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# ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership (HSP)

## Round 1 Competitive Funding Information Sessions

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**INFORMATION SESSION ROUND 1**

28 August 2025  
3pm. ICT (Bangkok)

29 August 2025  
9am. ICT (Bangkok)

ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership Funding

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# About FHI 360 UK

- FHI 360 UK is a wholly owned subsidiary of FHI 360, a global international development NGO.
- FHI 360 opened our London office in 2019 supporting work with the UK government.
- FHI 360 UK supports the full range of FHI 360 services, particularly in health and education, as well as delivering innovative and politically aware governance and PFM programming.
- FHI 360 UK holds the HSP contract with FCDO.



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# FHI 360's Presence in Asia



# Section A: About the Funding Opportunity



What HSP is trying to do

# About the ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership



## *Why HSP?*

- ASEAN faces ongoing and emerging health security challenges (infectious diseases, climate change, etc.).
- Health system gaps and vulnerabilities highlighted by past pandemics and disasters.

## *ASEAN Vision for Health*

- Universal Health Coverage, health equity, and resilient systems.
- Enhanced regional cooperation and One Health approach.

## *ASEAN-UK Partnership & Plan of Action (POA)*

- HSP is a flagship initiative under ASEAN-UK Dialogue Partnership (2022–2026).
- 5-year, FCDO-funded, regional health security programme.

# About the ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership

ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership (HSP) will improve capacity for the prevention, detection, and response to health threats in ASEAN and its 10 Member States plus Timor-Leste, contributing to improved regional and global health security.

**Impact:** To reduce the health, social and economic impacts of health emergencies in ASEAN and strengthen global health security.

## 3 priority outcomes:

- Strengthened preparedness and response to health emergencies.
- Improved health system resilience and equitable access to care.
- Better understanding and improved action to address the health impacts of climate change.

## Contributing to ASEAN Health Priorities under:

- **AHC2:** Responding to all hazards and emerging threats
- **AHC3:** Strengthening Health System and Access to Care
- **AHC4:** Ensuring Food Safety

## Grant programme duration:

4 years (February 2025-March 2029)

## Budget:

£20.25 million (Up to £13.85m in grants; Up to £1m in peer exchange awards; £1m MEL)

## Geographic scope:

ASEAN Region + Timor Leste

## Implementing partners:

FHI 360 UK (management agent),  
The Pandemic Institute, Itad



# Who the Fund is For

## Benefiting Countries

- ASEAN Member States (AMS) + Timor-Leste: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Timor-Leste

## Eligible Applicants

- AMS & Timor-Leste autonomous govt institutions (must have operational/financial autonomy from Ministries; cannot be core MoH units).
- Academic, research, technical organisations.
- Civil Society Organisations, NGOs, INGOs – must partner with or support AMS.
- Consortia of multiple eligible organisations (must name single lead).





# Competed Round Highlights

	Snapshot	What It Offers ASEAN
<b>Grants Facility</b>	Catalytic investments to support the implementation of national and regional action plans.	<p><b>Country grants</b> to target national health priorities in a single country.</p> <p><b>Multi-country grants</b> to address regional, cross-border, or other shared challenges in at least 3 countries (must include Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Timor-Leste or Vietnam).</p>
<b>Peer Exchange Platform</b>	A flexible platform facilitating peer-to-peer knowledge exchange, technology transfer, collaborative research, capacity-building, etc.	<b>Short-term awards</b> for two or more entities to carry out exchange (AMS – AMS, AMS –UK, AMS – Global South peers).
<b>Technical Assistance Hub</b>	A network of experts at country and regional level with relevant knowledge and experience.	<b>Design and implementation support</b> for HSP grants for select <sup>1</sup> applicants and grantees in Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) countries and Timor-Leste.

1. Eligible projects in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Timor-Leste and Vietnam only

# Section B: Eligibility and Requirements



Who can participate and who can benefit



# Financial Information

## Funding Details\*

- Multi-country Grants: Up to 4 awards, max. £1.5M each, 24–36 months
- Country Grants: Up to 4 awards, max. £400k each, 18–24 months
- Peer Exchange: Up to 8 awards, max £75k, 1-12 months

## Eligible Costs

- Personnel (actual costs only), direct travel, workshops, MEL, GEDSI costs.
- MEL and indirect costs must be included (e.g., i time for MEL officer).

