

CWPAMS EXTENSION

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO FORM A NEW HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND

Funded by the UK Department of Health and Social Care's [Fleming Fund](#), the [Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship](#) (CwPAMS) scheme aims to leverage the expertise of UK health institutions and technical experts to strengthen the capacity of the national health workforce and institutions in Commonwealth countries to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) challenges.

The Fleming Fund is a commitment of Official Development Assistance to support countries in collecting high quality data relevant to AMR that can then be shared and used nationally and globally. By supporting the collection of AMR surveillance data, and other relevant data, we will collectively be better able to understand the scale and scope of the problem of AMR in order to effectively tackle it.

The first round of the [CwPAMS programme](#), delivered by the [Tropical Health and Education Trust \(THET\)](#) and [the Commonwealth Pharmacist Association \(CPA\)](#), ran from 2018 to 2021 and aimed to help tackle three of the seven Fleming Fund objectives:

- Developing and supporting the implementation of protocols and guidance for AMR surveillance and antimicrobial use.
- Advocating the application of data to promote the rational use of antimicrobials.
- Collating and analysing data on the sale and use of antimicrobial medicines.

This was achieved by using the well-tested methodology of [Health Partnerships](#) – partnerships between UK health institutions and their peers in Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia where UK health workers volunteer their time – to co-develop strategies and share skills and knowledge to address priority health system issues, in this case relating to antimicrobial stewardship (AMS). This provided mutual benefits for both the local health workforce and institutions and the UK teams, who developed project-related and leadership skills, and gained a new understanding of a global issue and how to find innovative approaches to tackle it in resource-limited settings.

THET and CPA are now launching an extension to the CwPAMS programme, which will be extended until June 2022 and expanded to eight countries: **Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.**

- Projects should focus on AMS, including surveillance; antimicrobial pharmacy expertise and capacity; Infection Prevention Control (IPC); and strengthening capacity of microbiology.
- Projects can run for 6-8 months, from early October 2021 to end of May 2022.

While future funding is not guaranteed, THET and CPA hope that a further programme will begin from July 2022 onwards to enable partnerships to build on the work carried out through this CwPAMS extension.

CATEGORY 1: START-UP PROJECTS	CATEGORY 2: ESTABLISHED PROJECTS
<p>Under this stream, 'start-up' grants for Health Partnerships new to CwPAMS will be awarded. New or established partnerships are eligible as long as they have not previously worked on a CwPAMS project.</p> <p>Start-up grant holders will be able to use funding of £5,000 - £10,000 to conduct a Point Prevalence Survey (PPS), AMS needs assessment, and develop an AMS action plan, underpinned by health system strengthening principles, within the low- and middle-income country (LMIC) hospital. Partnerships, for the latter activity, will be encouraged to consider how stewardship activities can</p>	<p>Under this stream, grants of £5,000-£10,000 will be awarded to existing CwPAMS partnerships to focus on initial steps that will pave the way for longer-term projects. Applicants will need to demonstrate how these projects will be, in and of themselves, effective and valuable for the purposes of contributing to the Fleming Fund and National Action Plans. This could include, for example, rolling out CwPAMS initiatives to another health institution in the vicinity, incorporating a one-health element into existing outputs and outcomes, branching out to start working with community pharmacy, or embedding their work through strengthening capacity of</p>



incorporate local laboratory and diagnostics data, and improve links between clinicians and laboratory staff.

They will also be expected to develop and sign a Memorandum of Understanding for future work together. Where feasible, Health Partnerships will also be encouraged to conduct a capacity development exercise, and utilise programmatic tools developed through CwPAMS (e.g. the board game, app, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) training and PPS training).

Applicants must feed into the priorities identified by the scoping studies¹ completed in 2021, which outline the status of AMS in each country, and how UK expertise could contribute to each country's AMR National Action Plan.

microbiology. Again, the call for applications will be framed by the scoping and applicants will need to demonstrate how their proposed projects align with them.

CwPAMS can fund: training costs, travel costs, activity communication costs, publications and development of web content, office/medical equipment (up to 20% of the grant total), project management costs (up to 20%), monitoring and evaluation costs (5-20%).

CwPAMS cannot fund: entertainment costs, per diems, costs related to the delivery of health services (including clinical staff time).

Further details on the programme and guidance on the grant application process will be available for applicants once the Call for Applications has been launched w/c 12th July 2021.

OBJECTIVE OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Ahead of the launch of the CwPAMS extension Call for Applications, THET would like to invite potential applicants under Category 1 (see table above) to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). The purpose of the EOI is for THET to broker **new partnerships** between institutions prior to the launch of the Call for Applications to ensure that stakeholders have enough time to [form relationships](#) before submitting an application.

THET is conscious that a number of partnerships currently lack the capacity to engage with work of this nature, so please note that those who are unable to submit an EOI at this time will still be eligible to apply for the programme once it is live, and will not be disadvantaged as a result of not submitting an EOI. Similarly, the quality of the EOI will not be considered when full applications are reviewed.

ELIGIBILITY

Health partnership model

Health Partnerships are long-term institutionalised relationships between UK health institutions and counterpart institutions in LMICs. Partnerships aim to improve health services and systems in LMICs through the reciprocal exchange of skills, knowledge and experience between partners.

Partnership eligibility

¹ please note that the scoping studies will be made available to applicants when the Call for Applications launches in July 2021.



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- UK and LMIC institutions leading a Health Partnership must be formally recognised as a health education institution, regulatory organisation or NHS (if the UK) or public/not-for-profit (if overseas) hospital. This can include Professional Associations.
- Whilst an academic institution or professional association can act as the official lead for a grant, an **UK NHS hospital must be a partner or sub-partner on the application**, and it should be clear that some members of deployed staff have a clinical role.
- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are **not** eligible to apply for this grant call. However, we acknowledge that some Health Partnerships have a charitable arm to support fundraising activities, and these charitable entities are eligible to have a role as Managing Agent for a grant. The applicants must be able to show though that the project will be delivered by the eligible UK and LMIC health institutions and not the NGO.
- The lead UK partner will be responsible for signing the grant contract and overall delivery and reporting of the project.
- NGOs are not eligible as overseas partner institutions unless they are an overseas not-for-profit clinic or hospital.
- Pharmacy professionals must be part of the project team

SUBMITTING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Though established Health Partnerships exist in many contexts with the skills and expertise to respond to a number of health systems challenges, THET are aware that gaps do exist and so are keen to encourage those who have not been involved in partnership work to form new partnerships to address these gaps.

Those interested in forming a new Health Partnership with the aim to submit an application to the CwPAMS extension programme, should complete the [CwPAMS Expression of Interest Survey](#) **as soon as possible**.

Please note that THET will be collating answers from this survey and sharing them (including contact details) with all respondents. It will then be the responsibility of the respondents to approach relevant institutions if they find a match within the list shared by THET.

By completing this survey, you are agreeing to your contact details being shared with other relevant parties. Institutions are also welcome to form partnerships without support from THET.

Please email THET's Grants Management Team at grants@thet.org if you are experiencing issues with the survey or have any questions.