



Action contre la Faim Foundation for Research and Innovation

Call for research proposals 2016

Stage one - Letter of Intent

Submission deadline: **30.04.2016, 23:59 CEST**

Stage two - Full Proposal

Submission deadline: **15.09.2016, 23:59 CEST**

Proposals must be submitted to the email address:

FondationACF@actioncontrelafaim.org

No other means of submission will be accepted.

Incomplete proposals as well as proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered.



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Action contre la Faim Foundation for Research and Innovation

Founded in 2013 and housed at the Institute de France, ACF Foundation for Research and Innovation aims at reinforcing the scientific expertise to reduce hunger worldwide working through ACF-International network. The main goal of the Foundation is to support innovative solutions to reducing hunger by fostering collaboration between field actors and technical experts in each of ACF's intervention sectors.

The Foundation aims to support research programmes to improve actions in ACF's areas of interventions: nutrition, health and care practices; food security and livelihood; water and sanitation.

Focus 2016

There is an ever-increasing amount of information available in humanitarian settings. Nevertheless, numerous questions remain about the efficacy of interventions, their cost-effectiveness, their feasibility and sustainability as well as their scalability/replicability, among other issues. From assessment through treatment to measuring the overall impact of nutrition sensitive interventions, challenges to improve nutrition achievement remain in humanitarian and fragile settings.

The Foundation is inviting interested parties to submit proposals in particular in, but not limited to, following areas: prevention, assessment and treatment of child and maternal undernutrition in emergencies or fragile settings, as well as studies on the pathophysiology of undernutrition.

ACF supports activities aimed at ensuring nutrition security: the Foundation expects that applicants will adopt a multisectoral approach that integrates causal context-specific factors, leading to undernutrition. Applications focusing on both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions are invited. The Foundation also promotes multi-level response strategies, linking curative, preventive and longer-term structural actions.

Furthermore, research studies should preferably be operational in nature, i.e. they should aim to respond to technical and operational needs of ACF and are directed towards a practical objective of improving the effectiveness or impact of projects/programmes. Among others, studies investigating efficacy, effectiveness, replicability and scaling up of interventions are invited. Particular interest will be given to innovative solutions in terms of products, process and/or actors involved. Studies using



quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods are accepted. Project proposal should highlight the ethics and social considerations related to the proposed research.

Eligibility

This call is open to all ACF-International Headquarters and Country Offices which want to implement a research and innovation project. Project proposals should indicate the academic or research partner the applicant is going to work with for the implementation of the study. Partnerships with institutions from the country where the study will be conducted are strongly encouraged. Collaboration should involve national recent PhD graduates or students as much as possible.

The maximum project duration supported is 24 months.

Budget

Indicative projects' budget: 10.000-50.000 €

Submission and selection process

Submission process

The submission process includes two stages.

- Stage One: a letter of intent (LoI) with a simplified budget will be required (template to be used in Annex 1).
- Stage Two: only LoIs that passed the first selection will be invited to submit a complete proposal including detailed budget (Templates to be used in Annex 2).

Selection process

Proposals will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee of the ACF Foundation in terms of relevance, quality and innovative component.



Schedule

	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1. Call launch										
2. Deadline Lol										
3. Evaluation of Lol										
4. Feedback on the Lol										
5. Deadline for full proposal										
6. Evaluation of proposals										
7. Validation and contract signing										

Annexes

1. Submission template stage one
2. Submission template stage two
 - 2.1. Proposal template
 - 2.2. Budget template
3. Definition of evaluation criteria

Annex 1 Submission template stage one

Letter of Intent

Project Title	
Overall Topic	
Duration	<i>Indicate dates</i>
Country and area of intervention	
Applicant	<i>ACF-HQ/ ACF-mission</i>
Scientific partners	<i>University name and scientific collaborator(s)</i>
Other Partners	<i>If applicable</i>
Existing donors	
Contact person	<i>Name, position, email,</i>

1. Context and rationale
2. Main objectives
3. Innovative aspects
4. Methodology (Design, methodology, data analysis, ethical clearance foreseen.
5. Expected results and impact
6. Dissemination and uptake
7. Funding required by the Foundation
 - a. Amount
 - b. Activities to be funded

MAXIMUM LENGTH 2 pages

Annex 2.

Annex 2.1 Proposal template stage two

1. Introduction : literature review and rationale of the project
2. Study objectives
3. Methods:
 - 3.1.Context
 - 3.2.Study design
 - 3.3.Data collection and sampling methods
 - 3.4.Analysis
 - 3.5.Ethical considerations (participant protection, confidentiality, privacy, ethical clearance)
4. Expected results and impacts
5. Result dissemination
6. Team: short profile of institutions and team members
7. Gantt chart
8. Budget

Length max 10 pages excluding budget and Gantt chart

Annex 2.2 Budget template stage two

ACF Foundation - detailed budget
Applicant:
Project title:

							BUDGET
							From To
	Items	Quantity	Unit	Duration	Unit	Unit price	Total (EUR)
AA							- €
AB							- €
							- €
							- €
Chapter A	PROGRAM ACTIVITES						- €
							- €
							- €
							- €
BA	Transport						- €
							- €
							- €
BB	Office						- €
							- €
							- €
BC	Communication						- €
							- €
							- €
BD	Others						- €
Chapter B	NON-PERSONNEL						- €
							- €
							- €
							- €
CA	National support staff						- €
							- €
							- €
							- €
CB	National program staff						- €
							- €
CC	Expatriate staff						- €
Chapter C	PERSONNEL						- €
Chapter D	OTHERS						- €
TOTAL DIRECT COST							- €

In case of co-funding, please indicate the % of the total project budget requested to the ACF Foundation:

3. Definition of evaluation criteria

Relevance: the extent to which the project focus and objectives are important for the scientific and operational community. It reflects the value, the added value and the expected impact of the action.

Quality: the scientific merit of the study, i.e. the appropriateness and soundness of the methodology selected to answer the research question, the thoroughness of the proposal.

Innovative component: the extent to which the project proposes the testing/piloting/involvement of new approaches, tools, methods, actors to address a specific issue.