## Currencies

- Must budget and receive funding in GBP.



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UK DHSC (2024)

\* Funding and grant totals subject to actual applications received.



# Eligible Applicants

- **AMS/autonomous government entities:** Public entities (often established by law) that operate with a mandate from central government with ability to make independent decisions, manage their own budgets/revenue and receive external funding – e.g., national public health institutes, national public laboratories, or multisectoral coordination mechanisms.
- **Academic institutions, CSOs, think tanks and research institutions:** Must be able to document legal status (preferably in the target country) and support/align with national or regional plans and policies.
- **Consortium approaches:** Consortia are eligible for multi-country grants only. There must be a lead applicant with coordination/ fiduciary responsibility.
- **Frequency:** Entities may not apply as a lead for more than one application per grant type in Round 1; multiple applications are permitted for peer exchanges.

All applicants (CSOs, academic, etc.) must show **evidence of registration/ legal status.**

“**Autonomous**”: HSP is unable to provide direct budget support to central government ministries. Core government ministries and departments – such as a MOH and its central administrative units – are ineligible

**Consortia** can include a mix of eligible partner types.

**UN Agencies and Private Sector Actors:** Ineligible as lead applicants for HSP grants in this round or act as the fund recipient for project management purposes. However, they may receive subgrants.

**Peer Exchange:** Peer exchange proposals must involve collaboration between at least two countries. Peer exchange proposals require a designated focal point for coordination, contracting, and reporting.



# Ineligible Applicants

## Not eligible as leads:

- United Nations agencies cannot serve as lead applicants for grants or Peer Exchange awards.
- No National/Federal Ministries or Central Government Depts.
- Commercial organisations are not eligible as leads but can participate as partners if not responsible for overall grant management.
- Consortia lacking an eligible lead. Unregistered groups or loose consortiums are not eligible.

## No grants for:

- Construction/major equipment purchases.
- Primary research – implementation research or “data for action” projects may be considered.
- Profit margins, contingency fees, or other mark ups.

**ASEAN Centres and Networks** are not eligible for competed awards in this round. Please ask about direct funding from HSP instead:

[enquiries.hsp@fhi360uk.com](mailto:enquiries.hsp@fhi360uk.com).



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# Capacity Requirements

## Financial Capacity

- Ability to manage grants responsibly with demonstrated experience with similar-size grants.
- Submit audited financial statements from the past 2 years
- Adequate internal controls and segregation of duties
- Transparent budget management
- Ability to track HSP funds separately

## Programmatic/ Technical Capacity

- Relevant experience delivering regional/ national projects
- Project team with appropriate technical qualifications
- Documented, clear roles & responsibilities for key staff (CVs/bios may be requested)
- Capacity to engage with multiple stakeholders
- Evidence of past successful collaborations
- Sufficient project management and reporting processes

## Safeguarding & Compliance

- Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH)
- Fraud, anti-corruption, and conflict of interest
- Child safeguarding
- Willingness to undergo due diligence (financial/ operational)

