

# Grand Challenges PALOP

The Grand Challenges Brasil Programme, with the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is opening applications for the **selection of project proposals from institutions in Portuguese-speaking African Countries (PALOP) on the theme:**

## Use of secondary data to improve women's and children's health and well-being

The aim of the Call for Proposals is to foster innovative uses of secondary data in order to contribute to solving/understanding women's and children's health outcomes. Research funded by this call must be relevant to each PALOP's public health context and must be conducted locally. At the same time, it is expected to build a growing capacity in data science, epidemiology and public health in the PALOP.

We seek proposals that:

- Address a problem identified as a priority in a PALOP country or region;
- Promote innovation with secondary data to support decision makers and affected communities;
- Are designed to answer scientific questions related to women's and maternal health, including proposals that consider the impact of communicable diseases on this group;
- Have an implementation timeline of up to 12 months;
- Are driven by a commitment to open science and data sharing in such a way as to build a collaborative network to enable discoveries that will benefit people everywhere.

**The deadline to express interest in this call is July 31, 2023**

To express interest, follow the instructions below:

1. Login to the platform: <https://portal.fiocruz.br/edital-grand-challenges-palop>
2. Fill in the available form
3. Answer two questions:
  - What is your idea? (300 words)
  - Which databases do you have access to and intend to use in the proposal?

**Projects will be funded with up to US\$ 20,000, with an allocation period of up to 12 months.**

**Projects selected in the first round must submit a detailed proposal by September 1.**

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