Collaborations & partnerships

Noting that one individual may not feel equally able to deliver all strands of this analysis, will Wellcome be open to a proposal from an individual (or group of individuals) to propose to undertake only a part of this analysis – e.g. the landscape analysis for Africa only?

- Unfortunately, due to legal and logistical challenges we will only accept individuals and/or organisations who will do this landscape analysis in the 6 LMICs in Asia and Africa. We welcome applications from organisations who have partnered to cover all 6 LMICs before submitting their final joint proposal.

Is Wellcome open to sharing (with all suppliers) capability statements from individuals who are able to work as in-country partners (for 1 or more specific target countries) to potential UK based suppliers bidding for this work?

- Wellcome is happy to share the consultants’ capability statements with the bidding organisations to collaborate as partners as consented by the individual consultant/s.

In terms of partnerships, are you looking for a formal collaboration with academic institutions to support on research analysis and findings?

- Wellcome is happy to accept applications from a group of individuals or partner organisations. We will want one of these organisations to be identified as the lead contact. We don’t have any requirement to collaborate with academic institutions and it’s up to the supplier to decide on this matter.

To what extent are suppliers expected to have a "brick and mortar" presence in the countries of interest? Would networks and partnerships be suitable / desirable?

- If the supplier is based in the UK, we would expect them to have in-country partners for the target countries identified in the proposal. A brick-and-mortar presence is not required but tokenistic partnerships will not suffice.

Research scope

In relation to the following passage in your RFP document: “use this mapping to inform its future work in the challenge area of Climate and health. We are interested in building partnerships and investment to involve young people in minimising the effects of global heating on health. We envisage that young people could play different roles including policy advocates, researchers, communicators, community organisers, problem solvers, citizens.” What kind of specific interventions/implementations do you have in mind, and do you already have existing on-ground partners e.g. fellowships; comms campaigns; activist groups?

- We are open to all types of robust participation from young people on these issues. While we have some partners on the ground, we do not have specific campaigns underway and are looking to the supplier to map the range of potential partnerships available in the country being studied.

Are you looking for a comprehensive landscape analysis? Or are you prioritizing to get access to voices from different regions/communities often unheard? In other words, are you interested in exhaustive literature or stakeholders survey or creative solutions to access knowledge from the marginalized?
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- We’re looking for a balance of both. We certainly want to understand the major players (especially those that might play a regional role), but we also need to make a particular effort to include marginalised and local groups. We understand that it may be difficult to get a comprehensive landscape mapping but wish to ensure that it is indicative of the types of groups who can engage with young people.

Well-designed research has been done by others on some of the questions you set out (for example, health research institutes in LMICs in Africa and Asia looking at climate change and health). Are you happy for us to incorporate this, rather than seek to replicate it, where we are satisfied that it is of high quality?
- Research that has been carried out may inform the landscape analysis. The content and the structure of the report will be agreed after the commission of this work in collaboration with the appointed suppliers.

In order to size the effort required, do you have a specific minimum expectation on the number of stakeholders that should be engaged and the proportion that should be young people?
- We’re looking for 15-20 stakeholders per country. We’re happy to negotiate that depending on the level of engagement with the stakeholders.

Do you expect each expression of interest to focus on all the 3 objectives stated in the request for proposal? Or can one focus on one over the other?
- Your full proposal should answer all 3 objectives stated in the RFP. You don’t need to submit any additional information with your expression of interest – the EOI should simply state your intention to submit a full proposal.

Youth involvement in this project

What are your expectations in terms of consulting / engaging with young people in the design of the proposal? In addition, are you happy for the project itself to be led by young leaders?
- We feel there’s a strategic value in consulting young people in this project as it will allow the youth to reflect on the efficiency and effectiveness of the different stakeholders on the ground. Therefore, engaging with young people in the design and implementation of this project would add value to the proposal.

Could we instead of focus group discussions gather youth’s perspectives and voices using social media or youth organisation or peer educators?
- It’s up to the individual supplier to propose the method to include youth’s perspectives and voices about the initiatives, organisations and projects that are present in their communities.

You mention “minoritized communities” in 3.2. In many countries, youth from minority communities are marginalised. Would you like us to focus on, for example, Muslim youth in Mozambique even though their organisations might not otherwise meet the description in 2.1.1?
- We believe it is important to recognise and identify how different stakeholders, organisations and initiatives target different groups. The stakeholder mapping would be a great way to reflect these dynamics around minorities and marginalized communities.
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Media, both new age and traditional, plays an important role in influencing young minds and shaping the narrative. Do you also want to understand their perception, knowledge and involvement in climate change narrative building?

- For this RFP we are not asking the supplier to include youth’s perspectives and views on issues related to climate change. The aim of this analysis is to develop an understanding of the main stakeholders, organisations, partnerships, networks and initiatives, that work with young people on the issue of climate change (with a focus on health where available).

Stakeholder engagement

Would you like to see government stakeholders and ministers in the project countries to be part of the analysis on government policies.

- Yes, we expect the stakeholders to represent both governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Geographic focus

To what extent will Wellcome’s interest extend beyond the six LMICs selected for in-depth research? E.g., analysis of global/cross-national ecosystems?

