



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)¹

Global Coalition for Local and Regional Production, Innovation and Equitable Access: 1st Call for Proposals – Dengue

What is the objective of this Call for Proposals?

Evaluate and select projects that:

- 1) strengthen local and regional capacities for R&D and manufacturing health products, with a focus on enhancing health sovereignty and strategic autonomy. Projects should preferably support multi- regional and global networks of production and innovation, with particular emphasis on vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics;
- 2) target innovative technological, organizational, regulatory, or logistical solutions that expand equitable access, reduce supply-chain vulnerabilities, and strengthen resilient health and production systems, including their capacity to prevent, prepare for, and respond to both persistent health challenges and health emergencies.
- 3) promote and facilitate the transfer of technology as mutually agreed, including building capacity for local production, especially in developing countries, as well as cooperation, strengthened legal and regulatory frameworks and other initiatives, to improve access to quality, safe, effective, and affordable medicines and other health technologies.
- 4) Avoid duplication and enhance synergy between existing multilateral initiatives, ensuring coherence and complementarity, while aligning projects with national health priorities and systems, and to support country ownership and sustainable outcomes at the local and regional levels.

¹ This FAQ is intended to guide applicants and does not replace the official Call for Proposals. Applicants should refer to the full document for complete requirements.



What is the rationale behind the Call for Proposals?

The Call aims to address structural inequities such as:

- Manufacturing and technological capacity geographically concentrated and limited;
- Access challenges to health products faced by developing countries
- Fragile supply chains;
- Limited integration between innovation, production, and access;
- Unequal access to innovation

Why were dengue chosen as a priority for this call?

- Dengue was chosen by the Coalition's Steering Committee as a pilot call mainly due to its rapidly expanding global health threat, particularly in tropical and subtropical regions, with increasing incidence linked to climate change, expanding vector habitat and urbanization. With estimations of affecting half of the global population and up to 400 million infectious yearly.
- Despite its burden, there remain significant gaps in innovation and access to effective tools, especially therapeutics and scalable diagnostics, as well as the need for the improvement and scaling up of manufacturing capacity/supply of vaccines

What types of projects are expected?

We are looking to foster innovation and production of ready and late-stage health technologies, especially those capable of resulting, within 5 (five) years, in concrete capacity for manufacturing in developing countries, as well as supply to support the enhancement of, and equitable access.

Projects should contribute to:

- Expanding access to dengue health technologies
- Strengthening regional manufacturing ecosystems
- Advancing innovation and technology transfer
- Addressing affordability, availability, and sustainability barriers

Projects may focus on one or multiple segments of the value chain, from R&D to production and delivery.



What is the preferred project duration?

We do not have a fixed or predefined project duration. However, we are prioritizing proposals that can realistically lead to production within a five-year timeframe.

In other words, this Call is focused on supporting innovation and the production of ready or late-stage health technologies, those that are already relatively advanced and close to registration or production readiness.

The expectation is that selected projects will be able to deliver concrete manufacturing capacity within this five-year period, and contribute to strengthening supply and enabling more equitable access, especially in developing countries.

What is expected in terms of geographic coverage?

Proposals should address local, national, or regional needs, particularly from developing countries, including multi-country initiatives and, where applicable, proposals with potential for replication or adaptation in other contexts.

How can industry partners be involved in projects?

Industry partners are welcome to participate in projects under this Call for Proposals. They may be involved in different ways, including:

- As members of consortia, in partnership with other eligible entities; and
- As direct applicants, provided they meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Call, and assume a commitment to public-interest, including access and affordability commitments.

Which templates should be used? Can my application be submitted in a language other than English?

The official application templates are available on the Call for Proposals page of our website. These are the recommended templates that applicants must use when preparing and submitting their proposals.

To ensure consistency and equal evaluation across all submissions, all applications must be completed and submitted in English. Proposals submitted using different templates or in other languages will not be accepted.



Will there be future Calls for Proposals? What disease areas can be expected?

- The Coalition is primarily focused on neglected diseases and populations in vulnerable situations, while remaining flexible to address other diseases and public health emergencies if necessary. In this sense, any public health problem that falls within this scope may be considered for future Calls, provided it is prioritized by the Steering Committee.
- Within the Coalition' governance structure, the Advisory Committee is expected to contribute by recommending public health strategies, supporting the Coalition through horizon-scanning activities to anticipate future public health threats and opportunities for innovation, and advising on the scope, objectives, and strategic approach of Calls for Proposals (CFPs). This advisory role helps ensure that priority-setting and future calls remain responsive to evolving public health needs while aligned with the Coalition's mission and strategic objectives.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants typically include:

- Research institutions and academia
- Public and private manufacturers
- Biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society
- Product development partnerships (PDPs)
- Government or regional institutions

Are LMIC-based organizations prioritized?

Yes. The call prioritizes proposals that:

- Are led by or strongly involve LMIC-based institutions
- Strengthen local or regional production capacity
- Promote equitable access in underserved populations



Can organizations apply as part of a consortium?

Yes. Multi-stakeholder consortia are encouraged, particularly those that:

1. Combine technical, manufacturing, and policy expertise
2. Include South–South or South–North collaboration
3. Integrate public and private sector actors

Should there be a focus on specific target populations?

The Coalition focus on neglected diseases and on persons in vulnerable situations, including but not limited to communities facing social, economic, geographic, or health-related barriers to care.

Proposals should demonstrate a clear understanding of the needs of these populations and explain how the proposed activities will contribute to reducing disparities, improving access to services, and to meaningful and sustainable impact.

Can organizations that are part of the Steering Committee or Advisory Committee of the Coalition be involved in the Projects submitted?

