

Letter of Inquiry

Total of 5 pages, maximum.

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Section 1: Targeted Use Case(s)

List the use case(s) that your solution will address.

Section 2: Goals and Rationale

Describe your proposed solution and how it is suited to fully address the selected use case(s). Describe the theory of change (TOC) and how it aligns with the overall objectives of the NTD Data Innovation Incubator. The TOC should include key activities, outputs, outcomes, and anticipated impact. Specify any hypotheses that will be tested. If applicable, briefly describe any previous applications of this solution to similar use cases, including how it was used and the results of use, either in the context of NTD or other health program areas. Indicate the expected results of this implementation, specifying what would be achieved after Round 1 of funding and what would be achieved after Round 2 of funding, and how these achievements would position the solution for use at scale. **At the beginning of this section, include one or two sentences in bold that capture the essence of your idea.**

Section 3: Approach to Design and Deployment of a Fit-for-Purpose Solution

Provide a clear description of how you will approach solution design and deployment, including key steps for implementation. This should include details on how solution design will align with the needs of the key user(s) and improve their ability to collect, access, share, and/or use NTD data as required to successfully complete their responsibilities. If the solution has been used in previous implementations (similar or different to this use case), describe how the existing solution will be modified or enhanced to be fit-for-purpose in the context of this use case. If a new solution is being proposed, briefly list any existing comparative solutions and your reasons for proposing a new solution rather than leveraging one that already exists. For solutions that will address more than one use case, include details on how the solution will be designed and deployed to fully complete all relevant use cases.

This section should also address how the solution will fulfill the solution success criteria defined in the associated solution profile. For each solution success criteria, please specify how the solution will accomplish the success criteria and how meeting the success criteria will be measured.

Section 4: Organization and Investigator Capabilities & Collaboration

Please provide a summary of the applicant organization (or organizations) previous experience and expertise that is relevant to this RFP process. This should include expertise relevant to NTD or other health programs, knowledge of the use case context, and experience working with or deploying the proposed solution (or similar solutions). A description of possible collaborations and how partnerships will be established, especially with country NTD program teams or other relevant country representatives, should be provided. (Letters of support are not expected at this stage.) If you have a country or specific geography in mind, please detail that here, as well as your reasons for selection.

Section 5: Budget

Please summarize the budget for each key step of implementation, including by breaking down Round 1 and Round 2. If you are modifying or enhancing an existing solution for the context of the selected use case, please include this as a key activity step, with associated timeline and budget.

As described in the RFP, we are suggesting a maximum budget of \$200,000 USD for 6 months of work for Round 1; although we are not specifying a budget for Round 2, the objectives for that round must be achievable within 18 months from the start of Round 2 funding.

Submissions that exceed 5 pages total may not be reviewed.

Proposals for this Grand Challenge must be submitted prior to the deadline of 11:30am Pacific Daylight Time on March 25, 2019.