



Public Q&A Session

Request for Proposals

19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

# **African Advocacy for an Equitable COVID-19 Response**

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# African Alliance

- The Alliance envisions a world where **communities of people** who face injustice and abuse of power can be confident that others will stand in solidarity with them.
- Pursuit of a more **equal and just global society** that practices radical love, to defend, uphold, preserve and extend their own and others' rights.
- Advance rights-based, critical and developmental programming to address the needs of underserved communities across Africa by working collectively to ensure that affected communities are informed about their rights; have access to **dignified health care** and the agency **and access to hold duty bearers** to account for the non-realisation of these rights.



# Peoples Vaccine Alliance

- Coalition of over 90 organisations and networks, supported by Nobel Laureates, health experts, economists, Heads of States, faith leaders and activists, working together for a People's Vaccine, available free of charge to everyone, everywhere.

## Peoples Vaccine Alliance - Africa

- Urgent need to decolonise global health and pandemic response systems, to ensure that African voices are heard, and our priorities articulated and advocated for, the African Alliance is home to the Peoples Vaccine Alliance in Africa.
- Governed by a Steering Group comprised of regional civil society leaders from all five regions of the continent.
- PVA in Africa is truly indigenous-led, regionally governed and shaped by the global strategy of the Peoples Vaccine Alliance.



# Eligibility Criteria

- An Indigenous-led organisation - This means that your organisation must be led by people who are descendants of the original inhabitants of the land in which the organisation operates. This includes groups who have not adopted significant parts of colonised culture.
- Main or head office located in Africa.
- Must **not** be an International Non-Government Organisation.
- Must declare a policy and practice of being non-discriminatory to any groups, including but not limited to Sex workers, LGBTQIA+ Communities, People living with HIV, People with disabilities, People who use Drugs, People in Detention, Migrant Populations, Youth
- Active partnerships or a presence in rural communities in-country
- Zero-tolerance approach to and prohibition of sexual exploitation and abuse by all staff, volunteers and consultants, partners, beneficiaries and community members

# SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA AND DATES

1. Publication of call: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022
2. Open Call for Q&A: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (13:00 SAST)
3. Deadline for submitting applications: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022
4. Initial Compliance Screening: 31<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022
5. Shortlisting – based on RFP and potential for impact: 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022
6. PVA Africa Steering Committee reviews shortlisted applications: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022
7. PVA Steering Committee votes on shortlist: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022
8. All applicants informed of outcome: 21<sup>th</sup> June 2022
9. Due Diligence Conducted with selected sub grantees: 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2022
10. All contracting finalised and first tranches disbursed: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022
11. Public Announcement of Sub Grantees: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022
12. Project Implementation begins: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Projects do not have to be implemented over the entire grant period (July 1st 2022 – October 31st 2023) but can be shorter in duration.**

# What you will need to provide

- Proof of non-governmental and non-profit legal status. The non-availability of a formal registration document in this context above will not affect funding decisions.
- Information on applicants governance –a structure that makes decisions about the work of the group/organisation or movement.
- How applicant manages their finances – Applicants will be asked to provide records of how they manage their organisations finances. This can be in the form of audited financial statements, and it can also be a detailed record of money received and money spent.
- Information about applicants' team –a list of the people on the team and what they do in the organisation.
- A list of donations or funds that you have received since 2020
- Letters of recommendation from your partners testifying to the work you have done in your country
- Any tools or templates you use to see if you are making progress in your work. These can be monthly reports or meeting reports for example.



# Focus areas

1. Advocate for equitable, affordable, and proportionate access at national and regional level for COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and treatments.
2. Campaign to highlight the contribution of pharmaceutical companies in sustaining the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Advocate for regulatory authorities to license existing and new approved COVID-19 medicines, tests and treatments to cover all LMICs. These includes bodies such as the WTO, WHO, UNITAID, African Medical Agency among others.
4. Advocate for increased domestic accountability for fully funded, inclusive COVID-19 Vaccine, testing, and treatment plans.
5. Skills strengthening including media visibility and Intellectual Property Rights.
6. Movement building.

