**Call for Grant Applications (CGAs)**

**Ref. CGA 001-2024**

**Financial Grant for Facilitating healthcare service access for Myanmar migrants in Thailand through health insurance**

1. **Background**

Migrants living in Thailand are accounted to large proportion of populations, which contributes immensely to the socio-economic aspect of the country. Despite their critical role, the challenges in accessing essential healthcare services for several migrants are still apparent as most of them confronted with a worrying situation linked to the financing, legal, language, and cultural barriers when putting efforts to receive the services.

IOM Thailand has launched the Humanitarian, Development, Peace Nexus (HDPN) project with aims to promote equitable inclusive societies where migrants, mobile populations and communities are able to access essential services, and rights of migrant populations are respected. To support vulnerable migrants, irrespective of their legal status and possible challenges, in need of healthcare services, access to essential healthcare services will be strengthened through this project.

In Thailand, migrants, migrant workers, and their families faced multiple barriers to accessing social protection and essential healthcare services. These barriers include:

* A significant number of migrants are not covered with financial support by any type of health insurance. The Royal Thai Government requires that registered migrants be covered under a governmental health insurance scheme — either the Social Security Scheme (SSS) for employees of the informal work sector or the Migrant Health Insurance (MHI) for workers in the informal sector. Despite the requirement, data from Social Security Office in 2019 stated that merely 35.5% of registered migrants are covered under the SSS, resulting from the fact that several types of migrant workers, albeit registered, are excluded from the coverage, such as those in the agricultural sector.
* Undocumented migrants have faced difficulties in enrolling to MHI. Although undocumented migrants account for a considerable portion of migrants in Thailand, most public hospitals do not offer MHI to undocumented migrants, leaving them entirely uninsured and out of the reach of Universal Health Coverage.

In this light, to assist vulnerable migrants with regardless of their migration and financial status, and link them to essential healthcare services, IOM aims to reduce the financial burden for target population and support them with health insurance to ensure that migrants in need of healthcare treatment can access to healthcare services. To achieve the purpose, IOM is launching a Call for Grant Application (CGA) for a Grant Recipient Entity (GRE) to identify target populations in operation areas, offer affordable and accessible health insurance, and deliver facilitation services for Myanmar migrants and communities to access health insurance packages. Targeting NGOs, CSOs, CBOs, and worker organizations in Thailand, small grants will be made available through rounds of CGAs. The successful applicant will receive small grant sizes not over 10,000 USD, depending on the merits of the proposal as outlined in the partner selection criteria. This small grant focuses on supporting social protection through health insurance for vulnerable Myanmar individuals and promotes equitable and inclusive societies where migrants, mobile populations, and communities can access essential health services.

1. **Objectives of the Financial Grants**

* To support access of health insurance packages for vulnerable Myanmar migrants, mobile populations and communities, irrespective of their migratory and financial status;
* To strengthen access to essential healthcare services among migrant populations;
* To reinforce awareness of health and social protection in long-term and sustainable basis.
* To generate data on utilization of health services by Myanmar Nationals.
* To support medical treatment fees for vulnerable Myanmar migrants in need of healthcare services.

1. **Grant making principles**

* Focus on increased support for NGOs, CSOs, CBOs, and worker organizations in areas that presently obtain capacities in delivering social protection and cohesion to Myanmar migrants and communities in Thailand;
* Acceptance of partially and fully support for social protection through health insurance coverage as well as medical treatment fees;
* Locally-driven and participatory approach to program design;
* Prioritization of the safety, welfare, and organizational resilience of grantee organization;
* Partner selections with consideration of legal registration.

1. **Thematic areas for activities to be implemented under the Financial Grant**

Myanmar migrants and mobile populations in Thailand remain vulnerable to a range of accessing healthcare services and social protections despite their rights. The Financial Grant for facilitating healthcare service access for Myanmar Migrants in Thailand through health insurance is a key strategy for strengthening long-term and sustainable access to health and encouraging migrant populations to be aware of existing options and their rights in protecting their health at all cost regardless of their status. The scope of activities include but not limited to:

1. Identify at least 500 migrant individuals in the community who are in need of health protection and access to health insurance, and seek for most suitable health insurance package;
   1. Criteria of vulnerable migrant eligible to register health insurance:
      1. Myanmar national;
      2. Attaining either documented or undocumented legal status (legal status will not be put into consideration);
      3. Presently lacking private health insurance and/or public health insurance;
      4. Earning less than the daily minimum wage of THB 332 and facing economic challenges within the household (if feasible);
      5. Currently residing in one of the geographical coverage;
2. Register target migrants with affordable, accessible, and appropriate health insurance package(s) with six-month coverage. IOM will provide full or co-payment for the coverage of the health insurance;
3. Support vulnerable migrants in the target areas with medical treatment fees;
4. Oversee administrative tasks, logistics, and essential preparations for the identification and registration process of health insurance, while also providing translation and interpretation support when required;
5. Promote awareness and sustainability of health protection;
6. Facilitate IOM visits to any filed activity for purpose of monitoring and developing communication/visibility products (such as human impact stories, testimonial videos, etc.). IOM will be responsible for covering the travel cost of its staff to the project locations.
7. **Geographical coverage**

