

COMMONWEALTH PARTNERSHIPS FOR ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP 2 PROGRAMME: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 BACKGROUND

The [Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship](#) (CwPAMS) scheme aims to leverage the expertise of UK health institutions and technical experts, and create opportunities for bidirectional learning, to strengthen the capacity of the health workforce and institutions in Commonwealth countries to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) challenges.

CwPAMS is funded by the UK Department of Health and Social Care's [Fleming Fund](#). The Fleming Fund is a UK aid programme supporting up to 25 countries across Africa and Asia to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR), a leading public health threat across the world. The Fleming Fund invests in strengthening surveillance systems through a portfolio of country grants, regional grants and fellowships managed by [Mott MacDonald](#), and global projects managed by partners.

The first phase of the CwPAMS programme, delivered by the [Tropical Health and Education Trust \(THET\)](#) and the [Commonwealth Pharmacists Association \(CPA\)](#), ran from 2018 to June 2022. Grants were awarded to [Health Partnerships](#) between health institutions in the UK and in sub-Saharan Africa. Health workers from the UK and low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) volunteered their time to co-develop strategies and share skills and knowledge to raise awareness of AMR and implement antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) and Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) measures.

The CwPAMS programme provided mutual benefits for both the LMIC health workforce/institutions and the UK teams, who developed project-related and leadership skills, and gained new understandings of AMR in a global context, including experiencing innovative approaches to tackling AMR in resource-limited settings.

THET and CPA are now launching CwPAMS 2, and we invite health partnerships, new and existing, to apply for funding.

2 FOCUS COUNTRIES AND THEME

The target countries have been selected based on need, and considering the established relationships held by THET, CPA and the Fleming Fund.

Grants under this funding round are restricted to:

- Ghana
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia

The key focus of CwPAMS 2 is to support the implementation of each of these countries' National Action Plans (NAPs) on AMR. As such, grants are available for projects focused on:

1. Antimicrobial stewardship (AMS), including surveillance – **mandatory element for all grants**;
2. Utilising/developing pharmacy expertise and capacity – **mandatory element for all grants**;
3. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC);
4. Improving the use of clinical microbiology and antimicrobial prescribing data to inform clinical decisions;
5. Enhancing awareness campaigns to enable better detection of substandard and falsified antimicrobial medicines and the importance of this as a key driver for AMR, and supporting existing mechanisms for improved reporting;
6. Supporting community healthcare including community pharmacy to develop AMS processes locally or at a district level and improve access to patient education resources.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND GRANT DETAILS

To be eligible, UK and LMIC institutions leading a Health Partnership must be either a health delivery institution, health training/education institution or academic institution, regulatory body, or professional membership association. **Every application must also have clear joint leadership from an NHS institution.** (For more information on eligibility please refer to the call documents).

The ultimate outcomes of CwPAMS 2 as a whole programme are as follows:

1. Quality antimicrobial consumption data is used to inform and develop AMS interventions;
2. LMICs, regions, institutions, and workforce have improved structures, knowledge, and practice relating to AMS through a One Health approach, making progress against AMR National Action Plans;
3. NHS institutions benefit through improved knowledge and capabilities of UK volunteers through bidirectional learning.

Applicants can apply to three categories:

Category A – Centre of Excellence (Hub and Spoke model)	Category B – Established Health Partnerships	Category C – New Health Partnerships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants of £80-100,000 available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants of £30-80,000 available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants of £10-30,000 available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open only to previous CwPAMS-funded Health Partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to any established Health Partnership, including those previously funded through CwPAMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open only to new Health Partnerships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants must employ a hub and spoke model, with a larger ‘hub’ institution disseminating capacity building to local or regional health facilities 		

Grants are available for a period of 21 months and will begin from April 2023. All activity must be completed by December 2024 with final reports due by 31st January 2025.

4 APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The table below provides a timeframe for the selection and award process as well as the implementation phase.

Timeframe	Stages
6 th October 2022	Call for applications launched
15 th December 2022	Application submission deadline for Categories A and B
13 th January 2023	Application submission deadline for Category C
January – February 2023	Review of applications by THET and CPA selection panel
March 2023	Grants awarded, due diligence, and contracts signed
April 2023	Grants begin
December 2024	Grants end

[Please visit the THET website](#) for further details on the programme and how to apply.

If you have any additional questions, please contact us at grants@thet.org.