



THE ViiV HEALTHCARE POSITIVE ACTION FUND

Call for Proposals Round 2 – 2020 Adolescents Mothers Living with HIV and their Children Guidance Notes

Please read this document carefully: it explains the ViiV Healthcare's Positive Action Fund application criteria and what you should include in your application. Please check that your application clearly reflects this guidance.

Round 2 Call for Proposals – Adolescents Mothers Living with HIV

The 2020 Round 2 Call for Proposals is focused on Momentum Grants and is open to applications of up to £100, 000 per year over three years, i.e., up to £ 300,000 over a three-year period.

Positive Action invites applications to the Round 2 funding window from **31 August 2020** (00:01 BST) to **02 October 2020** (23:59 BST) 2020. Applications will be reviewed by the Technical Review Committee at their meeting in October 2020.

Specific application deadlines for other funding rounds are available on the online application system.

Positive Action online grant management system.

Please submit your application via our cybergrant online application system

Please do not email applications to ViiV Healthcare or Positive Action staff members or Positive Action mailboxes. We will only accept Concept Notes via the online application system. If you have any problems accessing the online system please review Appendix 2, the FAQs in this document and/or contact the Positive Action mailbox. WW.PositiveAction@viivhealthcare.com

Completing Your Application

The application form requires you to outline the intervention that your organisation is trying to implement, how you will address this issue, what it is that you are trying to understand and your capabilities to respond. It will also require completion of a detailed budget, selection of indicators and an outline of a workplan. Please ensure you complete this form in full and ensure that it meets our application criteria.

Concept Notes that are not well aligned to our criteria will not be taken further.

Deadline: All applications must be received by **23:59 BST 02 October 2020** to be considered by the Technical Review Committee in October 2020.

Should your application be successful, the content will be shared with our partner the Charities Aid Foundation, who will carry out the due diligence and eventual payment. As part of their due diligence, they may require additional information. You will be contacted if this is required. As part of this you will be asked to sign up to CAF's terms and conditions.

Charities Aid Foundation undertakes due diligence on all the grants made through the ViiV Healthcare Positive Action Fund and will need to contact you regarding your application. The data collected in the Application Form will be provided to them.

How Momentum Proposals Should Be Targeted

Adolescence is a period of transition between being a child and an adult. This 10- 19 age group forms one sixth of the world's population and it is estimated to continue to increase until 2050 to reach an estimated 1.3 billion¹. Globally, over 2 million adolescents are living with HIV² and there are an estimated 8 million who are HIV exposed but uninfected³. There are an estimated 11.4 million adolescent mothers in sub-Saharan Africa⁴. According to UNAIDS 2019 data, 42% of adolescent girls living in urban areas, and more than 50% living in the rural areas have been pregnant⁵ and four out of every five new infections among 15-19-year olds in sub-Saharan Africa occur among adolescent girls⁶.

While there is data on children living with HIV, there is no disaggregated data for older adolescents (15- 19 years old) let alone adolescent mothers. Furthermore, there is no data on adolescent fathers. Adolescent mothers living with HIV and their children living in high-endemic countries face multiple and layered challenges that expose them to a variety of risks that lead to ill physical and mental health.

While HIV/PMTCT sexual and reproductive health information and services are critically important, there are a myriad of issues that touch on their

¹ WHO. Health for the World's Adolescents 2014

² UNAIDS JUNP on H. At a Glance – HIV among Women and Girls in Sub-Saharan Africa. 2019. https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/women_girls_hiv_sub_saharan_africa_en.pdf

³ Hoare J. The adolescent brain: understanding how youth perceive risks and healthcare needs. In: 21st International AIDS Conference - AIDS2016. Durban, South Africa; 2016

⁴ UNICEF. Children and AIDS: Statistical Update.; 2017

⁵ UNAIDS JUNP on H. At a Glance – HIV among Women and Girls in Sub-Saharan Africa. 2019. https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/women_girls_hiv_sub_saharan_africa_en.pdf

⁶ UNAIDS. 2018 Global HIV Statistics. Geneva, Switzerland https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/UNAIDS_FactSheet_en.pdf. Accessed September 1, 2019

quality of life that require redress. A significant number of adolescent's mothers living with HIV are in age-disparate relationships, have insufficient information on HIV prevention, and if perinatally infected, sometimes don't know their status, discover very late, have insufficient information on contraceptives and safer sex. Age of consent policies and lack of adolescent mothers friendly integrated HIV/SRHR services are but a few of the health systems barriers that reduce access.

At the community and family level, HIV related stigma keeps many from disclosing their status to prospective partners and their in-laws and discrimination from their families and communities arising from teen pregnancy keeps them vulnerable to poor physical and mental health outcomes.

Additionally, some may live in countries where pregnancy curtails education due to school policies when the pregnancy starts showing, and in some cases, many are not allowed back after birth. Where they can return, the lack of child care at home and sleepless nights impact on concentration and impedes their progress. It is recognized that lower educational attainment impacts on social economic status. According to UNAIDS 2019 data, adolescent mothers with lower socio-economic status have reduced career prospects and are more likely to experience early motherhood. Poverty is also linked to food insecurity and low birth weight of their children

From addressing disclosure, supporting adherence, addressing livelihoods concerns, the health and development of their babies, support from their partners and wider families, navigating relationships as a mother, daughter in law, wife etc, safer sex and planning for her future are some of the layered issues that Positive Action Momentum Fund is looking to support.

There is significant evidence on what works to support adolescent mothers living with HIV and their children.