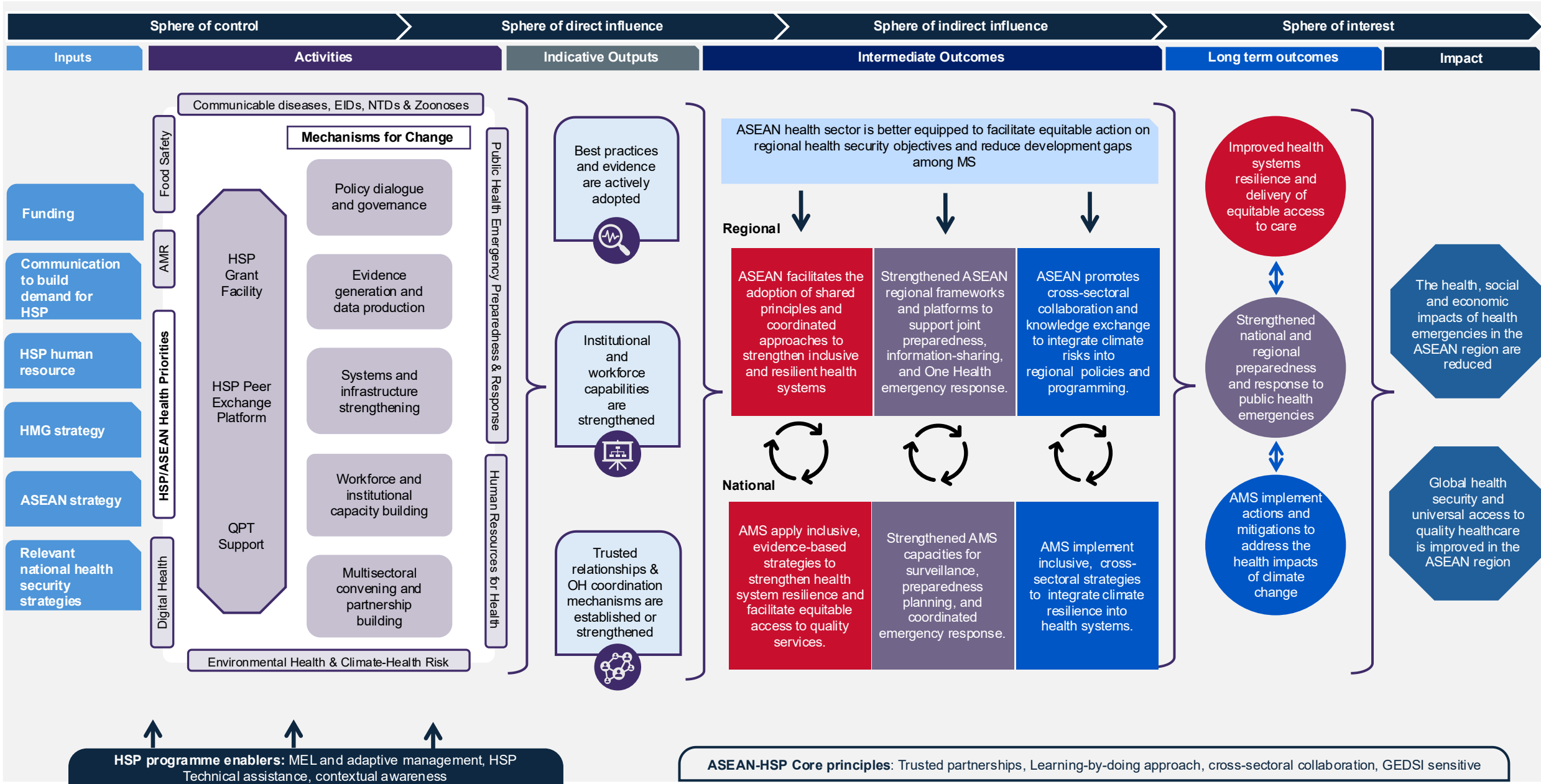


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# Section C: Project Design



Contributing to the HSP Theory of Change





# Project Design Considerations

The designs for proposed projects must:

- Contribute to the **HSP's Theory of Change**.
- Clearly map work to **national, regional**, and, where relevant, **global outcomes**, e.g.: SDGs
- Participate in national, regional and/or global **data reporting and sharing mechanisms** if relevant, e.g.: DHIS2 or GISAID.
- Explain links to AMS health strategies, AHC cluster strategies, or regional pandemic/health security frameworks if relevant, e.g.:
  - National Action Plans for Health Security (NAPHS)
  - ASEAN Regional OH Joint Plan of Action
  - Initiative for ASEAN Integration Work Plan IV
  - Asia Pacific Health Security Action Framework

## Outcome Mapping in HSP

A specific Theory of Change for your project is not required.

Applicants will be asked to use the **HSP Outcome Map and Logframe** template (provided at application) to align their projects to HSP's overall programme results framework. Applicants will select indicators provided by HSP at these levels of the results chain:

- Activities (Mechanisms of Change)
- Indicative Outputs
- Intermediate Outcomes

# Cross Cutting Considerations

These considerations during the design of your proposal will help guide you to implement a project that is more likely to contribute to lasting, sustainable change for people and the planet.

