

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS- THE ASIA FOUNDATION**  
**SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY**  
**RESILIENCE TO COVID 19**

As part of an EU-funded initiative, The Asia Foundation is implementing a project to address the immediate threat and longer-term implications of Covid-19 for the most vulnerable populations of Pakistan. The goal is to provide greater awareness of health risks and preventive measures, better access to support services, and greater responsiveness of public authorities to the voice and interests of the poor, women and girls and other marginalized populations. The Foundation is looking for change-makers who are passionate to work on innovative solutions to create awareness of health risks and preventive measures to address the issues of marginalized people in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CORE AREAS**

Proposal concepts should focus on one or more of the following areas:

- a. **Best Practices.** How can best practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and other health disasters such as mask-wearing and hand washing/sanitizing be promoted within communities.
- b. **Impact of COVID on Education.** COVID-19 has greatly impacted education with many students dropping out of school and college following lockdowns which led to the closure of academic institutions. What are some of the ways to tackle this challenge and encourage students to resume their education?
- c. **Challenges for Transgender and other Vulnerable Populations.** What are the kind of challenges faced by women, members of the transgender community, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and minorities as a result of the pandemic and what could be done to overcome these challenges?
- d. **Impact on Environment - How has COVID-19 impacted the environment.** how can positive impacts be sustained and negative outcomes minimized?

e. **Vaccine Hesitancy.** People still seem hesitant to get vaccinated. Applicants would be expected to design innovative campaigns to promote vaccination as a key measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Applicants should apply as a group comprising of 3-4 members, preferably led by a female.
- Applicants should be aged between 18-29 years.
- If you're a university student, the project should be endorsed by a faculty member of your institution.
- A project that has the potential for a wider community impact will be preferred. Applicants should be willing to participate in orientation sessions and weekly progress review meetings.
- The proposed activities may include street theatre performances, discussion forums, formation and capacity building of volunteer networks, and research to ascertain the impact of the pandemic and the effectiveness of counter-strategies. Prospective applicants shall propose innovative ideas they feel are suitable to build a critical mass of youth leadership at the community level in a manner that provides sustained engagement of good practices.

Interested students are requested to submit proposals using the google form <https://forms.gle/ywKWLzjES2ggGKkT8> to ahmed@accountabilitylab.org by **05 June 2022** along with intimation to SFC- PRSA& IT Br.

### **GRANT CEILING:**

PKR 300,000 to 400,000.

### **GRANT DURATION:**

2-months.

### **START DATE:**

June 15th, 2022

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IF YOU HAVE AN INNOVATIVE IDEA TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE THREAT AND LONGER-TERM IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19 FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS OF PAKISTAN, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A GRANT AWARD OF UP TO

**PKR 400,000**

FURTHER DETAILS AND ONLINE SUBMISSIONS FORM CAN BE ACCESSED AT:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3L4DPMO](https://bit.ly/3L4DPMO)

LAST DATE TO APPLY: JUNE 05, 2022

