

## AVPN PHILANTHROPIC POOLED FUNDS FAQ

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### GENERAL

- **What is the AVPN Philanthropic Pooled Fund?**

The first of its kind in Southeast Asia, the [AVPN Philanthropic Pooled Fund](#) will be focused on supporting healthcare systems in rural and hard-to-reach urban areas in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Through this fund, unrestricted funding and operating grants will be disbursed to Non-Profit Organisations (NPO) working to strengthen primary healthcare systems and build resilience against current and future pandemics.

- **When is the application window and when will we find out if we have been selected to receive the funding?**

Applications are open from 29 April 2021 to 31 May 2021. The organisations that have been selected will find out in July 2021.

- **How big will the funding be?**

Selected organisations will receive unrestricted funding and operating grants from a pool of USD 825,000. Depending on the project's needs, each grant size may range from USD 100,000 and maximum of USD 300,000.

- **Will the grant be awarded by AVPN?**

Yes, AVPN will be managing and disbursing the grants.

- **What is the duration of implementation? How much is the allowable support cost? If approved, what are the reporting requirements?**

This fund provides unrestricted funding with the duration of the grant being 1 (one) year. For example, that would mean a maximum \$300k USD for one year. In terms of reporting, once you are selected as one of the grantees, we will work with you in identifying reporting requirements & milestones and support you where required.

- **Would it be possible if we apply for this grant and co-fund/apply for other awards as well to form our project?**

Yes, you can seek additional funding from other sources to scale your project.

- **Will Salary, Statutory Expenses (insurance, EPF, Social Security, Medical) — all of these be covered by the grant?**

Since this fund provides unrestricted funding, it is up to your discretion to decide how you would like to use the proceeds as long as they contribute towards the two impact areas outlined.

- **Can you inform us of the success rate of the proposals so far, such as how many proposals in total received and how many accepted?**

This is the first round of the fund and we do not have a minimum or maximum number of grantees that we are looking to disburse the grant to. This will depend on the review committee once they have reviewed the applications that have come in.

## ORGANISATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

- **Are social enterprises eligible to apply?**

No, this fund is only eligible for legally registered Non-Profit Organisations. Please evaluate if your organisation fulfills this criteria before proceeding to apply for this fund.

- **Are big international non-governmental organisations, like UN agencies eligible to apply?**

If your organisation is a registered Non-Profit organisation, then you will be eligible to apply. Please evaluate if your organisation fulfills this criteria before proceeding to apply for this fund.

- **What types of documentation do you accept as proof of non-profit or charities?**

Please provide the legal documentation provided by the national authorities in your country.

- **With regards to the grant application for the AVPN Philanthropic Pooled Fund (healthcare & COVID-19), can you advise if we should be providing the organisational details of our HQ or of our regional or national office? For example, if the Asia bureau (based in Thailand) is applying for a grant for a project that is to be implemented in the Philippines, should we be providing organisation details of our HQ, of our Asia office or of our national office in the Philippines?**

If you have multiple registered legal entities, please list one that is most relevant to the region that the Fund covers. You should also ensure that the organisation listed should meet the application eligibility.

## IMPACT AREAS

- **What are the impact areas that our organisation should be working on?**

Your organisation should contribute to both (i) strengthening the access & delivery of primary healthcare and (ii) build resilience against pandemics through response & recovery efforts.

- **Can we work in different locations for impact area (i) Strengthening primary healthcare systems and a separate location for impact area (ii) Building resilience against current and future pandemics?**

You will need to demonstrate that your organisation is addressing both the impact areas of this fund collectively.

- **My organisation supplies medical equipment like medical beds, oxygen concentrators, wheelchairs etc. Can the grant be used for this purpose? Similarly, does working on hygiene awareness and handwashing facilities qualify under these impact areas?**

If through your application, you are able to articulate how you are addressing both the impact areas of this fund; (i) Strengthening primary healthcare systems and (ii) Building resilience against current and future pandemics, then you will be eligible. Please evaluate if you are able to do so before proceeding to apply.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- **What is the evaluation criteria for approval?**

In identifying successful grantees, we will be looking at the organisation's eligibility and alignment to the key criteria and impact areas that have been outlined.

- **Who evaluates the applications? How are they evaluated?**

Applications are evaluated by an Operating and Grant Committee based on the criteria that have been shared. The application form requires you to provide information about your organisation and your solution across the following criteria:

- Business model and traction to date
- Financial Stability & Sustainability
- Social Impact
- Problem-solution Fit
- Team, Board and Advisors

- **How detailed should the project description be when we fill in the application form?**  
Each section of the form has a word count limitation. It is up to your discretion to provide as much relevant information about the project, within the word count.
- **Can we apply as a coalition with one lead partner? If yes, can the lead partner put in more than one application with different partners?**  
You can only apply as a single organisation. Coalitions will however not be accepted. One organisation can only submit one application.
- **In the application form, is there a need for a separate budget template submission? If so, please provide guidance on the budget format.**  
There is no specific budget template that you will need to follow. On the application form, there is a section called 'Use of Proceeds', that you can use to indicate how the grant proceeds will be used to scale your work.
- **Section 2.D (Financial Feasibility & Ask ) on the application form asks to provide 'financial details of your organisation from 2018-2020 (the last 3 years), including values of more than USD50k only'. What does including values of more than USD50K only imply?**  
This means that you only need to report financials from the last three years if they are in excess of USD50K. If it is lower than this, you do not need to mention it in the application form.
- **Under Section 2.C of the application form, is the question about the business model referring to how our organisation works in the 4 countries or globally?**  
This question is specifically about how your organisation works in the 4 target markets.
- **We are working on an application for this pooled fund and wanted to ask for clarification on the below question, "Please indicate the details (e.g. source of funding, recurring/one off, etc.) of philanthropic grants or other types of unrestricted funding you have received. You must include all AVPN member(s) that have previously funded your organisation." Was this question strictly related to AVPN funding we have received/ funding from AVPN members or all funding we have received to our organisation from any source?**  
In your form, please indicate funding that you have received till date and if this funding came from any AVPN members, please specifically mention all of them. You can find the list of AVPN members [here](#).
- **Under section 2.E. Use of proceeds, there is a question asking us to list partnerships and collaborations that will increase the impact and sustainability of our efforts? Do**

**we need to state each of the partners and their roles as well as what strengths they will bring to the project?**

Yes, please provide a list of partners that will be instrumental in supporting the work that your organisation will be doing across the two impact areas.

- **How can we send documents and attachments? Is there a special email address for sending the required documents ?**

You will be able to upload all necessary documents through the online application portal.

## **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION / IP**

- **What happens to the Intellectual Property (“IP”) in my submission / products /services?**

Please note that AVPN will not be taking any ownership of or responsibility for your intellectual property. You are advised against submitting any confidential or proprietary information through this application.

- **What happens when I opt-in and agree to have my organisational and personal information used for marketing and publicity purposes?**

By opting in, we will be able to mention your organisation's name, logo, and products /services publicly in relation to the fund on AVPN's and other partners' websites and associated marketing collateral.