For **applicants**, more guidance will be available in the *HSP Applicant Manual* and *Round 1 Terms of Reference* when they are released.

For **grantees**, HSP will provide regular training and support sessions to strengthen these aspects of grants.

## Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI)

Actively reduce barriers and promote the rights, voice, and inclusion of women, persons with disabilities, and marginalized groups – embedding equity in design, delivery, and outcomes. *E.g.: Include a dedicated GEDSI analysis at project inception.*

## One Health and Multisectoral Collaboration

Integrate human, animal, and environmental health approaches – fostering multisectoral partnerships to address complex, cross-border health threats. *E.g., establish a shared disease surveillance dashboard and response protocols.*

## Climate and Health Resilience

Anticipate and reduce health risks from climate change, strengthening the resilience of health systems and populations through adaptation and evidence-driven measures. *E.g.: Integrate climate risk assessments and adaptation planning into national health policy workshops.*

## Safeguarding and Ethics

Uphold strict ethical standards – ensuring safety, transparency, and protection from exploitation or abuse. *E.g.: Develop a safeguarding protocol and training for all partners.*

## Evidence-based, Demand-led, and Adaptive Programming

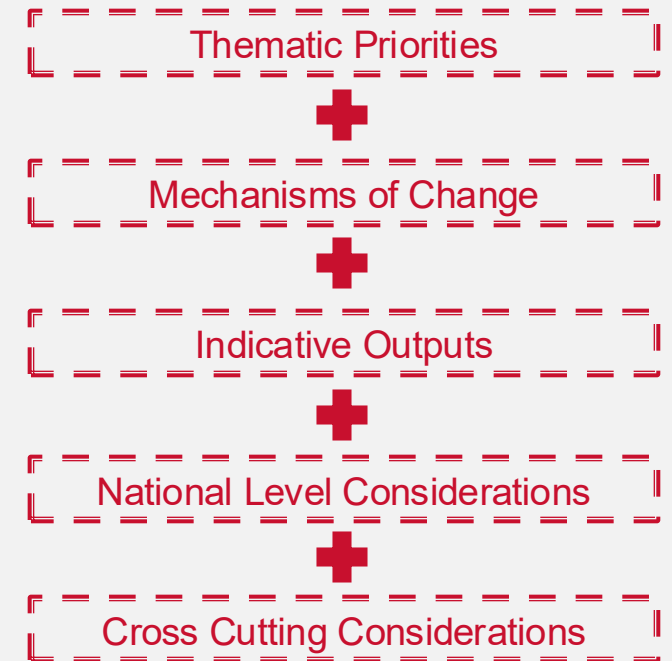
Use credible evidence, address local and regional needs, and remain flexible to evolving threats, guided by ongoing learning. *E.g.: Use a participatory needs assessment involving AMS and community representatives in your design stage.*



# National Level Considerations

- Direct impact on health security and system resilience within a specific ASEAN Member State or Timor-Leste
- Target country-specific health priorities, e.g. early outbreak detection, lab capacity, health workforce development.
- Align with national policies, plans, and implementation needs.
- Demonstrate evidence of national government consultation and support strengthens applications.

