



Deadline
July 24, 2023

Required Application Materials

- Five pages concept note
- Two pages budget and budget justification

Required Format

- 1” margins
- 1.5 line spacing
- 12-points Times New Roman or Arial Font

Request for Grant Application on abortion research

Application Guidelines

Purpose

In an effort to build capacity of researchers, the consortium of experts from Guttmacher Institute, USA, in partnership with Addis Ababa University, School of Public Health, and St. Paul Institute for Reproductive Health and Rights (SPIRHR) designed a project to strengthen the capacity of researchers in Ethiopia. In the first phases of the project, needs assessment was conducted and training on abortion research methods was provided. Now, the project will competitively award grant opportunities for Ethiopian researchers interested in abortion research and will pair grantees with mentors who will provide support throughout the grant period.

Award Budget

Application budgets are up to **7,000 USD** for small-research and up to **20,000 USD** for large-research but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed research.

Eligibility

Any interested applicant on abortion research is eligible to apply.

Concept note Format and Application Components

By the stated deadline, applicants must submit their concept note as outlined below:

1. Introductory paragraph explaining why applicants are interested in applying for funding and any prior experience conducting abortion or SRHR-related research.
2. Concept note which includes the title, list of investigators, introduction, objectives, and detailed research strategy including study area, inclusion/exclusion criteria, sample size, study design, brief summary of key questions included in research tools, and data analysis plan.
3. Two-pages budget, budget justification, and timeline itemizing the financial resources required and expected completion dates.

Selection process

All applications will be reviewed by three experts and shortlisted applicants will present their concept note and final selection will be made after presentation.

Review Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on how well they describe:

- The research question(s) and methodology.
- How the research will contribute to the evidence base, and
- Inclusion of a detailed and realistic budget and timeline.

Thematic areas

The following list of thematic areas of research on abortion can be used to help define research projects. The list highlights some under-researched areas where more research is needed to build the abortion research evidence base. This is not a comprehensive list and researchers are not required to submit a project that addresses one of these topics. All projects will be considered.

Law and policy

- Abortion stories: documenting stories before and after the revision of abortion law.
- Mapping of research conducted on abortion in Ethiopia and key recommendations.
- Abortion law dilemmas from the perspective of healthcare workers, clients, and community/religious leaders and how it affects the provision of comprehensive abortion care.
- Impact of abortion laws and policies on certain populations of interest, including:
 - People with disabilities, and people with diminished capacity who seek abortion.
 - Refugees/internally displaced persons.

Clinical services

- Medication abortion, including:
 - Efficacy, safety, and acceptability of the use of misoprostol alone across gestational ages.
 - Information needed to make informed decisions about the risks/benefits of and the alternatives to the use of different medical abortion regimens.
- Capacity/ readiness of health facilities to provide abortion care (commodities, human resources, infrastructure).

Service delivery

- The most appropriate prescribing and dispensing authorities for abortion medicines, including comparison of self-sourced abortion medicines versus medicines prescribed and/or dispensed by trained health workers.
- Incidence of abortion on certain populations of interest (IDPs, youth), pushing factors, challenges in accessing abortion service.

Indicators for use in monitoring and evaluation of care

- Development and increased use of qualitative methods for M&E of quality abortion care to assess barriers to progress and enablers for strengthening health system performance.

Abortion Experiences

- Stigma both at the community-level and among health professionals
- Lived experiences of clients getting abortion care at health facilities
- Quality of abortion care

Submission Process

Applications should be submitted as one Microsoft word attachment in the order listed under the above outline via google forms to this link research.spirhr.org, by **July 24, 2023**.

Responsibilities of Grant Recipients

- Participate in meetings to present the progress of their work.
- Engage regularly with an assigned mentor.
- Provide an update of the research work to SPIRHR upon a request.
- Publish their research work at local or international reputed journal.

Should any of these requirements not be fulfilled, the award may be revoked and repayable to SPIRHR and future applications for grants will not be considered.

Assistance

Direct questions, if any, about this call and its procedures to research@spirhr.org