- and lower-middle- income countries** and areas in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, South and South-East Asia, and the Middle East (Projects can be single- or multi-country focused).
- In Asia, institutions in advanced economies and large emerging economies, including China and India, are **NOT** eligible as leads in the current call.
- The call will fund projects that have **partnerships** between **research organizations, policy-makers, the private sector, civil society organizations, and/or other key implementing partners**, that are well-positioned to achieve intended development outcomes.
- Institutions and consortia comprising more than one institution can apply. One partner must be designated as the lead institution, and the lead institution should submit the application to IDRC on behalf of the consortium. The **lead institution must be based in the country of research focus**, or in one of the focus countries in the case of multi-country projects.
- North-South partnerships are eligible, but the **Southern partner should be the lead**.
- Applicants can be involved in multiple proposals but **can be lead in only one**.
- UN, donor, and multi-lateral organizations are **NOT eligible** to apply.
- Applications from individual persons will **NOT** be accepted.

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

- Duration of grants: **up to 30 months** (including all research activities and final reporting)
- **Budget: CA\$750,000 – CA\$1,000,000 per project. Grants will be awarded subject to availability of funds**
- The call will fund projects with the following characteristics; **Clear pathway for impact, solutions-orientation, multi-stakeholder, ethical standards, structural gender inequalities, intersectional approach to gender**, and those that respond to the twin challenges of **gender inequality and climate crisis**
- IDRC aim to correspond with shortlisted applicants by **May 12 2021** that they have been pre-selected to develop a full research proposal

## HOW TO APPLY

- Organizations are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi), with short proposals, through the [IDRC online application portal](#)
- We recommend that you use one of the following browsers: **Safari, Chrome, or Microsoft Edge**. Internet Explorer is **NOT** recommended
- Applications can be submitted in either **English or French**
- Expression of interests should include the following information:
  - Key Project Information (Project title, country(ies) where the project will take place, project duration, estimated total budget requested)
  - Applicant Information
  - Project Proposal (total maximum 1,500 words)
  - Indicative Budget
  - CVs of Principal Researcher(s)

Application details can be found [here](#) and on the attached document.

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents, that you have submitted online to the Faculty Research Office – [natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za](mailto:natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za).

Please note that if funding is awarded for contract research (excluding scholarships), a 15% UP recovery is applicable and should be budgeted for by the applicant.

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