- It should be noted that Wellcome’s work will not be limited to the countries mentioned in Asia and Africa in the future, recognizing that other geographies (such as Latin America, but others as well) are likely to be important and included. Therefore, we will be very interested in an analysis of global/cross-national ecosystems as long as the main research questions and objectives are answered first.

Does the proposal need to include at least three low- and middle-income countries in Asia and three in Africa, or could we focus in on one or two countries?

- We are looking to obtain a sampling across three countries each in Africa and Asia to obtain a broader sense of the landscape, including commonalities and differences. Hence the proposal needs to deliver a landscape analysis of the main stakeholders, and initiatives, in six Low- and Middle- Income Countries (LMICs) in the Global South (Africa and Asia).

You use the term “LMIC” to mean “Low- and Middle- Income Countries” and on your website the associated list links to the OECD list of DAC-eligible countries. And we see that your list includes several upper middle countries. However, items in section 1.2 seem not to refer to most UMICs (for example, “rapid population growth and high concentrations of young people”). Often “LMIC” is used in its World Bank sense of “lower middle-income countries”). Should we take your definition of “LMIC” to include low, lower-middle and upper middle-income countries?

- Our aim is to deliver this landscape analysis of the main stakeholders, and initiatives, in 6 Low- and Middle- Income Countries (LMICs). You can find a list of these LMICs on here https://wellcome.ac.uk/grant-funding/guidance/low-and-middle-income-countries

We see that you have given countries that are very different from one another. We are confident in our ability to conduct the work in all of them. What criteria are you looking to be met by the countries selected?

- We’re looking to have a representation from both English & French speaking countries with different levels of climate risks and issues such as consumption and emission.
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There are differences within one country, and it would be great to reflect on these variations (e.g. urban vs rural, big cities vs capitals).

Diversity & Inclusion

In terms of diversity and inclusion, would Wellcome expect proposals to outline the specific groups of young people involved at the proposal stage (e.g. cultural, socio-economic, ability, etc) and would it be desirable to ensure the leaders of the project share the same characteristics?

• Wellcome expects the suppliers to outline how they would engage with young people from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds at the proposal stage and throughout the project. Wellcome expects the supplier’s team to be diverse in membership, inclusive in practice and have experience of working across a range of global settings, with or alongside minoritized and marginalised communities.

Format of deliverables & report

Do you have a preference for the format of report and presentation (e.g., Word, PowerPoint)?

• There is no preference in terms of format of the deliverables/reports. We are open to suggestions for the format of the deliverables, although we would expect the reports to answer the key questions and have the following characteristics: compelling, actionable and shareable. In the Deliverables table we have indicated the maximum number of pages for the reports. The contents and structure of the reports will be agreed after the commission of this work in collaboration with the appointed researcher(s)/consultants. The same applies to the format/length of presentations. As an indication, the format of the presentations could be oral, combined with PowerPoint/Prezi slides. Considering the COVID 19 restrictions it is likely that the presentations will be delivered online rather than face to face unless a significant change happens to the current situation. We would not expect the presentation and discussion to last more than 1 hour each time.

Who do you envisage being the key audiences for the report and the presentation?

• The primary audience for the deliverables of this study are Wellcome’s Education and Learning and Our Planet Our Health teams. The study is expected to be also relevant and useful to other teams across Wellcome (teams that focus on mental health and infectious disease) as well as for future partners and grantees. We envisage that this study will inform the audiences on how young people can be best involved in the topic of health impacts from global heating.

In addition to our qualifications, are we correct in assuming that the cover letter and team bios are not included in the 10-page limit? Are there any other sections that may not be included within the 10-page limit?

• There is no need for a cover letter. The budget and short description of experience and expertise of the researchers/consultants should be included within the 10-page limit. A proposal for undertaking the work should be maximum 10 pages and submitting a proposal of more than 10 pages will automatically result in the rejection of the proposal. The only acceptable information that could be included in an appendix are examples of similar types of work. These could be included using links to websites/webpages.
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Timeline

Could you please confirm the timeline of the deliverables?

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Do we need to be invited to provide a full response after submitting this EOI, or is the email below that invitation?

- After you have submitted your EoI, please then submit a full proposal by 7th September 2020.

Are the objectives and research questions to be answered across six countries over a few months?

- Yes, all the research questions and objectives have to be answered in all 6 countries in Asia and Africa.

Could we suggest alternative methods to focus group discussions, considering the current COVID-19 situation?

- We expect the design and implementation of this study to take into consideration restrictions and limitations posed by COVID-19 now and until its completion. Therefore, you may conduct an online Focus Group if you wish. We are open for the supplier to suggest other alternative methods, too.

Budget

I wanted to ensure that the budget of 150,000 pounds that is mentioned in the RFP is for each selected project.

- The budget of £150,000 is inclusive of all the costs for this landscape study carried out in 6 countries in Asia and Africa.

In terms of the budget and schedule of charges, are you expecting staff day rates to include overheads and additional rates, or would you prefer these as separate line items?

- It would be great if you can include the overheads and any additional charges in a separate column to the staff daily rates.