

German-Syrian Hospital Partnerships - Information for Project Proposals

Objective

German-Syrian hospital partnership projects develop genuine institutional collaborations with the aim of sustainably strengthening capacities in the Syrian healthcare system.

- **Geographic and thematic scope:** The German-Syrian hospital partnerships aim to achieve the broadest possible geographical coverage in all Syrian regions and - driven by the medical breadth of the diaspora and local needs - are expected to cover a wide range of health topics and medical specialties.
- **Partner institutions:** Partner institutions from civil society and public institutions will be mobilized.
- **Capacity building:** The focus is on capacity building through strengthening and training of staff in the health sector. Consequently, projects that focus exclusively or predominantly on the procurement of equipment are not eligible for funding. Procurement can be part of the project to an appropriate extent.
- **Efficiency:** The aim is to benefit as many health professionals as possible by using approaches such as training of trainers (ToT). In all their activities, applying projects should use low threshold but evidence-based approaches.
- **Context-tailored activities:** Implemented activities should be in alignment with national priorities and they should be adapted to the local context.
- **Adaptability:** Dynamic approaches and strategies, appropriate to changing conditions, should be applied.
- **Long-term partnerships:** The goal is the establishment of long-term partnerships, where appropriate and possible as part of (multinational) networks.
- **Multidisciplinarity:** Work in multidisciplinary teams which may include diverse professions enriches hospital partnerships.
- **Equity and inclusion:** The projects critically reflect upon structural inequalities and different forms of discrimination. The situation of diverse and vulnerable population groups should be given special and targeted consideration in the applications.
- **Sustainability:** Projects should consider only measures that can be established sustainably.

Term

Generally, project funding runs for two years but can be extended depending on project outcome and needs in Syria.

Funding amount

Partnerships can apply for funding up to 250,000 EUR, depending on their needs, prior experience in handling third-party funding and in implementing projects in partnerships. Applicants with no or only limited experiences are advised to apply for smaller amounts of 125,000 EUR max.

Forwarding of funds is not possible (please ignore the sheet “forwarding” in the budget template).

Costs that can be covered:

- Training costs
- Travel costs
- Procurements (as a guideline: maximum of 30% of the total budget)
- Personnel costs (to a reasonable extent)

Costs that are not eligible for funding:

- Construction or renovation of buildings and infrastructure
- Procurement that requires major part of the budget

Applying institutions

Applications are submitted by German institutions (hospitals, NGOs and foundations with implementation experience) with the following characteristics:

- Public-law institutions or non-profit organization in Germany
- Availability of administrative and accounting capacities for project implementation and financial processing
- Availability of qualified personnel for implementation
- The institution implements evidence-based approaches in health care

Partner institutions in Syria

Cooperation partners can be healthcare institutions (especially but not limited to hospitals), NGOs and foundations with implementation experience in Syria or healthcare networks in Syria with the following characteristics:

- The institution provides public health services
- The institution has qualified personnel for implementation

Legally separate but affiliated sister organizations, such as 'NGO A Germany' and 'NGO A Syria,' cannot serve as the sole hospital partner organizations. The primary partner organizations must be fully independent. However, affiliated sister organizations may participate as additional partners.

Process

Step 1: The funding programme receives project proposals and assesses them for their fit with the portfolio of German-Syrian hospital partnerships and compliance with the formal framework conditions.

Step 2: Positively evaluated project proposals are further developed into eligible project applications in dialogue with the Hospital Partnerships team.

Step 3: The applicant hands in a complete application.

Step 4: The applicant receives the final approval or rejection of their application.

The funding program oversees and develops a portfolio of German-Syrian hospital partnerships and ensures that despite limited funding the needs of the Syrian health system can be addressed in the best possible way. To achieve this, a balance of supported topics as well as covered regions and involved partners will be maintained. Partnerships are invited to plan their activities in stages and packages, which might be funded in subsequent funding rounds.