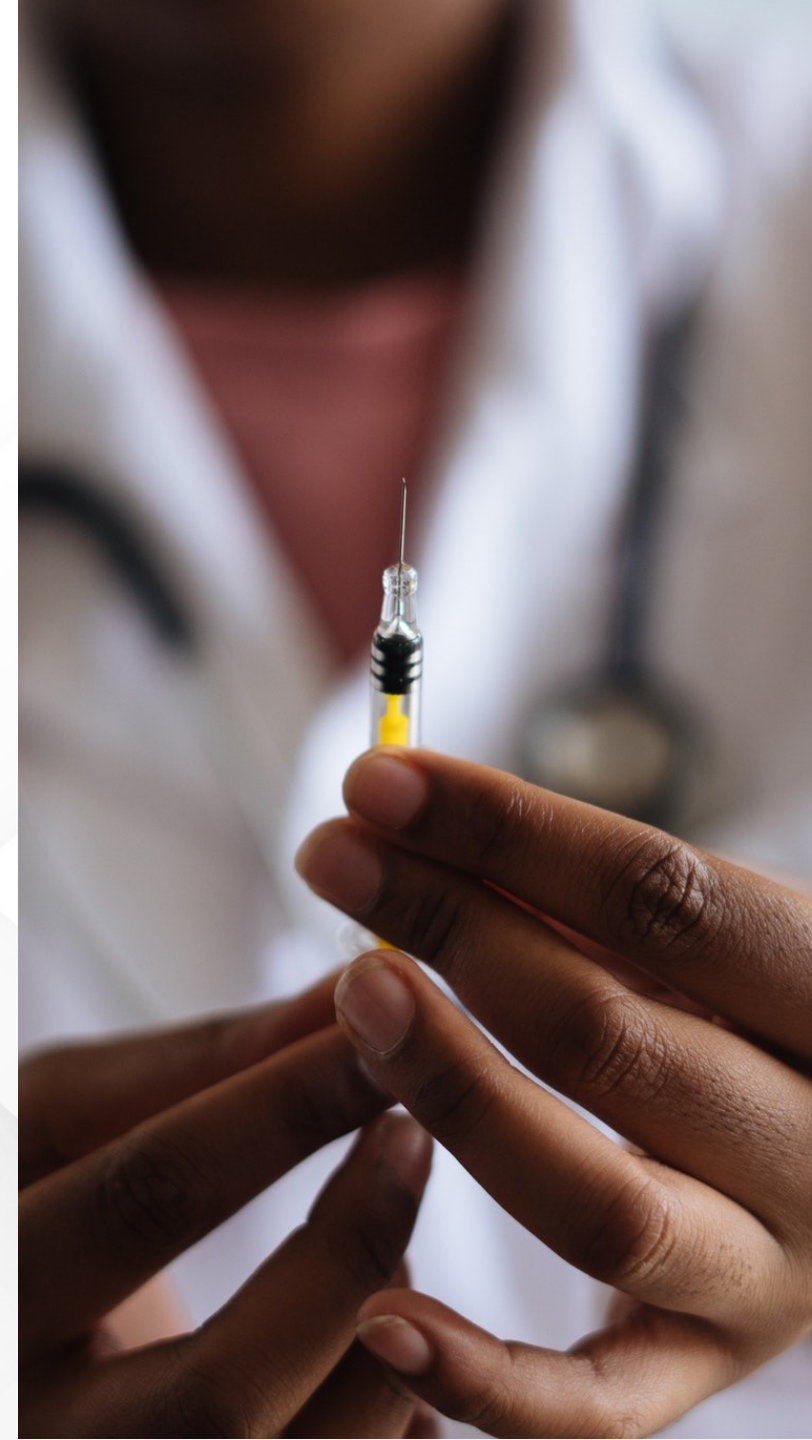


# **1. Advocate for equitable, affordable, and proportionate access at national and regional level for COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and treatments.**

There is low COVID 19 vaccines uptake, considerable out of pocket expenditure and high costs of treatment for COVID 19.

Example :

- Conducting accountability work on your national COVID-19 Strategy, its inclusivity and its resourcing



## 2. Campaign to highlight the contribution of pharmaceutical companies in sustaining the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Mapping of patent laws and work to reform patent laws in country
- Measuring the impact of pharma greed in your country as it relates to lack of equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines
- Build technical skills of advocates to understand the role of patents and IP in the context of medicine access
- Investigative journalism on local business people who benefit from pharma greed
- Understand country capacity for research, development and manufacturing of vaccines, tests and treatments
- Related community media training
- To build **sustained political will** and actions in support of technology transfer and the establishment of sustainable ecosystems for vaccine manufacturing in LMICs.



### **3. Advocate for national regulatory authorities to license existing and new approved medicines to cover all LMICs.**

Addressing the bottle necks

- Understanding the role and processes of national regulators (like SAHPRA in South Africa, like The Pharmacy and Poisons Board in Kenya, like the Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe etc)
- Holding regulatory bodies to account for the prioritisation (or lack of) in approving critically needed COVID-19 related products, tests, vaccines, treatments etc
- Understanding how the regional regulatory environment contributes to or hinders in country processes and ultimately access





## **4. Skills strengthening**

Technical skills to advance the interventions outlined in the proposal



# Movement building

How do we come together to move forward and amplify our collective agenda?

- Increase your national membership of the PVA Africa - who else in your country should be a member of PVA Africa?
- Host national quarterly/ monthly meetings
- Collaborate on joint campaigns and interventions to advance the activities proposed



# How to apply

1.



HOME

**COVID-19 ADVOCACY SUPPORT GRANT**

ABOUT US

COVID-19

AVDA

RESOURCES

MEDIA

PARTNERS

CONTACT US

2.

CHECK IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

4.

## COVID-19 Advocacy Support Grant - Eligibility Criteria

Well-done, congratulations it seems you are eligible!!!

Please proceed to the next stage! Use this url below to tell us more about your organisation.

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## COVID-19 Advocacy Support Grant - Application Form

### Welcome to your application

These are the sections of the application:

1. Organisation information
2. Governance
3. Your team
4. Finances
5. Monitoring and reporting
6. Project summary
7. Project information
8. Activities and outcomes
9. Budget
10. Project contact details

Next

# Budget Allocation

**280 000 ZAR X 2 per region:**

- Northern Africa
- Eastern Africa
- Middle Africa
- Southern Africa
- Western Africa

# Budget

- The maximum budget amount is ZAR280 000 for the funding duration.
- The budget must have the following categories, Personnel costs, Project activities and Administration cost.
- Administration cost – contribution to office supplies, telephone, etc must not exceed 8% of the total budget amount.
- Budget currency is South African Rands.
- Sub grantees must list other donors contributing to this project.





# Questions