

Share-Net International Small Grants Fund 2017

Call for Proposals – Jordan – February 2017

Share-Net International, the Knowledge Platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, initiated by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, aims to ensure that knowledge relevant for achieving improved SRHR is identified, shared, generated and used to achieve international development goals.

Alongside a research programme, coordinated through NWO/WOTRO in three focus countries (Bangladesh, Burundi and Jordan), a smaller allocation of research funds has been made available through the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This has partly been used to establish a small grants facility providing funding for knowledge generation, identification, translation and dissemination initiatives by member organisations of Share-Net International.

A call for proposals is released during each year of operation of Share-Net International. Work which is funded under this call including the final report needs to be completed by **November 16th 2017**.

Activities proposed by members must contribute to achieve the knowledge related aims of Share-Net International, as specified in the Programme Document: Knowledge Platform on SRHR:

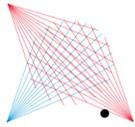
“The Knowledge Platform will aim to ensure that knowledge relevant for achieving improved SRHR is identified, shared, generated and used to achieve international development goals. The Knowledge Platform aims to understand and facilitate the complex processes by which evidence informs policy, both in the Netherlands and in partner countries, and to facilitate learning and collaborative exchange among those participating.”

Activities should also increase learning related to the 4 core areas of Dutch policy regarding SRHR, namely;

- Better information and greater freedom of choice for young people about their sexuality
- Improved access to reproductive health commodities
- Better sexual and reproductive health care (during pregnancy and childbirth, including safe abortion)
- Greater respect for the sexual and reproductive rights of groups who are currently denied these rights.

Grants will be awarded for any of the following activities:

- Implementation of small research/evaluation projects, including operational research
- Knowledge translation and dissemination to policy makers, programme managers and practitioners



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- Local capacity strengthening activities

- Literature reviews, scoping studies and mapping activities
- Capitalisation of former work and translation into policy and practice

Funding Available

The total amount available for awards in Jordan is **50,000 euros**.

The upper limit per grant is **25,000 euros**.

Eligibility

All members of Share-Net Jordan are eligible to apply for this funding.

Although members can apply for any number of projects, organisational and individual members can be awarded a maximum of 1 grant, as lead, per funding call. In addition, all members may be partners in other proposals.

Proposals which demonstrate strong local partnerships are encouraged and therefore non-member organisations can be involved, but not as lead. Members have the final responsibility in terms of output delivery and monitoring.

Eligibility criteria

Thus, in sum, the application must:

1. Be submitted by a Share-Net Jordan member.
2. Be relevant and contribute to the Share-Net International aims, as mentioned above.
3. Focus on one or more of the activities listed above.
4. Be in the interest of Jordan
5. Be for any amount up to 25,000 euros.
6. Ensure that all activities are completed within 7 months from the date of starting or when the contract is signed.

Assessment and selection criteria for comparison (Equally weighted):

1. **Quality and feasibility**
 - Overall quality of proposal
 - Quality of work plan and budget
 - Relevance of the focus, the problem addressed
 - Feasibility of the project within given timeframe and budget
 - Cost efficiency

- Relevance of the project for policy and practice.
- Potential in terms of lessons to be learned in relation to the aims of Share-Net International
- Quality of communication / dissemination plan

3. Innovative

- Use of innovative methods
- Presence of a new and original perspective.

4. Strength and benefits of proposed partnerships (either international, or locally; e.g. partnership with local universities, NGO's).

- Clear and demonstrable added value in terms of partnerships)
- Capacity development opportunities for local organisation(s)

5. Track record / institutional capacity of the applicant organisation.

- Demonstrable evidence that the proposed project falls within the core business of the lead organization
- Institutional capacity

Award decisions will also take into account that projects be spread across themes, types of activities and countries/geographical areas.

Timeframe and process

All applications must be made using the accompanying form and have to be submitted in English.

The closing date for applications is **the 1st of March 17.00**. Completed application forms should be sent to Meike Stieglis via m.stieglis@kit.nl.

For the sake of transparency and accountability, all correctly completed applications will be assessed based on the above criteria by a group of four, representing Share-Net Jordan, the Share-Net International Steering Committee, the Share-Net Netherlands Core group and the Secretariat of Share-Net International, respectively. Conflicts of interest will be identified and relevant people removed from specific discussions and decisions. The Share-Net team in Jordan will advise on all decisions.

All applicants will be informed of the decision by the **31st of March 2017** with the aim of having contracts signed, and for work to begin, from **16th of April 2017**. All activities relating to the grant including the writing of the final report must be completed by **November 16th 2017**.

Any questions regarding the call can be addressed to Meike Stieglis via m.stieglis@kit.nl.