**Funding Opportunities –September, 2018**

**Opportunity 1**

**Title**: Boosting decent employment for Africa’s youth

**Funder**: IDRC, INCLUDE, ILO

**Funds available**: CA$ 500,000

**Location**: Sub-Saharan Africa

**Due** **date**: October 8, 2018 by 5:00 PM (EDT)

**Duration**: 24 months

**Research Objectives:**

IDRC, INCLUDE, and the International Labour Organization (ILO) seek concept notes for action-oriented research aimed at informing the design of effective and innovative interventions that boost decent employment for Africa’s youth.

Nested within the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth, this call is part of a series planned for the next two years to help governments, civil society, and private sector actors design effective and innovative interventions that boost economic opportunities for youth in sub-Saharan Africa.

**More details**

This initiative will support cutting-edge research projects that address either one of the following priority research themes:

* Soft skills and digital jobs for youth; and
* Effective approaches to foster work-based learning programs and mentorship.

Concept notes under each theme must address gender constraints that hold young women back from improving their economic prospects and accessing decent work.

The call seeks concept notes that are systems-oriented; innovative; grounded in practice; engage directly with key stakeholders; and have the potential to inform action in one or more countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

**For more information**:

<https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding/boosting-decent-employment-africas-youth>

**Opportunity 2**

**Title**: Delivering sustainable and equitable increases in family planning in Kenya

**Funder**: DFID

**Location**: Kenya

**Due date**: December 31, 2018, 12 noon.

**Research Objectives**:

The UK’s Department for International Development (DFID) is seeking applications for its programme entitled Delivering sustainable and equitable increases in family planning in Kenya.

The programme is expected to ensure that women and couples in Kenya can plan their pregnancies and improve their sexual and reproductive health, with a particular focus on adolescents, the poor and the most marginalized, including promoting the inclusion of people with disabilities.

**Funds available**: Not specified

**Duration:** 5 years

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**For more information**:

<https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/pages/public/supplier/publicbulletin/viewPublicNotice.cmd?bm90aWNlSWQ9NzExOTA%3D>

**Opportunity 3**

**Title**: Wellcome Photography Prize 2019

**Funder**: Wellcome Trust

**Funds available:** £15,000

**Location**: Worldwide

**Due** **date**: December 17, 2018

**Objectives:**

Previously the Wellcome Image Awards, our newly relaunched competition will reward pictures that show the importance of health in society and the impact health issues have on people and communities worldwide.

We’re looking for entries that can captivate people with stories of science and medicine, and start conversations about some of the health challenges humanity faces today.

Whether you are a research scientist, a documentary or clinical photographer, an artist, or a photojournalist, this is a great opportunity for you to inspire people to think differently about health, medicine and life.

All the winning and shortlisted entries will go on show in a major public exhibition at Lethaby Gallery, Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London, from 4-13 July 2019.

If you’re a winner, we will also offer you opportunities to take part in events to showcase your work to a range of audiences. Our winning images receive extensive international media coverage each year.

The winner of the Medicine in Focus category will be invited to produce the Julie Dorrington commission, a photo story exploring and documenting a patient’s journey with their condition.

**Categories**

There are four categories in the competition:

* Social perspectives – explore how health and illness affect the way we live
* Hidden worlds – reveal details hidden to the naked eye
* Medicine in focus – show health and healthcare up close and personal
* Outbreaks (2019 theme) – capture the impact of disease as it spreads.

The images shown in each category are to inspire you but are for illustration only. Your entry doesn't necessarily need to be in a similar style or about a similar topic. We're open to all perspectives.

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<https://wellcome.ac.uk/what-we-do/our-work/photography-prize>

**Opportunity 4**

**Title**: Climate Change and Health Awards

**Funder**: Wellcome Trust

**Location**: Low- or middle-income countries

**Due** **date**: 11 October 2018, 17:00 BST

**Research Objectives:**

To be eligible, your proposal must focus on at least one of the following areas:

**1. Developing tools, data sources and other resources to support research into climate change and health**

To advance research into the links between climate change and health, it’s important that researchers working across different disciplines and in different locations have access to high-quality tools, data sources and other resources.

Examples of activities we’ll consider include (but are not limited to):

* creating modelling tools to understand more about the links between climate change and health
* building, or establishing links between, datasets for climate change and health research
* translating, digitising and/or updating existing research and resources
* producing or validating metrics that offer robust ways to track and evaluate the links between climate change and health.

Resources must be made openly available at the end of the funding. They should be applicable to a broad range of researchers carrying out climate and health research.

**2. Assessing the health co-benefits of actions to mitigate climate change**

A growing number of studies have shown that actions to mitigate climate change can directly benefit people’s health (ie they have ‘health co-benefits’).

