



HEALTH REFORM FOUNDATION OF NIGERIA (HERFON)

KNOW HOW FUND (KHF) [CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST]

The Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria is a non profit, non governmental organization developed by a group of reform minded Nigerians who have come together in response to the deplorable health system and health status of Nigeria. The Foundation aims to support and help to sustain Health Reform Agenda in the country. The Foundation is registered in Nigeria as an incorporated registered Trustee with Registration number: CAC/IT/NO 17235. It strives to support the government and Civil Society Organization (CSOs) towards achieving the health sector reform objectives. HERFON's main areas of focus are Health Systems, Immunization, and HIV/AIDS.

THE KNOW HOW FUND

The Know How Fund (KHF) is a sum of money set aside from the DFID grant to support members of the Foundation for small research projects that will influence health policy and delivery of health services in Nigeria. This also includes development and dissemination of policy briefs on the request of FMoH and SMoH, focused studies to monitor and evaluate specific programmes and to promote and disseminate research within the country.

HERFON is keen to develop the *reform minded* people interested in Health Systems Research (operational research) in Nigeria. It is therefore particularly interested in research projects which ensure that health systems research skills are developed, particularly the research that will support health reform activity in the country.

The organization wishes to award research projects to independent individuals, academic and research organizations. HERFON would like to encourage collaboration between operating entities and academic institutions or independent research organizations, therefore HERFON welcomes collaborative proposal where independent researchers analyze programs being implemented by organization.

SELECTION CRITERIA

HERFON is interested in sponsoring projects of immediate value to policymakers and health care organizations and will give preference to projects with specific focus on **DISEASE BURDEN**, which includes **Maternal Health, Child Health, HIV/AIDs, PHC, Malaria and TB** that will produce timely and replicable results that will strengthen **Health Systems**. The following parameters are of great importance.

- Registered member of HERFON
- Relevance to the research objectives and principles described above.
- The generalizability of study results or new techniques introduced in the study.
- The significance of the proposed research for public decision – making or health care industry practice.
- Innovation and originality of proposed research.
- The quality and availability of the data to be used and the strength of the proposed methodology.
- The applicant organization’s experience and qualifications for conducting the proposed project, and the qualifications and research experience of key project staff members.
- Willingness of contracted organizations, institution, or individual to work collaboratively with HERFON staff to ensure that project deliverables meet the organization’s needs
- Program and financial management skill of the applicants.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit a letter of intent and an initial brief proposal, rather than a fully developed proposal. The brief proposal should be no more than four double-spaced pages and should contain the following information about the proposed project:

- The category of project (based on the 6 categories specified)
- A description of the topic to be address and its significance.
- A statement of the project’s principal objectives.
- A description of the research or evaluation methodology (or demonstration approach) to be used.
- A description of the data to be used for the proposed project.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested members of HERFON should send their Expression of interest letter and a brief proposal in electronic and hard copy within 4 weeks of this publication, to the address below.

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