### EDCTP | Diagnostic tools for poverty-related diseases

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
11 October 2018, 17:00

**BACKGROUND**
Disease diagnosis in sub-Saharan Africa is highly challenging, as the population has limited access to health care systems. Early and rapid diagnosis of poverty-related diseases (PRDs) offers the best opportunity for patients to receive timely and appropriate treatment, but adequate diagnostic tools are not readily available because of a lack of drive to develop and deploy them in disease-endemic countries. In addition, co-infections with several pathogens are frequent in many populations and represent further challenges in the diagnosis of many PRDs. There is therefore a clear need for the development and uptake of rapid, accurate, cost-effective, scalable and field-friendly diagnostic tools.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**
- The content of the proposal should correspond, wholly or in part, to the topic/contest description for which it is submitted
- it complies with the eligibility conditions set out below, depending on the type of action:
  - Consortia comprising a minimum of three independent legal entities are eligible to apply. Two of the legal entities shall be established in two different Participating States (European Partner States) and one of the legal entities must be established in a sub-Saharan African country. All three legal entities shall be independent of each other.
  - ‘Sole participants’ formed by several legal entities (e.g. European Research Infrastructure Consortia, European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation, central purchasing bodies) are eligible if the above-mentioned minimum conditions are satisfied by the legal entities forming together the sole participant

**SELECTION CRITERIA**
Projects funded under this Call for Proposals should:
- Focus on validation of the clinical performance and/or implementation of new or improved diagnostic tools and technologies for the detection of any of the PRDs*, including co-infections.

### EDCTP | Advances in product development for effective prevention, treatment and management of co-infections and co-morbidities

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
18 October 2018, 17:00

**BACKGROUND**
Co-infections with several pathogens are frequent in sub-Saharan Africa and represent an important public health problem in many areas due to accelerated and/or complicated disease progression, resulting in increased mortality and morbidity. These co-infections can result in unique challenges in treatment and prevention of disease, including increased drug toxicities and/or changes in efficacy of interventions. The rise in incidence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in sub-Saharan Africa and the necessity for long-term management of some poverty-related diseases and NCDs, often concurrently, adds to these complexities. There is therefore an urgent need for research that leads to advances in the development of new/improved products for the effective prevention, treatment and management of co-infections and co-morbidities.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**
Projects funded under this Call for Proposals should:
- Support one large-scale strategic action (clinical research activities) that is part of a bigger portfolio of clinical trials with the capacity to compare and select the most promising malaria vaccine candidates, and manage their progress through clinical development.
Contribute to the achievement of SDG3 ‘Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages’

- Lead to improvements in patient care through early detection and treatment of disease and/or enhanced monitoring and tracking of disease progression and therapeutic response
- Contribute towards the implementation of innovative, rapid and simple diagnostics that can be deployed at low cost in health systems in resource-poor settings
- Contribute to reduce infections by key antimicrobial resistant microorganisms in humans as recommended by the Global Action Plan Against Antimicrobial Resistance (PDF) and by the European Action Plan Against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) 2017
- Proposal should be in line with EDCTP2’s strategic research agenda (PDF) to be considered as having a higher impact.

Contribute towards the reduction of the number of cases of co-infections and co-morbidities in sub-Saharan Africa and thus contribute to achieving SDG 3 ‘Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

- Advance products through the product development pipeline, and/or provide evidence to support label extension and/or be in line with EDCTP2’s strategic research agenda to be considered as having a higher impact.

**WHAT THE GRANT WILL COVER**

- The call budget is €18 million.
- The EDCTP considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EDCTP2 of between EUR 1 and 3 million would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of proposals requesting other amounts.
- The funding level is 100% of eligible costs.

- The call budget is EUR 14 million.
- The EDCTP considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EDCTP2 of between EUR 2.0 and 4.0 million would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of proposals requesting other amounts.
- The funding level is 100% of eligible costs.

**HOW TO APPLY**

The application must be submitted online via EDCTPgrants

Only registered users of EDCTPgrants system can apply for grants and therefore you are advised to register on the system as soon as possible.

**Should you have any queries, kindly contact:**

- For questions related to this call for proposals, please contact: edctpgrants@edctp.org
- For questions and issues about EDCTPgrants and the online application submission please contact EDCTP via edctpgrants@edctp.org
- For guidance on online application procedure, please refer to the Guidance for applicants
For more information about EDCTP2 procedures, please refer to the EDCTP2 Grants Manual and EDCTP2 FAQs

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