## National Design Formula

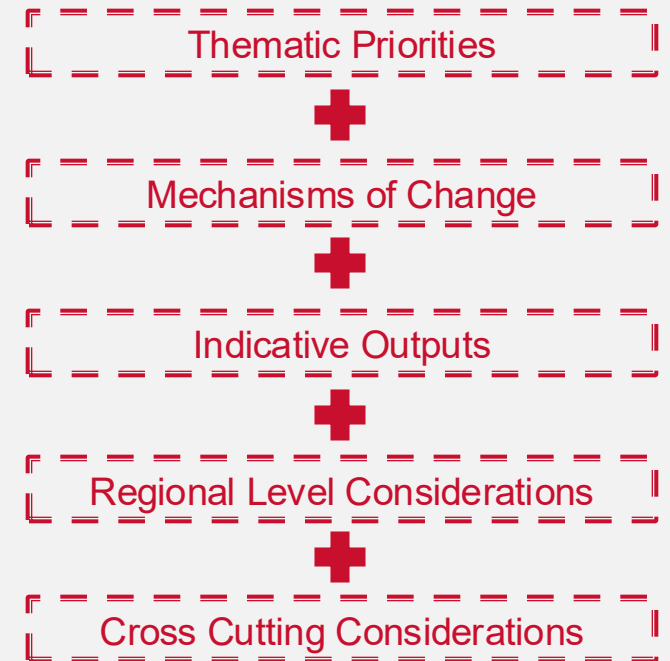




# Regional Level Considerations

- Addresses national and regional development gaps or strengthens regional frameworks and cross-border cooperation.
- Map activities to specific national and/or regional health frameworks.
- Strengthens regional frameworks and cross-border cooperation
- Supports regional platforms for joint surveillance, emergency response, knowledge sharing (One Health, climate-health, disaster management).
- Aligns with ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda and Cluster Work Programmes.

## Regional Design Formula



# Thematic Priorities for Round 1

- HSP consulted with AHC 2, 3, 4 using secondary data to triangulate need.
- 7 priorities (**highlighted**) were agreed.
  - **Grants:** Priority 8, 9, 11, 12, 19, 20 & 21.
  - **Peer exchange:** Open for all 14 priorities.
- Requirements for Applicants
  - Proposals must target one or more HP.
  - Justify project relevance to chosen priority(ies)
  - Address needs identified through stakeholder consultation

	Health Priority	Description
2	<b>HP 8</b>	<b>Prevention and control of communicable diseases, emerging infectious diseases, neglected tropical diseases, zoonotic diseases</b>
	<b>HP 9</b>	<b>Regional preparedness &amp; response to public health emergencies.</b>
	HP 10	Strengthening laboratory capacity
	<b>HP 11</b>	<b>Combating antimicrobial resistance (AMR)</b>
	<b>HP 12</b>	<b>Environmental health, health impact assessment (HIA) and health impact of climate change</b>
	HP 13	Disaster Health Management
3	HP 14	Traditional & Complementary Medicine
	HP 15	Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal & Child Health
	HP 16	Universal Health Coverage, incl. health financing, service delivery
	HP 17	Migrants' health
	HP 18	Pharmaceutical development
	<b>HP 19</b>	<b>Human Resources for Health</b>
	<b>HP 20</b>	<b>Digital health and health information system</b>
4	<b>HP 21</b>	<b>Food safety</b>



# Mechanism of Change

## Mechanism

## Example activities

**Policy dialogue/governance**

Policy/roadmap development, cross-sector committees

**Systems/infrastructure strengthening**

Improving surveillance, strengthening labs, digital platforms

**Workforce/institutional capacity**

Training, curriculum design, mentoring, peer exchange

**Multisectoral partnership**

Joint action between health, agriculture, environment, private sector

**Evidence generation/data**

Assessments, implementation research, policy briefs, data harmonization



# HSP peer exchange platform

A flexible platform\* to support:

- Structured knowledge exchange
- Dissemination of best practices
- Technology transfer
- Cross-border collaboration
- One Health collaboration

*\* HSP has a special interest in exchanges that are embedded in HSP grants – to support projects through aspects of project design, needs assessment, delivery, and learning.*

## Approach

- ➔ AMS to AMS
- ➔ AMS to UK government agencies, academic institutions, and other actors.
- ➔ AMS to Global South peers



# Peer exchange is at the heart of HSP

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| <b>Reflects Diverse ASEAN Needs</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Caters to varied capacities across Member States</li><li>• Ensures inclusivity &amp; relevance for all (incl. the UK)</li></ul>                     |
| <b>Enables Cross-Sector Collaboration</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aligns with One Health</li><li>• Supports HC2, HC3 and HC4 thematic intersections</li></ul>   |
| <b>Fosters Innovation &amp; Learning</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broad scope promotes new ideas, tools &amp; partnerships</li><li>• Encourages transfer of digital, climate-smart and governance solutions</li></ul> |
| <b>Promotes Equity &amp; South-South Learning</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Responds to local demand and learning needs</li><li>• Empowers lower-income countries to share good practices</li></ul>                             |
| <b>Strengthens Regional Cohesion</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supports joint actions (e.g., AMR, cross-border surveillance)</li><li>• Builds ASEAN solidarity through multi-country peer exchanges</li></ul>      |

