



THE ViiV HEALTHCARE POSITIVE ACTION FUND

Call for Proposals, Momentum Grants – 2022

Addressing inequalities and power imbalances to HIV prevention, testing and treatment for adolescent girls and young women in **Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zambia**

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.

2022 Round 3 Call for Proposals

The 2022 Round 3 Momentum Call for Proposals is focused **on addressing inequalities and power imbalances to HIV prevention, testing and treatment for adolescent girls and young women**. We invite applications that focus on addressing inequalities to HIV prevention, testing and treatment for girls and young women (15 -24 years olds) in their diversity including cisgender adolescent girls and young women, young women who sell sex, those who inject or use drugs and LGBTQ adolescent girls and young women. . Applications of up to £100,000 per year over three years, i.e. up to £300,000 over a three-year period will be awarded.

Positive Action invites applications from **3rd August 2022** (00:01 BST) to **26th August 2022** (23:59 BST) **2022** and will host two webinars for applicants during this application window. Join the [first Webinar](#) at **9:30am BST Wednesday 10th August 2022** and/or the [second Webinar](#) at **2:30 pm BST Thursday 11th August 2022**. Applications will be reviewed by the Technical Review Committee in September 2022.

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.

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Completing Your Application

The application form requires you to outline the intervention/s that your organisation is proposing for scale up, how you will address **inequalities and power imbalances** that place AGYW (15-24 years old) in more vulnerable situations to HIV acquisition and result in poor treatment outcomes. Be clear about what it is that you are trying to achieve and your capacity to respond to the issues. Pay particular attention, if relevant, to the different approaches to HIV prevention, testing and treatment that are effective in reaching different sub-groups of AGYW you may propose to target, for example, cisgender adolescent girls and young women, young women who sell sex, those who inject or use drugs and LGBTQ adolescent girls and young women.

The application will also require completion of a detailed budget, a data collection template if you will be collecting any human subject data or an evaluation template if you are undertaking any programme evaluation. Please ensure you complete the application form and/or templates in full to ensure that it meets the application criteria.

Deadline: All applications must be received by **23:59 GMT 26th August 2022** to be considered by the Technical Review Committee in September 2022.

Should your application be successful, the content will be shared with our partner the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), 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.

CAF 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.

Context for the Momentum Call for Proposals

Achieving gender equality and ending AIDS are among the objectives of the sustainable development goals. Gender inequality continues to fuel the HIV epidemic and intensifies its negative impact. According to UNAIDS, gender violence is among the factors of why girls and young women remain vulnerable to HIV. One in every 20 adolescent girls aged 15–19 years, around thirteen million, have experienced forced sex in their lifetime¹. In areas with high HIV prevalence, intimate partner violence has

¹ [Gender Equality Statistics - UNICEF DATA](#)

been found to increase women's risk of acquiring the virus by 50%, while being HIV-positive can also trigger violence².

Gender disparities in the HIV epidemic begin to emerge from adolescence. In 2020, 380,000 AGYW aged between 10 and 24 were newly infected with HIV compared to 175,000 adolescent boys and young men (ABYM) of the same age³. New HIV infections tend to disproportionately affect girls and young women in countries with a HIV epidemic driven mostly by heterosexual intercourse or where transactional sex is prevalent, such as is the case in parts of East and Southern Africa and in West and Central Africa.

National population-based surveys from 2015-2019 show that only 19% of adolescent girls aged 15-19 in sub-Saharan Africa who tested for HIV in the previous 12 months received their results as compared to 34% of young women aged 20-24 years old in the same region⁴. Both proportions are too low and points to the need for providing differentiated information and services to increase access to HIV testing and care for AGYW 15- 24 years old.

The world will not achieve the Global AIDS Strategy targets without action on gender equality and human rights. Stigma and discrimination, violence and other human rights violations prevent girls and women, particularly those from key populations from seeking and receiving the services they need. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls must remain a high priority.

Positive Action is interested in supporting the scale up of community-based interventions that will address inequalities and power imbalances to HIV prevention, testing and treatment for adolescent girls and young women. Momentum grants need to focus on scaling up or replicating interventions that have been proven to work.

How Momentum Proposals Should Be Targeted

Focus of Call: Positive Action invites proposals that will scale up community-based interventions which will increase the ability of AGYW (15-24 years old) to adopt healthier choices through addressing structural barriers to reduce vulnerability to HIV in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia.