Proposals must focus on assistance to Myanmar migrants in at least one of the following geographical areas:

1. Priority provinces: Tak and Bangkok Metropolitan Region
2. Other possible provinces: Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Chumphon, Kanchanaburi, Mae Hong Son, Prachuap Khiri khan, Phetchaburi, Ranong, and Ratchaburi.
3. **Deliverables and outcomes**

The following deliverables are expected from the selected GRE:

1. Kick-off meeting with IOM to officially initiate the implementation of activities and ensure mutual understanding of the action plan, timelines, and monitoring and evaluation processes;
2. Progress meetings on a monthly basis to present and report of the cumulative progress, achievement, and challenges, for IOM to review and monitor;
3. One final narrative and financial reports in English covering the whole project duration and submission of supporting receipts. The narrative and financial reports are required to be submitted by the end of December 2024. The reporting structure will follow that of the components outlined in this TOR. The GRE is required to use IOM’s standard Narrative Reporting and Financial Reporting Template (to be provided by IOM);
4. Data summary of migrants who received support including name, age, gender, nationality, residence community, health status and utilization of health services;
5. A Report of services utilization at the end of the insurance coverage period.
6. **Funding information and project timeframe**

The available budget for the selected application is **a maximum of USD 10,000 (with value in equivalent to Thai Baht).**

The project timeframe is from Aug 2024, up until December 2024 (subject to the requirements of the funding organization.

After selection, an agreement will be signed directly with IOM. Terms of the agreement will remain subject to the respective organizational requirement of IOM and their donors.

1. **Eligibility, and Qualification**

Any GRE receiving a Financial Grant must satisfy the below requirements:

1. It is a government agency, government owned or controlled corporation, non-profit entity/foundation, non-governmental or other civil society entities, or a company that meets the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in a UN programming country.
2. It is committed to the core values of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to the Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), to the Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), to the IOM Data Protection Principles and to the Humanitarian Principles.
3. It is committed to the Principle of Partnership endorsed by Global Humanitarian Platform, and to the UN Secretary-General’s Bulletin on Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Child Protection.
4. It does not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, disability, birth, age, or other status.
5. It has not been involved or charged with any proscribed practices (annex 2), nor appear on the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List or on the United Nations Global Marketplace vendor ineligibility list.
6. It is not ineligible for grants, due to the GRE or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control over it or a member of its administrative, management or supervisory body having been the subject of a final judgement or of a final administrative decision for one of the following reasons:

(i) bankruptcy, insolvency or winding-up procedures

(ii) breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions

(iii) grave professional misconduct, including misrepresentation

(iv) fraud

(v) corruption

(vi) conduct related to a criminal organization

(vii) money laundering or terrorist financing

(viii) terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities

(ix) child labour and other trafficking in human beings

(x) irregularity

(xi) creating a shell company

(xii) being a shell company

1. Implementing on-going community outreach project(s) targeting migrants in Tak and other related provinces;
2. Established networks in migrants’ communities, civil society organizations and good relationship with local government authorities in the mentioned locations;
3. Prior experience in facilitating health insurance for vulnerable migrants with wide network of health service providers in Thailand across different provinces;
4. Cost-effectiveness, including reach/scope of proposed intervention (i.e. total beneficiaries targeted);
5. Proven experience in the area of project implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
6. Experience in receiving Grant from UN agencies is a strong asset.
7. **Selection Criteria**

The proposals/concept notes will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the table below and presented in the form of a grant proposal:

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| # | Criteria | Maximum score |
| 1 | Relevance of the proposal with the requirements and conditions of the call for grant application | 20 |
| 2 | Effectiveness of the grant methodology and strategy  - accurate and consistent proposal  - clear linkages between grant activities and outcomes | 20 |
| 3 | The action plan with logical and realistic planning, including activities and timeline | 20 |
| 4 | Cost-efficiency and relevance of the budget | 15 |
| 5 | The grant enhances migrantion health and social protection encourages inclusion of marginalized and vulnerable migrants in Thailand | 15 |
| 6 | Sustainability of the grant outcomes | 10 |
| Total | | 100 |

The applicant is considered selection if the proposal receive at least 50% of scores for each selection criteria and 70% of higher for the total scores and the top proposal out of those passing 70% will be selected.

1. **Applications**

Applications should include:

1. Brief narrative proposal based on the narrative proposal template (Annex 1), including activities as per the thematic areas above, proposed implementation timelines, and an outline of the applicant’s organization that includes its geographical coverage, stakeholder mapping and/or its key partners, and capacities in execute similar intervention;
2. Budget for proposed activities based on the budget template (Annex B), including staff, office, and operational costs;
3. Both proposals shall be submitted in English.
4. **Annexes**
5. Narrative proposal template
6. Budget template
7. Grant Agreement template
8. Declaration of Conformity
9. Vendor Information Sheet and UN Supplier Code of Conduct

Applications should be submitted to [IOMThailandtender@iom.int](mailto:IOMThailandtender@iom.int) by 23 July 2024, 17.00