## Bonus points

*HSP will welcome proposals for peer exchanges awards in **all** of the Health Priorities in Round 1.*

*HSP is particularly interested in **projects where peer exchanges are embedded in HSP grants** – to support projects through aspects of project design, needs assessment, delivery, and learning.*

# Section D: Financial Requirements



Budget design, financial reporting and other compliance matters



# Developing Your Budget

## What to prepare:

- *Itemized costs*: directly linked to project activities, outputs, MEL, and GEDSI.
- *Budget narrative/justification*: explain each item (what, why, cost calculation).
- *Personnel*: Position title, rate, time allocation per activity, cost.
- *Travel*: Destination, purpose, cost (airfare, hotel, per diem).
- *Events & Workshops*: Venue, facilitation, materials, translation, accessibility, estimated number of participants.
- *Materials & Supplies*: Only if directly and proportionately related to delivery (e.g. training materials).
- *MEL & GEDSI costs*: Monitoring, evaluation, learning, gender/inclusion measures, accessibility
- *Indirect and overhead costs*: Must be benchmarked, justified, in line with your organisation's policies, not exceeding acceptable norms.

## Currency:

- All costs must be in GBP (£). Grantees are paid in GBP.

## Personnel Rates:

- Rates must be market-benchmarked and documented.

## Template Provided

*Applicants will receive an HSP Budget & Workplan template after EOI shortlisting.*



# Developing Your Budget

## What can you include in your HSP budget?

### Direct Costs:

- *Personnel*: Salaries, consultancy (core and project administration, MEL, safeguarding, GEDSI).
- *Travel and subsistence*: Reasonable, project-related, and aligned with national/institutional policy.
- *Workshops, seminars, training*: Venue and logistics, including accessibility adjustments, training materials.
- *Consultants and sub-contractors*: If delivery is project-critical and brings specialist skills.
- *Materials, supplies*: Directly linked to activity (translation, printing, digital tools).
- *Equipment*: Not large/infrastructure. Only if needed for project delivery such as diagnostic kits or consumables, or where the equipment is part of technical assistance, training, or service delivery.
- *MEL & learning*: Data collection, analysis tools, frequency,

staff time, GEDSI analysis.

- *GEDSI costs*: Translation/interpreters, accessibility accommodations, inclusive venue arrangements, LGBTIQ+ accommodations.

### Indirect Costs (Overheads):

- Proportionate share of agency costs (rent, utilities, management), only if not double-counted.
- Must be supported by org financial policy and kept reasonable/benchmarkable.



# Developing Your Budget

## What is NOT allowed?

- Personnel/staff costs of government staff or unapproved partners.
- Core ministry expenses or direct budget support to Ministries (autonomous entities only).
- Profit, contingency, risk premium or mark-ups on direct or indirect costs.
- Infrastructure/capital: Construction, major renovations, durable equipment (e.g., vehicles, building labs).
- Primary research.
- Costs or time of partners who are not directly in the proposal or contract.
- Costs not clearly linked to proposed activities.
- Lobbying, fines, penalties, debt service.
- Alcohol, entertainment, souvenirs.
- Duplicated costs (claimed with other donors).

# Section E: Application Process



Understand the steps in the EOI and application process



# Process and Deadlines

## Step 1: Information Sessions

- When: 28 & 29 August 2025

## Step 2: Expression of Interest (EOI)

- When: Submit for Grants from 1–14 September 2025. Submit for Peer Exchange from 8-28 September 2025.
- Where: Submit via MetricsLed online portal (<https://hsp.metricsled.com>)
- Include: Organisation details, project idea, eligibility, govt partnerships.

## Step 3: Review and Shortlisting

- EOI reviewed for eligibility, thematic fit.
- Feedback: Shortlisted applicants receive further guidance, including application pack and detailed Terms of Reference for the call.