Yes. Projects may also involve the participation of stakeholders, including members of the Coalition in project development, provision of facilities and infrastructure, capacity-building and training, co-development activities, and other contributions aligned with the scope of the proposal, with a view to strengthening local and regional capacities and fostering mutually beneficial collaboration.

However, to prevent Conflict of Interest, in such cases, they abstain from the selection process within the Advisory Committee and the Steering Committee, as applicable.

What types of technologies are eligible?

The call covers a broad range of dengue-related technologies, including:

- Vaccines
- Diagnostics (including point-of-care tools)
- Therapeutics (antivirals, biologics)
- Vector control technologies
- Enabling technologies (e.g., platforms, manufacturing capacity and/or inputs/APIs)



What stages of development are supported?

Projects may span:

- Late-stage R&D and clinical development
- Technology transfer and scale-up
- Manufacturing capacity building
- Deployment and access strategies

This Call prioritizes the promotion of innovation and production of ready and late-stage health technologies (i.e., products close to registration or production readiness). This is understood as those capable of resulting, within 5 (five) years, in concrete capacity for manufacturing in developing countries, as well as supply to support the enhancement of, and equitable access.

How does the project address ethical, regulatory, and intellectual property requirements?

Ethical and regulatory compliance: Applicants must demonstrate capacity to meet applicable national or regional regulatory, medical ethics and clinical trials requirements and standards, when applicable.

Intellectual Property and Transfer of Technology: transparently disclose relevant intellectual property pertinent to the project aiming to collaborate, license, share, carry out technology transfer and/or jointly explore in a voluntary approach, including, when applicable to, pre-existing intellectual property rights and/or licenses, on mutually agreed terms; Collaborations will abide by relevant International Agreements related to Intellectual Property rights as well as to voluntarily adhering to contractual provisions and Access Plans, as required by the Call; Intellectual property rights management must be compatible with the objectives of the Call of ensuring availability, affordability and increased production capacity, including on terms of costs, transparency, quantity, supply and availability.

Applicants must demonstrate compliance with: Data protection regulations, Clinical research standards (where applicable), Biosafety and biosecurity requirements, Ethical approval procedures. Supporting documentation may be requested during evaluation.

How will proposals be evaluated?

Selection and evaluation process will be carried out by an Evaluation Subcommittee that will develop and publish its criteria. The evaluation process will include:

- A review and technical opinion of the Evaluation Subcommittee and subsequent assessment by the Advisory Committee;
- Final validation by the Steering Committee

What are the evaluation criteria against which the proposal will be assessed?

1. Proximity to territories of relevant epidemiological importance
2. Productive density (local, regional, and neighbouring countries)
3. Human resources development capacity
4. Science, Technology and Innovation density
5. Integration into value chains
6. Technological maturity and development trajectory
7. Integrated and multimodal solutions
8. Pathway for Access and Market Uptake
9. Sustainability and Viability
10. Strength of partnership and benefit-sharing model

How does the funding mechanism work? What are the advantages of submitting a project to the Coalition?

While the Coalition primarily acts as a coordination and facilitation platform, this Call distinguishes between:

- Catalytic (non-financial) support, including partnership facilitation and strategic endorsement.
- Potential financial support, which may be mobilized through external funding partners.

Where financial support is applicable, indicative ranges, eligible cost categories, and co-financing expectations will be communicated prior to final project selection



Selection under this Call does not automatically imply direct financial support unless explicitly indicated in subsequent project agreements. It may support selected projects in identifying appropriate financing sources including public funding, development of finance institutions, philanthropic contributions, and blended finance mechanisms.

Submitting a project through the Coalition offers applicants several advantages, including:

1. Increased strategic visibility and credibility through alignment with a multilateral, demand-driven initiative endorsed by the Coalition's members;
2. Early technical and strategic feedback from the Advisory Committee, supporting project refinement, feasibility, and scalability;
3. Greater connectivity to potential funders, manufacturers, and public purchasers through a coordinated platform;
4. Support in positioning projects for regional impact, technology adaptation, and longer-term sustainability;
5. Reduced fragmentation by embedding projects within broader production, innovation, and access strategies, rather than isolated initiatives.

Is there a budget range that can be required? How detailed should the budget be?

Given the wide range of technologies covered under this Call, and the fact that they can involve very different cost structures, we have not defined a fixed budget range.

Applicants are required to propose a budget that is appropriate to the scope, objectives, and scale of their project. At this stage, we are mainly looking for a general indication of the budget required, rather than a highly detailed breakdown.

More detailed budget planning and discussions on funding modalities will take place after the selection, as part of the project refinement process.

The level of detail should be sufficient to allow reviewers to assess the feasibility, coherence, and credibility of the proposed activities and budget plan.

Is equitable access a requirement?

Yes. An Access Plan is essential for the projects supported by the Coalition. For the Call for Proposals an indication of guiding access commitments of the project is required as a mandatory document. Upon selection of the Project a detailed Access Plan will need to be submitted. Proposals are expected not only to promote equitable access, but also to be fully aligned with the Coalition's core values.



How can I apply?

Applicants must submit a proposal to submissions@global-coalition.org, including:

- D1: Proposal Form
- D2: Work Plan (timeline, governance)
- D3: Budget
- D4: Non-duplication analysis
- D5: Conflict of Interest declaration
- D6: Access Plan
- D7: Letters of support

What is the deadline?

The deadline for submission of projects is July 31st, 2026.

Can applicants request clarification?

Yes. Clarification questions may be submitted within the timeframe for submission indicated in the call. Responses may be shared publicly to ensure transparency. The e-mail for requests of clarification is submissions@global-coalition.org

Where can I find more details?

Full details are available on the Global Coalition website and in the Call for Proposals document at <https://globalcoalitionforlocalproduction.org/projects/>