

Call for Concept Notes; Guidelines for CBM Programme Delivery Asia & America Impact Fund

I. Grant Objectives

The objective of the Impact Fund is to invest in projects in Asia and America that:

- contribute towards the achievement of CBM's vision of an inclusive world in which all persons with disabilities enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential
- are impact-oriented and promotes sustainable local and national systems and services
- demonstrate contribution towards evidence-based programming in achieving international frameworks (i.e., UNCRPD, SDGs, World Report on Vision, NTD Roadmap, Core Humanitarian Standards) and CBM's mission and Federation Strategy 2023¹

II. Financial Allocation

This call for concept notes is aimed at projects that **promote at least one of the following priority areas:**

- **Inclusive communities, functioning services, and support systems** for:
 - Inclusive Eye Health²
 - Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD)
 - Inclusive Livelihood
 - Inclusive Education
 - Ear and Hearing Care
 - Physical Rehabilitation
 - Community resilience and disaster preparedness.³

Proposed projects should be able to demonstrate outcomes that:

- a. support and promote the participation of persons with disabilities and their communities in the development and implementation of local and national disability-inclusive policies and development plans.
- b. contribute towards sustainable mainstream and disability-specific services for people with disabilities. Service delivery components should apply the 4 As and Q criteria: Availability, Affordability, Accessibility, Acceptability, and Quality.

¹ Information regarding CBM's mission and Federation Strategy 2023 can be found at www.cbm.org

² Apart from service delivery projects, advocacy projects in Inclusive Eye Health should work with the Ministry of Health (MOH) on policy dialogue regarding implementation of the world report on vision and its principles and getting inclusion embedded in national eye care plans/policies, as well as integration of eye care into the wider health system at all levels, i.e., making it part of Universal Health Care

³ The objectives of humanitarian action focus on interventions that alleviate suffering and maintain human dignity due to humanly induced crises and natural disasters. This action will support the prevention, strengthening, and readiness of communities. Although not required for all projects, resilience components in project design are highly encouraged especially for actions that will be implemented in highly fragile environments.

Any grant requested must fall between the following minimum and maximum amount:

- Minimum grant: EUR 800.000
- Maximum grant: EUR 1.500.000

III. Cross-cutting areas

Project concepts should demonstrate the integration of the following cross-cutting areas in its project design:

- Gender Equity
- Right-based Approach
- Security and safeguarding

IV. Duration and Implementation Start

The proposed intervention should be a minimum of three (3) years and a maximum of four (4) years with an intended start date of April 2022.

V. Geographic Focus

- South Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka)
- Central / South America (Haiti, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua)
- Eastern Mediterranean (Palestine, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon)

VI. Eligibility Criteria for Partner

- Local partners should be a **non-profit civil society organisation** (non-profit organisations, organizations of people with disabilities, community-based organisations, institutions⁴, and networks thereof at the local and national level).
- **Partners need to be established and registered** in the country. INGOs can be part of consortia (for alliance building and capacity building), however, applications with INGOs as the lead applicant are ineligible.
- **New partnerships are only eligible** if identified partnerships adhere to the following additional criteria:
 - experience in implementing annual budget comparable to projected total project cost
 - experience with institutional donors
 - leverages strategic partnerships
- **Consortia with local partners** are highly encouraged
- For **Inclusive Eye Health**, preference is to work with government hospitals.
- For **Community Based Inclusive Development**, involvement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities is encouraged (OPDs)

VII. Application Guidelines

⁴ including college of ophthalmology, government hospitals, universities, & research institutes and excluding institutions housing/segregating people with disabilities

All applications should be submitted using the provided **Grant Application Template** (Annex 1) and the **applicant’s financial statement** of the last 3-5 years.

Completed applications are to be submitted to the respective CBM Country Office where the project will be implemented. The subject field of the email must bear “CBM AA Impact Fund” and the name of the applicant organization.

CBM Country Office/Desk	Email Address
Central America Desk	Info.CentralAmerica@cbm.org
Eastern Mediterranean Desk	info.em@cbm.org
Pakistan CO	Info.Pakistan@cbm.org
India CO	info@cbmindiatrust.org
Haiti CO	Info.Haiti@cbm.org
Sri Lanka Desk	info.srilanka@cbm.org

An incomplete application may be rejected.

VIII. Submission Deadline

Concept note should be submitted no later than Jan 10, 2022. Any applications received after the deadline will be rejected.

IX. Submission process

This call follows a two-step process:

- Concept Note Stage: Concept notes must be submitted in the provided application template. Applications will be assessed by a team of technical advisors from CBM.
- Full Proposal Stage: Only successful concept note applications will be invited to submit a full proposal. Full proposals from new partners are subject to CBM’s partnership assessment.

X. Timelines

	Date (2022)	Requirements
Deadline for submission of Concept Notes	Jan. 10, 2022	Application Template, 3-5 year financial statements
Invitation to submit a full proposal	Feb.15, 2022	Successful concept notes will develop the full proposal according to CBM guidelines.
Deadline for submission of a full application	March 31, 2022	CBM Multi-Year Project Development package