**Track 1: Institutionalizing Geospatial and Health Data Training Programs in Accredited Institutions in Nigeria**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Is the geospatial data training partnership limited to only public award-issuing institutions? Can other institutions, including private institutions, deliver the training?

R1. This investment track is open to all award-issuing institutions, both public and private. The applying organization should outline how it will institutionalize the geospatial data training within an award-issuing and accredited institution—whether private or public—that best aligns with its proposed initiatives.

1. Can organizations implementing similar geospatial data training in institutions apply to continue their work in this track?

R2. We encourage complementarity to avoid duplication of efforts. Organizations with ongoing projects in this intervention area are welcome to submit a concept note. However, they should demonstrate how their proposed work will produce distinct results for capacity development and achieve this investment track's expected outcomes and impact.

1. What is the expected duration of geospatial data training? What skill level in geospatial data is anticipated for curriculum development?

R3. Organizations should work closely with relevant stakeholders to ensure the curriculum is well aligned with needs and best practices. While the organization will determine the appropriate course duration, all programs must be designed as short courses to maximise accessibility and impact.

1. How many organizations will receive awards for the Track 1 investment of the Umbrella Fund for Geospatial Interventions?

R4. The number of organizations that will be selected will depend on the quality and number of the submitted concept notes.

1. What is the funding limit for this track?

R5. The Umbrella Fund will award up to a maximum of $100,000 per concept note, with the funding aligned to the technical proposal.

1. Can the concept note focus on multiple health programs, such as malaria, polio, and immunization?

R6. The Umbrella Fund for Geospatial Interventions strongly encourages that the concept notes address multiple health programs in Nigeria. Concept notes for this track should support capacity development for the broader health program in Nigeria.

1. Are there any connections between the intervention areas in Track 1 and those in the subsequent intervention areas funded by the Umbrella Fund for Geospatial Interventions?

R7. The Umbrella Fund for Geospatial Interventions is dedicated to strengthening the geospatial data ecosystem. Every investment track, including track 1 which focuses on Institutionalizing Geospatial and Health Data Training Programs, will be designed to support this overarching goal, ensuring a cohesive and impact-driven approach to advancing geospatial initiatives.

1. Are there priority states for the deployment of the intervention?

R8. No, the Umbrella Fund does not have a priority state for this investment track. However, organizations must ensure that their partnering institution has a national presence and is accessible to a broad range of stakeholders across the country.

1. Is this track for both Nigeria and DRC?

R9. No, this track is currently specific to Nigeria. Please follow our website and LinkedIn for updates on investment tracks for Nigeria and the DRC.

1. Can an international organization submit a concept note in Nigeria? Can the implementing institution be based outside of Nigeria?

R10. An international organization must be part of a consortium led by a local entity to be eligible. Additionally, the partnering institution must be in Nigeria.

1. Is there a requirement for 100% of the funding to be allocated to the local institution, or is there a defined limit on how funds can be distributed within the consortium?

R11. Partnerships are permitted, but the local organization leading the project must receive at least 50% of the requested funding.

1. Is the project expected to focus on collecting new data, or is it primarily aimed at capacity building using existing data?

R12. This track is focused exclusively on capacity building, and training should leverage existing health data. Organizations should develop a case study demonstrating how health programs, such as polio immunization and malaria initiatives, currently utilize geospatial data. Training must emphasize existing data while establishing a sustainable framework for updating curricula to address emerging needs.

1. Where should additional documents (such as CVs and other supporting documents) as required by the application be attached or submitted?

R13. CVs and other supporting documents should be attached to the concept note as an appendix. The additional documents will not count toward the page limit.

1. If an organization already has a dedicated arm that coordinates training, is it still necessary to partner separately with a training institute?

R14. If an organization has a training arm, it must partner with an accredited institution to ensure the curriculum is institutionalized for long-term sustainability. If the organization itself is accredited and can provide evidence, it will be considered.

1. Who will be responsible for conducting the training? Will it be handled by the applying organization, or is there a designated partner for this?

R15. The organization is expected to partner with an accredited institution in Nigeria. Selected organizations will collaborate with the accredited institution to develop the curriculum and work together to deliver the training program.

1. Instead of partnering with a single health institution, would it be acceptable to collaborate with a state or subnational Ministry of Health?

R16. Yes, partnering with a state or subnational Ministry of Health is acceptable. If you select this approach, clearly describe it in your concept note. While innovative partnerships are encouraged, you must explicitly detail how the curriculum will be developed and effectively delivered to last-mile users. If your partnership model involves multiple institutions, please identify potential challenges and propose suitable solutions in your submission.

1. What's the minimum number of CVs to be attached?

R17. The number of CVs required depends on how many key personnel the organization proposes. Each key personnel's CV should not exceed two pages.

1. What is the registration process for the Geo-Rolodex platform, as it is required for submission?

R18. The Geo-Rolodex platform is accessible by invitation only. Please submit your expression of interest to join, and the Geo-Rolodex team will contact you directly.

1. Could you please confirm whether the target is exclusively providers like doctors and nurses working in primary healthcare facilities, or does it also include other professionals?

R19. This track is not targeted specifically at healthcare providers, such as doctors or nurses. Instead, it is open to health data teams and professionals involved in using geospatial data, especially those supporting primary healthcare programs at the last mile, including immunization, polio, and malaria programs.

1. Should the geospatial training program be conducted solely at the partner institution's facilities?

R20. There are no predefined priorities for training settings or methodologies, organizations should work closely with relevant stakeholders and the institution(s) to ensure the training setting and methodology are well aligned with needs and best practices.