



**RHD Action**

United to End  
Rheumatic Heart Disease

27 June 2019

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**SMALL GRANTS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES for**  
***Patients (PLWRHD) and Community Groups***

Dear RHD Community Partner:

RHD Action was launched in September 2015 to amplify global efforts to control rheumatic heart disease (RHD). RHD Action was formed by the World Heart Federation and RhEACH, with demonstration projects led by Case Western University in Uganda and Touch Foundation in Tanzania with the leadership and support of Medtronic Foundation.

RHD Action has developed a Priorities Pyramid representing three key areas of focus: *People and Communities*, *Medicines and Technologies*, and *Systems and Services*. This request for proposals is soliciting projects to support patient and community groups in raising awareness about RHD, providing patient and community education or to support RHD patient advocacy. We are looking for small innovative projects with well-defined outcomes and timelines. Four awards of US\$2,500 each will be made available to fund successful applications.

Possible projects include:

- Creation of new or strengthening/formalisation of existing PLWRHD support groups
- Capacity building for and networking among existing PLWRHD support groups
- Community and/or school-based RHD-awareness raising projects
- Innovative approaches to improve RHD patients' medication adherence to secondary prophylaxis
- Innovative approaches to improve RHD patients' access to medications for secondary prophylaxis
- Creation and dissemination of patient advocacy materials in local languages and cultural contexts. This could include radio jingles, posters, flyers, or other RHD-branded educational collateral.
- Outreach services to raise RHD awareness and/or improve access to care for RHD patients in underserved areas

Exclusions:

1. Funded project activities must take place in low- and middle-income countries as defined by the World Bank.
2. RHD Action partners are not eligible to apply.
3. Applications must be submitted in English. We currently do not have the capacity to translate applications in languages other than English.
4. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Selection criteria:

1. The applicant must clearly state the intended impact of their specific proposal. Depending on the nature of the project, impact may be measured by numbers of new people involved in RHD patient advocacy activities, number of people included in or benefitting from the advocacy activities, local

- media coverage, etc
2. Clear, focused, measurable objectives that can be achieved in the short term with a clear timeline.
  3. Sustainability of the impact evidenced by viable opportunities to use the activity for future build-on activities including potential collaboration with local Ministries of Health/Health Districts to strengthen or scale RHD programmes.
  4. Plans for publicity and dissemination.
  5. Capacity to approach and/or include local, regional or national Ministry of Health (MOH) representative(s) in the activity or event.

Funding is US\$2,500 per project. A signed Grant Agreement will be required before award funding is wired to the recipient organisation.

**Deliverables for projects:**

- Required
  - o Short narrative report (template provided) no later than three months after project initiation.
  - o Short narrative and financial report (template provided) no later than one month after project completion.
  - o No more than ten high-quality photos, videos or other electronic images with caption information suitable for press releases and/or electronic media
- Desired
  - o Press coverage
  - o Meeting agendas, copies of promotional, community aware raising or educational materials

Please note the additional information provided below in the Guidelines on how to proceed. We are looking forward to numerous and innovative proposals from across the globe!

Sincerely,

*Reach and World Heart Federation acting together as*

RHD Action