For example, policies that encourage walking and cycling rather than driving will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, these policies benefit health by improving air quality, increasing physical activity and reducing car crashes. Such insights can help inform climate change mitigation actions.

We are interested in proposals that assess how existing or hypothetical climate change mitigation actions could benefit health. These benefits could be expressed in health terms, monetary terms, or in other ways.

Mitigation actions can apply to any sector, including energy production, transportation, architecture, urban design and food systems.

Proposals can focus on one or more mitigation actions, anywhere in the world.

**3. Assessing the health impacts of actions to adapt to climate change**

Climate change poses many threats to human health, from severe weather and infectious disease risks to disrupted food systems and population displacement. To manage these threats, we’ll need to adapt to climate change in many areas, including infrastructure, governance and technology.

Assessing the health impacts of adaptation actions – such as early warning systems for extreme weather, or drought-tolerant crops – is still an emerging field.

We’re especially interested in proposals that evaluate the health impacts of existing adaptations, rather than hypothetical ones.

Proposals can focus on one or more adaptation, anywhere in the world.

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**For** **more** **information**:

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/climate-change-and-health-awards>

**Opportunity 5**

**Title:** ECOWAS Research and Innovation Support Programme (PARI)

**Funder:** Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

**Funds available:** 100 Thousand USD

**Location:** West Africa

**Due date:** 30 Sep 2018 (Proposal due date)

**Overview:**

The PARI pursues the following specific objectives:

i - Financing research on a competitive basis of call for applications of research projects contributing to the fight against poverty and having an impact on the development of the region;

ii - Promote the mobility of researchers through the development of regional projects;

iii - Support research laboratories to strengthen their capacities (equipment and connectivity) and access to scientific information;

iv - Build the capacity of young researchers to ensure the next generation of scientists of the research institutes within the region.

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**For more information:**

<http://www.esc.comm.ecowas.int/events/ecowas-research-and-innovation-support-programme-programme-pari/>

**Opportunity 6**

**Title:** Innovation for WASH in Urban Settings

**Funder:** Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - GCE

**Location:** Worldwide

**Funds available:** Phase I$100,000, Phase II award of $1,000,000 USD.

**Due date**: November 14, 2018 , 11:30AM PST

**Research Objectives**:

GCE seeks digital technology-based solutions that promote access to essential resources and services (clean water, sanitation) and can make a difference in reducing morbidity and mortality to promote healthy, safe, and productive lives. GCE know that technology does not automatically or inevitably improve people's lives; creative solutions must be contextually grounded and designed in response to on-the-ground needs of women, children, and families living in challenging urban environments.

Ideal solutions may target individuals, families, communities, urban planners, service providers, or WASH/ food infrastructure, networks, and systems. Solutions may include but are not limited to: services, models, or tools intended to improve overall access to WASH services and that apply a deeper understanding of users' (customers/providers) needs when designing programs, services, and products/interventions. GCE seeks solutions that are interactive, contextual, scalable, and relevant to WASH systems strengthening. GCE is specifically interested in work targeting: clean drinking water, household sanitation and hygiene, and urban pollution.

**Priorities**

* Address current inequities in access to WASH needs
* Prioritize marginalized populations, considering specifically those marginalized by their physical/intellectual disability, economic status, race, ethnicity, religion, age, marital status, gender, caste, sexuality, profession, location, literacy or lack thereof, and access to media and communications
* Address a diverse geographic range of urban environments (GCE hope to select solutions from different regions)
* Consider UNICEF Office of Innovation's Design Principles:
	+ Design with the User
	+ Understand the existing ecosystem
	+ Design for scale
	+ Build for sustainability
	+ Be data driven
	+ Use open standards, open data, open source, open innovation (\*if/where possible)
	+ Reuse and improve
	+ Do no harm
	+ Be collaborative

**For more information**:

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/innovation-wash-urban-settings-round-22>

**Opportunity 7**

**Title**: Increasing Demand for Vaccination Services

**Funder**: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – GCE

**Location**: Worldwide

**Due date**: 14 NOV 2018 - 11:30AM PST

**Funds available**: Phase I $100,000, Phase II award of $1,000,000 USD.

**Research Objectives:**

To increase demand for vaccination services, and thus increase the number of children vaccinated globally, the program is looking for innovative ideas in the following specific areas (please specify whether applicants concept applies to the first, or second challenge, or both):

