

Small Grants Program for Micronutrient Data and Interventions that Support Vulnerable Populations

Request for Proposals

Opportunity

Hosted by the Micronutrient Forum, DInA convenes diverse national, regional, and global stakeholders to improve the availability, quality, accessibility, and use of micronutrient-related data to support national-level decision-makers.

To support alliance members in capacity building and advocacy for micronutrient data at the sub-national, national, or regional level, DInA invites proposals for its first small grants program to support stakeholder groups (e.g., government, academia, NGOs) in efforts to reach vulnerable groups (e.g. women, children, poor, rural). These grants can be used to support three types of activities:

1. Host stakeholder meeting(s) or coalition building to:
 - a. Advocate for micronutrient data collection.
 - b. Design a micronutrient survey or intervention.
 - c. Disseminate results of micronutrient surveys.
2. Provide training for groups that support micronutrient data collection, analysis, or communication. This includes activities that:
 - a. Expand the capacity of a laboratory for micronutrient biomarkers.
 - b. Increase capacity for survey design or statistical analysis.
 - c. Promote science communications for micronutrient data.
3. Perform additional analysis of micronutrient data. This includes:
 - a. Analysis of previously collected samples for additional micronutrient biomarkers.
 - b. Secondary data analysis of existing data to understand the relationships between micronutrient deficiencies and other factors.

Grants may be used to cover laboratory costs, instructor or staff time, meeting space, travel, food, and lodging, but may not exceed **US\$15,000**. Funds must be used within 1 year.

This grant is intended to strengthen organizations or stakeholder groups, rather than individuals, and cannot be used to attend a conference or pay membership fees.

Eligibility

The primary applicant must live and work in a low- and middle-income country (as classified by the [World Bank](#)) and be a member of DInA ([become a member here](#)). Applicants must represent an organization or stakeholder group (e.g., government, academia, NGOs).



How to Apply

Please download and fill in the [application form here](#). Completed applications should be sent via email to DInA@micronutrientforum.org no later than 10 September 2023 (11:59pm EDT).

Please also include the CV of grant focal person and letter(s) of support from the submitting organization and relevant stakeholders indicating their commitment to participate in the activity.

Timeline

- Request for proposals issued: 18 July 2023
- Last date for applications: 10 September 2023
- Review of applications: September 2023
- Notification of award: 10 October 2023
- Final grant report due: 31 October 2024

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of experts.

Successful applicants must present a well thought out plan that will result in an increase in the collection, analysis, or use of micronutrient data for nutrition policies or programs in low- or middle-income countries.

Preference will be given to activities that:

- Are most likely to have downstream actions to support decision making regarding micronutrient interventions that support vulnerable groups.
- Encourage collaboration among stakeholder groups.
- Would not have occurred with other funding.

Any new analyses done as a result of this funding must be freely available/open access. Publication of results in a peer-reviewed journal is strongly encouraged. Additional funding for publication in an open-access journal will be provided and should not be included in the budget.

If you have any additional questions about this request for proposals, please contact us at DInA@micronutrientforum.org.