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Frequently Asked Questions

Sexual Violence Research Initiative and the World Bank Group's 2020 Development Marketplace Award for Innovation in the prevention and response of gender-based violence

(In memory of Hannah Graham)

Which countries are eligible to apply for the award?

All countries are eligible to apply, regardless of income or regional classification.

Which countries / country contexts are eligible research subjects?

Any low-income country, lower-middle income country, or upper-middle income country is an acceptable research focus. A complete list of classified ICs, LMICs, and UMICs as compiled by the World Bank can be found [here](#).

Can applications propose research within the applicant's home country?

Sometimes. Applications may only propose research in the applicant's home country when said country is classified as a low- or middle-income country.

Can applications propose research in more than one country?

Yes. Proposals may be located in any number of countries and / or regions, provided that all countries under research are classified as a low- or middle-income country.

When selecting award recipients, are certain countries and / or economic classifications given preference over others?

Yes. Whenever possible, preference will be given to projects led by researchers based in LMICs or researchers working in partnership with organizations based in LMICs. Similarly, South-South and North-South partnerships are also viewed favorably.

Are current / ongoing research projects eligible to apply?

Yes. However, proposals must indicate the integration of a new, meaningful component to prevent and / or respond to GBV.



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Are prior award winners eligible to submit applications?

While previous grantees are indeed eligible to apply for the award, the organization's status as a prior award winner will be taken into account when reviewing applications and selecting ultimate award recipients. Preference will be given to organizations that have not yet received an award when selecting award winners.

Can an organization submit more than one application?

Yes. Organizations may submit up to two applications, though no organization will ultimately receive more than one award.

My organization operates globally and has individual country offices around the world. Do individual country offices count as their own independent organization, or are they included under the umbrella of the parent organization?

Different country offices may apply separately as distinct primary institutions, with each country office eligible to submit up to two applications. However, it is unlikely that the SVRI and the WBG will fund more than one proposal from the same parent company.

Are official United Nations or World Bank organizations / agencies eligible to submit applications?

No. However, should a UN or WB organization / agency wish to undertake a research project *in conjunction with* a local, non-UN / non-WB affiliated partner organization, said partner organization is eligible to apply. Official UN or WB affiliates are eligible to *participate* in the research team / consortium, the only stipulation being that they cannot be the project's lead applicant institution nor the ultimate recipient of funds.

Are related organizations of the United Nations or World Bank eligible to submit applications?

Yes.

Are United Nations-mandated organizations eligible to submit applications?

Yes.

Are non-profit firms / organizations eligible to submit applications?

Yes.



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Are for-profit firms / organizations eligible to submit applications?

Yes.

May applications be submitted through email or carrier mail?

No. Applications must be submitted through the [proposalCENTRAL](#) platform. Any applications received through another means will be rejected at point of receipt.

What is the cash value of the award?

Up to \$100,000 USD.

Can organizations request more than \$100,000 USD for a particularly expansive project?

No. Any application requesting more than \$100,000 will be rejected at point of receipt.

Should proposed budgets include indirect costs?

Yes. Indirect costs are permitted but may not exceed 15% of total costs.

Where can I access templates for CVs, budget, and project plan?

In order to access these documents, you must first create a profile on [proposalCENTRAL](#) and officially begin your application to the SVRI and WBG Development Marketplace Award. Within your started application you will be able to access templates for CVs. Furthermore, the application is interactive and guides you through, indicating where project plan and budget details should be placed.

What are the safety and ethical guidelines proposals must encompass?

Necessary ethical considerations can be found on our [2020 Award Application Guidelines document](#). This document clarifies relevant standards and also provides multiple resources detailing ethical and safety guidelines within the field of GBV research. Award Application Guidelines are also available in [Spanish](#) and [French](#).

Before reaching out the SVRI or WBG teams for assistance, kindly read the [Award Application Guidelines](#) to ensure wholly understanding of the award application and review process. Outstanding questions may be addressed to svri@mrc.ac.za.