REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

Healthy Environments for Children Alliance
Seed Funds for Country implementation

The Healthy Environments for Children Alliance (HECA) aims to reduce the multiple environment-related risks children face in the everyday environments, in particular the home, school and neighbourhood settings. HECA making a small amount of seed funding available to countries to support initiatives that address HECA priority issues in these settings. Small grants in the region of US $2,000 to US $5000 will be made available, as well as a few larger grants, to a maximum amount of US $20 000 in the current phase.

Types of activities that will be considered for support may include the following:

- Children's environmental health profiles and needs assessments;
- Development of multistakeholder action plans to address children's environmental health issues;
- Awareness raising and advocacy activities;
- Small-scale implementation activities in key settings (home, school or neighbourhood environment) on key environmental risk factors (for example, promotion of personal and household hygiene, safe water and sanitation, food safety, waste disposal, vector control measures, safe use of household chemicals, clean indoor air, child safety measures to prevent injuries and poisonings, etc.

Proposals can be submitted by government and/or non-governmental entities, but must be submitted by countries with International Development Assistance (IDA) priority status (See annex).

Preference will be given to those activities and initiatives that address multiple risks in an integrated and cross-cutting way in one or more of the environments in which children live, learn and play and which involve a wide range of key sectors and interest groups/stakeholders. Building on the presence of relevant, ongoing activities will be considered an advantage.

Fully completed proposals, filled in according to the format which follows, should be addressed to Dr Yasmin von Schirnding, Manager, Healthy Environments for Children Alliance Secretariat at the World Health Organization. E-mail: vonschirndingy@who.int. Fax no.: +41 22 791 1583.

Complete proposals should reach the HECA Secretariat by 30 August 2004, after which they will undergo a review process, and submitting countries notified of the outcome of their application.
SECTION I
Information on the applicant

Information on the submitting organization
  o Background on organization including key activity areas, partners and capacity to undertake activity/project for which proposal being submitted.

Experience in Children's Environmental Health
  o Past and on-going activities of relevance (give brief description and where applicable details of objectives and location, organization's role in the activity, partners/funders, time frame, budget, and outcome of the activity if completed)

SECTION II
Content of the application
  • Background and rationale for the proposed activity (a brief account of the nature and extent of the problem to be addressed, and why you think your activity/project can make a difference to children's environmental health in the country)
  • Objective of the proposed activity
  • Proposed approach (include, as appropriate, information on any initiatives or activities mentioned above which could be built upon).
  • Environmental risk factor(s) to be targeted by the activity
  • Specific setting(s) for activity (e.g. home, school, etc.)
  • Specific activities to be carried out, location, and estimated time frame for each
  • Expected outcome(s)
  • Enabling environment for project (e.g. give examples of any policy, legislation, political commitment at different levels supporting children's environmental health)
  • Expected partners to be involved and how
  • Beneficiaries/target population and expected benefits

SECTION III
Programme management

Proposed project management
  o Arrangements for implementation of activities
  o Roles and responsibilities of different partners
  o Lead organization (with indication of staff who would be made available for the activity/project and their capacity/areas of expertise)
  o Proposed process for sustaining project implementation structure
  o Proposed process for monitoring and evaluation

SECTION IV
Budget

  • Budget for activity(ies), broken down into component parts
• Assessment of available assets which can be drawn on for the activity/project (this should include financial as well as non-financial assets such as both paid and volunteer human resources, material and equipment, in-kind contributions from partners, networks that can be drawn on etc.)
• Potential sources of complementary funding
• Plans and mechanisms for leveraging additional complementary funds
• Total funds requested from HECA seed funds

SECTION V
Full contact information

Primary contact:

Secondary contact:
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Sudan *

Middle East and North Africa

Tanzania
# Togo
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe **

Total IDA-eligible countries
- 81 countries.
# CFA countries - 12 countries.
* Inactive countries - 4 countries.
** Blend countries - 15 countries.
@ Small island economy exception - 9 countries.