

Calls for expressions of interest: Regional hubs for climate change and health

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and other funding partners are investing up to CAD4 million to fund up to five institutions to establish regional hubs in the Global South to initiate and manage research sub-grants on **climate change and health**. <https://idrc-crدي.ca/en/funding/call-expressions-interest-regional-hubs-climate-change-and-health>.

Each hub will be managed by a regionally based organisation or consortium of organisations. The selected regional hubs will be tasked with establishing, managing, and supporting a cohort of research sub-grants in their respective regions. The selected hubs will be expected to run one or more open competitive calls to identify and select research projects in their corresponding region.

Application process

This funding opportunity will involve a two-stage process. In the first stage, interested applicants will be required to submit an expression of interest (EOI). The EOI stage is mandatory and will require applicants to complete an eligibility checklist and upload supporting documents. No technical proposal or concept note is required at the EOI stage. **Only applicants whose EOIs are successful will be invited to submit a full technical proposal.** Specific requirements for the application process, including the EOI phase, are outlined in the [call document](#).

The deadline to submit an EOI is 5 April 2024 – 17:00 ET.

The full list of eligibility requirements, including the list of eligible countries and frequently asked questions (FAQs), can be found in the following links:

1. [Call for expressions of interest document](#)
2. [FAQ document](#)

Key objectives

The expected outcomes for this funding opportunity are

- increasing availability of disaggregated and intersectional climate and health data that are interoperable, openly accessible, and enable community and health system actors to depict the complex intersections between climate change and health;
- equipping policy makers with newly available climate, health, and inequality data/evidence and using these sources to design and implement an integrated approach to strengthening gender responsive health systems with a focus on primary healthcare;
- improving capacities and involvement of individuals, organisations, and networks within the geographic scope of the research hub based in LMICs (with strong representation, participation, and leadership from equity-seeking groups) to design, implement, assess, and inform solutions towards more climate-resilient health systems;

- enhancing health systems' surge capacity and preparing the health systems' workforce, in particular in community and primary health-care settings, to fully integrate gender and inclusion-sensitive measures to respond to climate-induced health risks and shocks, and equipping it with contextualised, robust, and equity-based knowledge, systems, and networks;
- increasing the application, reach, and impact of generated evidence by strategically positioning efforts at subnational, national, or regional levels.

Thematic focus areas

Research programmes developed by a research hub will seek to strengthen health and related systems to advance an understanding of, and action on, the following themes:

- Responsive health and climate data and information systems that are interoperable, disaggregated, intersectional, and secure.
- Development of a skilled, diverse, and inclusive health workforce, and enhanced surge capacity to prevent and respond to climate-induced health risks and shocks.
- Mobilisation of equitable health policy and services research (including relevant economic, political, and social factors) for better care, resilience, and gender-responsiveness of health systems.