

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Collaborative  
Action-Research FUND  
Latin America and the  
Caribbean

**CARE ECONOMY PUBLIC  
POLICY INNOVATIONS**

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### Types of projects eligible for financing

1. *What kind of policies, programs, or interventions can be submitted to the call for proposals?*

Public organizations must implement the policies, programs, or interventions of the study at any level of government (national, regional, or local) in Latin America and the Caribbean. Priority will be given to policies and programs at the sub-national level. Support will be given to action-research studies explicitly linked to public policies to advance the care economy agenda and reduce gender inequalities.

Public policy innovations can be (i) policy, program, or intervention/component ideas in the early stages of development, (ii) innovations to existing policies, programs, or interventions/components to expand their reach into the care economy, (iii) policies, programs or interventions/components that are already being implemented for which there is no evidence of implementation or results.

2. *What is meant by "innovation"?*

Innovations in the policies, programs, or interventions to be evaluated may be (i) new or in the process of being incorporated into the policies, programs, or interventions, or (ii) changes that have been incorporated no more than two (2) years ago and for which there is no evidence of the effects generated in the policy, program or intervention.

3. *What do care economy policies, programs, or interventions mean?*

These are those whose main objective is to contribute to transforming the care economy by addressing one or more of the 5Rs: Recognizing, Reducing, Redistributing unpaid care tasks, Rewarding paid care and domestic work, and Representation of caregivers.

Regardless of how long the policy, program, or intervention in the care economy has been implemented, it must incorporate and address at least one of the 5Rs and be linked to a public agency, which must be the partial or total executor of this intervention. Of particular interest are studies linked to care systems.

*4. Can they be mixed or only public policies, programs, or interventions?*

Policies, programs, or interventions may be implemented (i) solely by the public sector or (ii) of a mixed nature, i.e., they may be implemented by the public sector in partnership with communities, civil society, or the private sector. Innovations must have care as their primary objective, impact the generation of care services or expand them, and be related to at least one of the 5Rs.

### About the proposal team

*5. Who should form the proposal team?*

The proposal team should consist of a research team and the executor of the policy, program, or intervention.

*6. Who can be part of the research team?*

The research team may comprise one or more research organizations, such as research centers, think tanks, or universities. The proposed research team should be consistent with the proposed scope and methodology and should include at least one gender specialist and preferably a Ph.D.

*7. Who can be "executing agency"?*

The executing agency of the policy, program, or intervention should be a national, regional, or local public sector organization. It is recommended that the executor define a team consisting of a representative of the public organization directly involved in the decision-making or directing of the policy, program, or intervention and a middle manager or official directly involved in the operational activities of the policy, program, or intervention.

*8. What profile should the gender specialist have?*

The gender specialist must hold a master's degree in gender; have experience in projects, consultancies, or research related to the design, implementation, or evaluation of gender policies; or experience in management or coordination positions in public or private sector organizations related to gender issues.

*9. Can you apply as an individual or consultant?*

No, we only accept applications from organizations.

*10. Can an organization based in Latin America and the Caribbean study another country different from its headquarters?*

Yes, an organization based in Latin America and the Caribbean may conduct a study in another Latin American or Caribbean country different from its headquartered. The program, policy, or intervention to be studied must be from a Latin American or Caribbean country.

*11. Can an international organization with official headquarters in a high-income country and with regional or country offices in a Latin American or Caribbean country apply for this call?*

No, you may apply as a partner if the lead organization and the policy, program, or intervention to be evaluated are from a Latin American or Caribbean country. In no case may you apply as a leader.

*12. Do organizations applying in consortiums have to be from different countries?*

No, the applicants to the consortium call don't need to be from different countries.

*13. Can an organization submit more than one proposal?*

Yes, you can only submit up to a maximum of two proposals if the programs, policies, or interventions to be evaluated are different.

*14. What documentation is required to support the experience of the organization or individuals?*

In the case of the organization, institutional experience in projects and research on gender and care economy issues should be presented. In the case of team members, their resumes should be submitted.

Suppose the organization is selected for the signing of the agreement. In that case, the documents that prove the organization's creation before each country's respective authority, and attach the powers of the signatories. This criterion applies to both the lead organization and the partners.

*15. Is there a limit to the number of proposals a researcher can participate in?*

An individual may be an investigator or part of the research team of several proposals. If it is a coordinator, they may be part of up to a maximum of two proposals.

## **Collaboration with the agency**

*16. What type of organization should the executing agency be?*

It must be an agency in charge of implementing the policy, program, or intervention and be a public organization at the national, regional, or local levels.

*17. What is the role of the "executing agency" or public organization in charge of implementing the study's program, policy, or intervention?*

The "executor" should be a national, regional, or local public organizational or local level that implements or carries out a program, policy, or intervention focused on the care economy. The agency can lead or implement the study as a partner, participating in the

design, providing facilities to the research team for data collection and analysis, and showing a willingness to use the study results.

*18. What document is needed to prove the collaboration between the research team and "executing agency"?*

The objective is to demonstrate an explicit willingness to work together in the different phases of the proposed study; in this sense, the document may be a memorandum of understanding (MoU), an agreement, or a letter of intent (LoI) for collaboration. If the proposal involves more than one government, whether it is national or subnational, there must be an MoU, agreement, or LoI to collaborate from at least one of the implementing public organizations; and the intention to participate of the other implementing governments or public organizations may be supported by mails or other documents.

If selected, the applicant commits to advance with the necessary steps to subscribe to an MoU, agreement, or LoI of collaboration from the other governments or agencies.

### **About the proposal budget**

*19. Is co-funding required?*

It is not mandatory; it will be positively evaluated if the proposal includes co-financing.

*20. Can funding for public organizations be included in the budget?*

Yes, budgets can include pilots, training, workshops, or fieldwork in which the agency participates.

*21. Can the budget include indirect costs?*

No, the fund will not cover indirect costs.

### **Application process**

*22. Is there a specific application template?*

Yes, Annex 1 of the call for proposals specifies the minimum content of the submission.

*23. What is the deadline for submitting proposals, and by what means is the proposal submitted?*

The deadline is April 30, 2023, at 11.59 pm (Lima time). Proposals should be sent to the following e-mail address: [carefund@grade.org.pe](mailto:carefund@grade.org.pe)

*24. How will the evaluation be conducted, and when will the selected projects be notified?*

A committee will evaluate the proposals, and the results of the selected proposals will be published 15 days after the closing date of the call for proposals.

*25. Is there a specific procedure or guideline to follow for this project?*

All selected projects must align with the policies, procedures, and guidelines established by IDRC in the agreement between GRADE and IDRC, which is attached to "General Terms and Conditions." The organization must also align with GRADE's code of ethics and anti-money laundering, anti-terrorist financing, and harassment policies. This criterion applies to both the lead organization and partners.

*26. Should the proposal include any research ethics guidelines or procedures?*

Yes, the proposal should include the procedures and protocols for data collection, processing, analysis, and publication.

*27. Should the team indicate how they will manage the gathered or created data and information in the project?*

Yes, proposals should include what type of data the team will gather, how they will gather it, or whether they will request informed consent.