* Novel approaches for providing practical knowledge about vaccines and vaccination services to caregivers, which may include:
* Familiarizing caregivers with information on where and when routine and/or campaign services are provided
* Educating caregivers about how many times a child should be vaccinated and the importance of timely vaccination. Please explain how a proposed intervention would very tactically increase the knowledge of when a child needs to be brought in for his or her first, subsequent, or campaign-related vaccination. (Suggestions may include helping caregivers plan for completing subsequent visits.)
* Addressing common concerns (multiple injections, post-vaccination discomfort) that may result in missed opportunities for vaccination
* Empowering caregivers to ask for full vaccination services
* Novel ideas for improving the convenience and/or caregiver seeking of vaccination services; these may focus on:
* Approaches that use human-centered design to improve the convenience of accessing services from a caregiver perspective
* Approaches that minimize wait time for caregivers, such as scheduling appointments, providing information as to wait times, and/or providing information regarding stock availability (may be linked to electronic registries)
* Approaches that reduce the "cost" of seeking services (i.e., time, lost wages, transport cost, discordance with social norms, etc.) while increasing the "benefit" (appreciation of vaccines, integrated services.) (Please exclude direct monetary incentives)
* Approaches that provide a "nudge" for seeking vaccination services and translating intention into action. (Please do not submit proposals based on SMS reminders given their current emphasis/on-going support in operational research.)

**For more information**:

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/increasing-demand-vaccination-services-round-22>

**Opportunity 8**

**Title**: Innovations Driving Programmatic Performance in Immunization: Service Experience and Data Use + Measurement

**Funder**: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - GCE

**Location**:

**Due date**: November 14, 2018 - 11:30AM PST

**Funds available:** Phase I $100,000, Phase II award of $1,000,000 USD.

**Research Objectives**:

To promote the effective use of timely and relevant data to drive programmatic performance, and thus increase the number of children vaccinated globally, GCE is looking for innovative ideas in the following areas:

* Innovative ideas for improving the measurement approaches for immunization data (e.g., process, equity, coverage indicators) with a focus on data use by program managers, triangulation across data sources, and methods to measure and quantify data use. GCE is interested in approaches to measure through both routine systems as well as periodic systems.
* Innovative ideas that improve service delivery and experience for caregivers and/or healthcare workers during the vaccination session.

**For more information**:

 <https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/innovations-driving-programmatic-performance-immunization-service-experience-and-data-use>

**Opportunity 9**

**Title**: Request for proposal for the Development of Solid Waste Management Model

**Funder**: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

**Location:** Ghana

**Due** **date**: October 4, 2018 by 16.00 (GMT) (Proposal due date)

**Funds** **available**: Not specified

**Research Objectives:**

To develop a similar workable and scalable urban solid waste management strategy/model which will feed into a concerted national urban sanitation strategy, and which is expected to reduce redundancies and harmonize implementation of urban sanitation interventions in Ghana. Developing a nationally adoptable model would require consistent engagement/consultation with relevant partners and beneficiaries, including at decentralized levels

To enable this, UNICEF and Government of Ghana (GOG) are seeking to procure consultancy services of a consortium led by an international institution (in partnership with local institution) to carry out this assignment.

**Expected background and Experience**

A consortium of international and national institution would be ideal to carry out the assignment. And expected to be led by the international institute.

The selected lead institution and partner should have a minimum of 10 and 7 years' experience respectively in urban planning, sustainable infrastructure development, project planning and development. Relevant experience in the sanitation sector, particularly in solid waste management will be a clear advantage.

The consortium is expected to have composition of members with strong skills/specialisation in:

* Advocacy and behavior change specialist (1)
* Urban/sanitation planning specialist or Solid Waste management specialist (1)
* Municipal financing and solid waste business development specialist (1)
* Governance and legal Specialist (1)
* M & E Specialist (1) and a
* Graphic Designer (1)

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**Opportunity 10**

**Title**: Sir Ernest Cassel Centenary Awards

**Funder**: Sir Ernest Cassel Educational Trust

**Location:** Sub- Sahara Africa

**Duration:** 3 years

**Funds Available:** £400,000

**Due date**: 30 November 2018 – Concept Notes

**Objectives:**

The focus of the Sir Ernest Cassel Centenary Awards will be projects or organisations that address inequality of access for girls and women living in low income countries into secondary, tertiary or adult education. Also of interest are projects focusing on the transition points within education and between education and employment, which improve retention rates or which empower girls and women and raise their aspirations. The projects should aim to be transformative and inclusive.

Grants do not have to go towards projects or initiatives that focus solely on female education but this should a major focus of the work and the Sir Ernest Cassel Centenary Award funding should be proportionate to this aspect of it e.g. if half a project’s beneficiaries are girls, the trust would not expect to fund more than half the project’s total cost.

Applications may include advocacy and influencing activity.

**For more information**: <http://www.casseltrust.co.uk/home/international-funding-programme-2019>

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