## Step 4: Full Application

- When: 5-6 weeks for shortlisted applicants to prepare and submit online.
- Provide: Detailed proposal (narrative, outcome map, logframe, workplan, risk register, budget), evidence of partners/MOUs, government consultation.
- Peer Exchange applications follow same process.

## Step 5: Assessment, Contracting

- Technical and financial review, due diligence, compliance checks.
- Notification: Conditional awards (issues to address, if any); contract agreement sent.

## Quick Start

*Reflecting the urgent need to mobilise new resources in global health today, HSP Round 1 is designed to enable work to get underway during the first quarter of 2026.*



# Calendar

Activity	Dates (indicative)
Info Sessions	28 & 29 Aug 2025
EOI Window	1–14 Sept 2025 Grants 8–28 Sept 2025 Peer exchange awards
Shortlisting	Late Sept 2025
Application Window	Late Sept–Late Oct 2025
Application Review	Early Nov 2025–Dec 2025
Award Decision	Dec 2025–Jan 2026
Grant Negotiation, Agreement & Start	Jan–Feb 2026

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# Expression of Interest

## EOI requirements:

- Organisational information (status, registration, capacity), partners, summary, thematic alignment.
- Short project concept (rationale, activities, intended impact, stakeholders).
- Government collaboration evidence/ evidence of alignment with relevant national & regional priorities.

**Deadline: September 14, 2025 (grants); September 28, 2025 (peer exchange)**

**Submit via MetricsLed portal** (details provided on the website):

>> <https://hsp.metricsled.com/>

## MetricsLed

*MetricsLed is a fund management platform designed to support the end-to-end grant management process, from early interest through application and grant negotiation process, to the end of a grant.*

# Expression of Interest

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## ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership Programme (HSP)

The ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership (HSP) is a five-year initiative funded by the UK strengthening health security and improving equitable access to primary care across ASEAN member states and Timor-Leste. HSP focuses on supporting national plans and policies aligned to ASEAN's regional health objectives. We offer competitive grants and peer exchange awards in a variety of health security and health systems strengthening themes.

### Priority Outcomes:

1. Strengthened preparedness and response to health emergencies
2. Improved health system resilience and equitable access to care
3. Better understanding and improved action to address the health impacts of climate change.



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# Expression of Interest

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Click “Read More” to learn more about what we look for in your EOI >

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## Open Opportunities

If you have already started an application for an opportunity, click [GO TO SUBMISSIONS](#) to continue your application.

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### Expression of Interest – Round 1 2025


Closing Date: 14 Sep 2025 16:59 UTC

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- One Health
- Climate & Health
- Pandemic Preparedness

If you are a prospective grantee, we invite you to submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the HSP funding round 1.

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# Grants: Application Process

**Shortlisted applicants:** will be sent an Application Pack and Terms of Reference during the last week of September.

## Must provide:

- Full proposal (problem, rationale, stakeholder analysis, ToC/outcome map, MEL, risk register, workplan, budget).
- Proof of partnerships, government collaboration.
- Exit/sustainability plan.

## Evaluation:

- Technical and financial criteria (structure, team, risk, track record, value for money, workplan, sustainability).
- Details on HSP's scoring rubric for Round 1 will be included in the Application Pack.

## Scoring method

*Applications will be reviewed by subject matter experts and other technical experts deployed from HSP's Technical Consultation Group (TCG).*

*Funding recommendations from the TCG will be considered by HSP's Joint Programme Steering Committee consisting of representatives from FHI 360 UK, FCDO, ASEAN Secretariat, and the Quadripartite.*

# Section F: Next Steps and Other Resources

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Interested to apply? Submit an Expression of Interest or join a TA Clinic

# Recapping the Process for Round 1

- **Information Sessions:**  
28 and 29 Aug 2025
- **Grants EOI submission via website/portal:**  
By 14 Sept 2025 (Grants); 28 Sept 2025 (Peer Exchange Awards)
- **Grants shortlisting and invitation to full application**  
By end of Sept 2025
- **Conditional awards, grant negotiation and agreement, implementation:**  
From Jan/Feb 2026

**Questions?**

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