Positive action is keen to see explicit linkages and/or partnerships that demonstrate how you will achieve your overall goal. Specific interventions should:

² [We've got the Power: Women, Adolescent Girls and the HIV response. UNAIDS 2020](#)

³ 2021 UNAIDS Global AIDS Update- [Confronting inequalities](#)

⁴ [UNICEF 2021](#) Prevention data

1. **Empower, develop resilience and increase independence** of adolescent girls and young women. Approaches such as provision of accurate, user friendly and age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to ensure that AGYW have the right information and services to be able to control decisions about their health and their SRH lives are critical. Activities that increase self-worth and include social protection initiatives that provide opportunities to improve food and economic security are particularly important.
2. **Create safe and supportive communities** that support AGYW to have open discussions and address negative gender norms that places them at higher risk of HIV acquisition and negative health outcomes for those living with HIV. Approaches that involve caregivers, families and health professionals in discussions on interlinkages between HIV and GBV and IPV, HIV prevention, gender norms/gender roles, respectful and dignified care for LGBTQ women, young women that sell sex and AGYW living with HIV and support for survivors are critical.
3. **Scale up provision of quality integrated HIV/sexual and reproductive** health services offered at both facility and community levels for AGYW. Initiatives delivered through a peer-support model that includes provision of psychosocial support are particularly encouraged.
4. **Create an enabling environment** where there is meaningful engagement of AGYW in decision making and support for them in leadership roles. Interventions should focus on building the leadership and advocacy capacity of adolescents and young women 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 adolescent girls and young women in all their diversity. We encourage women led and youth led groups to apply.

2. New Project

Your project must focus on scaling up or replicating interventions that are proven to work in addressing inequalities to HIV prevention, testing and treatment for girls and young women (15 -24 years old) in their diversity including cisgender adolescent girls and young women, young women who sell sex, those who inject or use drugs and LGBTQ adolescent girls and young women in your context.

The scale up can be based on lessons learned from a project implemented outside your organisation. **It cannot be a pilot project.**

3. Community Focus

Positive Action believes that engaging affected and 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 and participation 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 2022 Call for Proposals.

Momentum Funding Round 3 opens	3 rd August 2022
Webinar 1	8 th August 2022
Webinar 2	9 th August 2022
Momentum Funding Round 3 closes	26th August 2022
Technical Review Committee meets	Week commencing 19 September
Additional information and documentation may be requested	29 th September 2022 onwards
Recommended applications pass through validation	Week commencing 10 October 2022
Final decision and contracting	December 2022 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 not-for-profit national or community-based 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 over three years, up to a maximum of £300,000.

Geography

According to UNAIDS 2021 data, new infections disproportionately affect girls and young women in countries with an HIV epidemic driven mostly by

heterosexual intercourse or where transactional sex is prevalent; such is the case in East and Southern Africa and in West and Central Africa. Positive Action invites proposals from the following **nine** countries that have high new infections coupled with high rates of gender and intimate partner violence.

Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia

AMPLIFY IMPACT

AMPLIFY IMPACT is an offer of technical assistance designed to facilitate joined up impact, ongoing learning and improvement in the achievement of the Positive Action strategy. Positive Action's strategy will be achieved through grant making enabled by two elements of Amplify Impact outlined below:

- a) **Technical Assistance:** An additional/up to 10% top up of your recommended grant amount **may** be provided to support organisational development and programmatic technical assistance.
- b) **Skills Connector:** GSK/ViiV employees provide advice and provide **short-term**, long-distance, specialised support to grantees. Support can range from 3 hours – 10 days (per year) and will focus on the following broad areas:
 - Business Development & Change Management
 - Communications (media, messaging and publicity)
 - Data Management and Knowledge Transfer (enhancing data value and distribution)
 - Information Technology (IT) (networking and infrastructure)
 - Representation and Influence (public speaking, effective representation)
 - Sales and/or Marketing (promoting services, securing clients, raising money)

You must clearly stipulate on the application form whether you will require Amplify Impact, and which element of Amplify Impact you will require.

Outline Budget

The budget template embedded in the online application form 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 instructions provided in the budget template, noting the following:

- The total grant amount requested for Year 1 cannot account for more than **50%** of an organisation's overall income, in the last 12 months, for countries in LICs/MICS. The organisation's overall income includes any previous ViiV Healthcare Positive Action grant/s.
- **85%** of project budgets must be spent in country.
- Overheads over **15%** of the total project budget will not be accepted; and
- **Budget limits will be strictly adhered to** – do not request more than the allowable amount for the Momentum Grant as you will not be able to submit your application.

We request that all budgets are submitted in 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

Programme monitoring and evaluation is highly recommended. Please note that relevant indicators are pre-selected for this thematic area and will be agreed prior to contracting. Please complete the relevant template included in the application portal if you are planning to conduct data collection or carry out a programme evaluation.

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. References must use the template embedded on the application portal and tick the box in the template confirming that you have their permission to share their personal details with ViiV Healthcare Positive Action.

Please do not upload any additional documents to support your reference, we will only accept and review your completed "reference template".

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.

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.