

Statement of Eligibility

Goal of the Health Partnership Scheme and the Multi-country grants

The Health Partnership Scheme aims to strengthen Human Resources for Health (HRH) to deliver demonstrable results in health outcomes for poor people in poor and DFID priority countries. The Multi Country Partnership grants aim to use health partnerships to effectively leverage the knowledge and expertise of UK health workers to strengthen health systems through projects that will contribute towards meeting the MDG 4, 5, 6 targets through projects with transformational impact, particularly in poor and rural areas.

Core Eligibility

Eligibility for project funding from the HPS Multi Country Partnership grants is contingent on meeting the following 5 Core eligibility criteria:

1. All lead and sub partner institutions are eligible institutions
2. Project spans three or more eligible countries
3. Partners exhibit a track record of implementing projects in developing countries
4. Up to 36 month implementation timeline
5. Maximum budget of £600 000 per year for up to 3 years

Institutional Eligibility

In order to be eligible as the **UK lead partner institution** you must be recognised as a health education, regulatory or healthcare delivery institution by the UK Department of Health. Eligible institutions include:

- NHS Trusts
- Professional associations
- Higher education institutions
- Strategic Health Authorities
- Private hospitals

Lead UK partners will be responsible for signing the grants contract and overall delivery and reporting of the project. It is essential that the UK lead partner institution has experience of leading programmes in less developed countries and has strong administrative and financial processes. As part of the application process Lead UK partner institutions will be required to undergo an organisational assessment which covers financial, management and partnership capacity.

To be eligible as an **UK sub partner institution** you must be recognised as a health education, regulatory or healthcare delivery institution by the UK Department of Health. Eligible institutions include:

- NHS Trusts
- Professional associations
- Higher education institutions
- Strategic Health Authorities
- Private hospitals
- UK non-governmental organisations are also eligible but must be registered with a relevant charitable regulatory body.

The role of UK sub partners is to provide additional capacity and technical input to the project, or to provide specialised services.

In order to be eligible as the **Developing Country lead partner institution** you must be recognised as a health education, regulatory or healthcare delivery institution by your country's Ministry of Health. Eligible institutions include:

- Government recognised health institutions
- Professional associations
- Medical educational institutions
- Ministry of Health departments and district or regional health offices

Lead developing country partners will be responsible for coordinating partnership activities within their country and the associated financial and narrative reporting.

To be eligible as a **Developing Country sub partner institution** you must be recognised as a health education, regulatory or healthcare delivery institution by your country's Ministry of Health. Eligible institutions include:

- Government recognised health institutions
- Professional associations
- Medical educational institutions
- Ministry of Health departments and district or regional health offices
- Non-governmental organisations are also eligible but must be registered with a relevant charitable regulatory body.

The role of developing country sub partners is to support delivery of project activities, coordinate country activities effectively and contribute to country narrative and financial reporting

Important exclusions

Local non-governmental organisations are defined as organisations whose governance board and management are based in the developing country and have complete autonomy in their decision making. Non-governmental organisations who do not meet this definition are not eligible for the scheme.

While non-governmental organisations are eligible as UK or developing country sub partners together they cannot receive more than 30% of the overall project budget.

Private for profit health institutions are NOT eligible as developing country partners unless they can clearly demonstrate that the majority of their services are delivered free of charge to people living in poverty.

It is difficult to anticipate and define all exceptions and exclusions to eligibility. The Technical Review panel (TRP) will have the final decision on whether submitted projects are in keeping with the spirit and overall goal of the HPS, even if they are not technically excluded from the above criteria.