Positive Action is interested in funding community-based interventions which are effective in addressing the needs of adolescent's mothers living with HIV and their children. Positive Action requires proposals to use a life-course approach, recognising the triple benefit of focusing on their wellbeing on their adolescent and on the entire life course. Momentum grants need to focus on scaling up or replicating interventions that are proven to work.

Topic Areas

Your application should be specific in describing how the interventions that you want to implement will build on what works to support adolescent mothers living with HIV and their children to enjoy health and wellbeing. Interventions that will focus on addressing structural barriers are encouraged.

1. **Empowering, developing resilience and increasing independence** of adolescent mothers living with HIV and their children. Provision of accurate, user friendly and age appropriate HIV and SRH information and services; provision of safe spaces for adolescent mothers to discuss their concerns and develop solutions together; space for adolescent mothers to receive training on early childhood development/responsive caregiving and for children to engage in age appropriate early learning/play. Interventions that increase self-worth, address self-stigma and include social protection initiatives that provide opportunities to improve food and economic security are particularly important.
2. **Creating safe and supportive communities** that support adolescents' mothers living with HIV and their children to access quality health services and to take care of their children. Interventions that address adolescent fathers, caregivers and families in discussions on HIV prevention, masculinity, beliefs on gender roles, safer sex, gender-based violence, planning and preparing for children and parenting should be considered.
3. **Sustained provision of quality integrated HIV/sexual and reproductive** health services offered at both facility and community levels for adolescent mothers living with HIV and their children. Initiatives delivered through a peer-support model that includes provision of psychosocial support should be considered.
4. **Enabling environment:** support to adolescent mothers to understand and increasingly demand their rights. Interventions should focus on addressing structural barriers that increase adolescent's mothers and their children's vulnerability to poor physical and mental health, and building the leadership and advocacy capacity of adolescent to engage in the policy discourse around their health and wellbeing.

Funding criteria:

1. Who can apply?

Non-governmental and community-based organisations that can deliver change at a community level through their links with or representation of the communities affected especially adolescents' girls and young people, in all their diversity

2. New Project

Your project must focus on scaling up or replicating interventions that are proven to work to improve the lives and wellbeing of adolescent mothers living with HIV and their children. **It cannot be a pilot project.**

3. Community Focus

Positive Action believes that engaging local communities is critical to addressing the drivers of health and life inequalities, it therefore seeks to promote community responses that work at the level of changing beliefs,

attitudes and behaviours to improve health and rights at the community level.

Community engagement, participation and/or leadership are mandatory requirements for all Positive Action grants: your proposal must demonstrate how your work will engage, involve and empower and benefit affected communities.

Timelines

The Positive Action application, review and grant process can take up to three months to complete. The following table outlines the review process for the 2020 Call for Proposals.

Positive Action Funding Rounds and themes announced	
Funding Round 2 opens	31 August 2020
Funding Round 2 closes	02 October 2020
Technical Review Committee meets	Week commencing 26 th October 2020
Recommended applications pass through validation	Week commencing 02 November 2020
Additional information and documentation may be requested	Week commencing 09 November 2020
Final decision and contracting	15 th December 2020 onwards

Please note that these dates are a guide.

General Guidance

Your Organisation

Positive Action is targeted at helping communities affected by HIV and AIDS. Any properly registered not-for-profit organisation that represents, or is working with or for, affected communities is eligible to submit a proposal.

The Size and Period of the Grant

The funding available is up to £ 100,000 per year up to a maximum of £ 300,000 over three years.

Geography

There are geographical restrictions on applications. Sub-Saharan Africa remains the centre of the HIV epidemic and adolescent birth rates within HIV-endemic countries, based on data for 15-19-year-old adolescents ranges from 30-208 per 1000 births, a rate higher on average than non-HIV endemic countries⁷. Positive Action would therefore like to invite proposals

⁷ UNDP. World Fertility Patterns 2015 - Data Booklet (ST/ESA/SER.A/370). New York; 2015

from the following countries where adolescent pregnancy and motherhood occurs within the context of high rates of HIV.

Angola, Botswana, eSwatini, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Outline Budget

The online application system will require you to enter a detailed budget. This should show spending for each year of the project against lines including any capital costs, staffing, travel, training, monitoring and evaluation, and communications.

Please follow the budget template in the application form.

Please note the following:

- The total grant amount cannot account for more than **50%** of an organisation's overall income for countries in LICs/MICS.
- **85%** of project budgets must be spent in country; and
- Overheads over **15%** of the total project budget will not be accepted.
- **Budgets will be strictly adhered to** – do not request more than the allowable amount as you will not be able to submit your application.

We request that all budgets are submitted in both local currency and Pound Sterling (at the prevailing rate of exchange). **You must include an annual and total budget for your project in Pound Sterling to be considered for funding.**

Monitoring and Evaluation

Program monitoring and evaluation is highly recommended. Please review the Positive Action results framework to ensure that your indicators are aligned and ensure that you select up to 5 indicators prior to submission. Please note that relevant indicators are pre-selected for this thematic area and will be agreed prior to contracting

References and Validation

Two references are required. References should have knowledge of your organisation's work and should include a named contact with phone number and email.

If your funding is approved by the Board, validation of your organisation's charitable status is required before funding is made available. Validation will be undertaken by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). Please see the FAQs for more details on Validation.

Multiple Proposals

As a rule Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) should not apply for more than one grant in this call for proposals. However, we will consider applications from different country offices of the same organisation.

Designating a Primary Contact

We require that all international organisations with a country office where the project will be located provide a contact in-country. A secondary contact out of country may also be included.