

FACTSHEET

FP2020'S RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM

WHAT IS THE RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM (RRM)?

- The RRM supports projects that respond to emerging and urgent opportunities that will help FP2020 meet its goal of enabling 120 million more women and girls to use contraceptives by 2020.
- It supports projects that are catalytic and will amplify existing work in an FP2020 Focus Country; it is anchored in the principles of voluntarism, informed choice, participation, protection against coercion, and accountability.
- RRM grant funding will be disbursed rapidly, and should be spent rapidly. Projects will run for a short time—most projects will take three to six months and at a maximum be completed within a year—following initial financial disbursement from FP2020.
- RRM funds will follow a dual track, being either (1) a consultancy-based contract to provide technical assistance, or (2) an activity-based grant around one of four themes:
 - **Technical assistance** (consultancy for expert support)
 - **Discrete training** (e.g. non-routine and targeted training of health workers to provide wider range of contraception)
 - **Advocacy and education** (e.g. capitalizing on a time-sensitive opportunity to increase funding for, or support to improve policy for, family planning)
 - **Increasing access for hard to reach and marginalized groups, including youth** (e.g. promoting a new contraceptive product in a challenging area)
 - **Other** (e.g. an urgent need such as time-sensitive, local adaptation of contraceptive guidelines)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR RRM GRANTS?

- Registered NGOs, CSOs and INGOs, governments, private and UN organizations;
- Projects that are operational from any of the 69 FP2020 focus countries;
- Organizations that are legally registered in the country where the project will be implemented;
- Organizations with a registered bank account;
- Projects that will operate within the next 12 months;
- Projects that respond to one or more of the RRM thematic areas listed above;
- RRM grants can be operational at regional, national, or sub-national levels;
- If the project country is a fragile state, as defined by UNF, extra levels of due diligence may be needed.

HOW WILL THE RRM APPLICATIONS BE SELECTED?

Selection of RRM applications is competitive, based on how relevant the proposed project is to fulfill the RRM mandate and how much funding is available at any given time. Applicants must demonstrate that the grant will help address an unanticipated need or opportunity and that there are clear benefits or reasons for the need to secure rapid funding. Selection of RRM grants will be handled by the FP2020 Task Team, in consultation with the co-leads of the FP2020 Country Engagement Working Group.

HOW WILL MONEY BE DISBURSED?

In order to ensure compliance to reporting requirements, financial disbursements will be staggered; 80% upfront and 20% on presenting the final report.

HOW WILL THE RRM GRANTS BE MANAGED AND REPORTED ON?

The RRM grants will be managed by the FP2020 Task Team. Management will be light-touch for both applicants and FP2020. Following due diligence and the initial disbursement of funding, FP2020 will be in touch with grantees every two months. A final report will also be expected one month after the completion of the project.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY FOR AN RRM GRANT, VISIT:

www.familyplanning.org/rapidresponse