

Call for proposals 2011

AIDS, health and development: **research projects**

Background

Women represent nearly 50% of people living with HIV-AIDS, and nearly 60% in Sub-Saharan Africa. Indeed, because of many biological, socio-economic, cultural and legal factors, women are particularly vulnerable to HIV-AIDS. Since the beginning of the epidemic, research studies and interpretation frameworks have not provided sufficient answers to improve this situation.

In this respect, the Fondation de France supports research on the health specificities of women living with HIV-AIDS. The foundation aims to contribute to knowledge progress and to the evolution of professional practices as well as health policies.

Who is this call for proposals aimed at?

The Fondation de France wishes to draw the interest of researchers from academic disciplines such as fundamental and applied research, sociology, anthropology, epidemiology, or public health... The goal of the foundation is to support projects that are likely to be of help for the targeted populations in the short or medium term.

Research fields will include following geographic areas:

- French-speaking and English-speaking African countries;
- In Asia : Cambodia, India, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam;
- In South America: Brazil and Argentina;
- French overseas departments in America (French Caribbean Islands and French Guiana).

Which research projects?

Special attention will be paid to projects focusing on at least one of the following topics:

- the implication of HIV regarding reproductive health;

- co-morbidities and co-infections in women living with HIV (e.g. Papillomavirus infection HPV);
- the positive or negative consequences on women of partial efficacy prevention tools (microbicides, circumcision...);
- violence against women and its fallout in terms of HIV;
- Hindrances to the involvement of men in the fight against the epidemic, either as an individual (within the family unit), or as a member of a group (within the community), and proposed means of overcoming these hindrances.

Requirements

Collaboration between research teams based in France (or in Europe) and in southern countries will be a decisive prerequisite.

The Fondation de France will select only:

- innovative research projects based on a rigorous analysis of actual needs;
- well-justified original projects: innovative thinking will be appreciated;
- projects with clearly-defined goals and expected outcomes (actual health and social usefulness);
- projects with high methodological standards

Grant modalities

The support from the Fondation de France might be in particular grants to research teams. Part of the grant can be used to finance the salary or mobility grants for a post-doctoral researcher and/or for a PhD student.

The support will consist in annual (possibly renewable) or multi-year grants (with a maximum duration of 3 years). For your information, the "AIDS research" programme of the Fondation de France runs in 2011 a global budget of approximately 500,000 euros.

Applicants should use the provided application form which can be asked via e-mail or downloaded from the website.

Applications must be received **before February 28, 2011** for the first session, and **before June 20, 2011** for the second one. The grant application form should be submitted as **two printed copies AND one electronic copy** to the following address:

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Decisions will be notified by post, no later than May 2011 for the first session, and October 2011 for the second one.