

## **Funding Opportunity: USAID Releases NOFO for Strategies to Prevent (STOP) Spillover of Emerging Zoonotic Viruses**

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On May 1, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) released a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) seeking applications to implement its Strategies to Prevent (STOP) Spillover program. Following the global outbreak of COVID-19 and other zoonotic viruses, the goal of the STOP Spillover program is to reach “enhanced understanding and reduced risk of zoonotic viral spillover, amplification, and spread.” Specifically, the NOFO aims to reduce the vulnerability of countries in Asia and Africa to “spillover of emerging zoonotic viruses from animal hosts (such as livestock or wildlife) to humans and amplification and spread of these viruses once they have spilled over to humans.”

The three objectives of the program include:

1. “Strengthen country capacity to monitor, analyze and characterize the risk of priority emerging zoonotic viruses spilling over from animals to people
2. Strengthen country capacity to develop, test, and implement interventions to reduce risk of priority emerging zoonotic viruses spilling over from animals to people
3. Strengthen country capacity to mitigate amplification and spread of priority zoonotic diseases in human populations.”

The STOP Spillover program will be implemented in up to 20 countries across four sub-regions: West Africa, East/Central Africa, South Asia, and East/Southeast Asia. Implementation of the program in Liberia or Sierra Leona, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Bangladesh, and Vietnam is mandatory. More information on specific countries can be found in the full NOFO.

The STOP Spillover NOFO is part of USAID’s broader Global Health Security (GHS) programming, which aims to “prevent avoidable epidemics, detect threats early, and respond rapidly and effectively to disease outbreaks.” Additional information is included in the Global Health Security Strategy (GHSS) that was published in May 2019. USAID’s Emerging Pandemic Threats (EPT) program highlights the importance of engaging with universities in developing countries to build workforce skills.

**Due Date:** Responses are due by **June 1, 2020 at 1:00pm ET** to [stopspillover@usaid.gov](mailto:stopspillover@usaid.gov). Any questions on the NOFO must be submitted to USAID through [stopspillover@usaid.gov](mailto:stopspillover@usaid.gov) by May 11, 2020 at 1:00pm ET.

**Total Funding:** USAID anticipates supporting one new cooperative agreement of up to \$100 million over five years. Suggested cost share is 5%.

*Sources and Additional Information:*

- The full funding opportunity can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325046>.
- Global Health Security Strategy (GHSS) available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/GHSS.pdf>.