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# Request for Proposals regarding Sourcing of Serum from Recovered Patients for the Development of a Rift Valley fever (RVF) International Antibody Standard

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## Background

CEPI is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for the sourcing of sera from recovered patients with securely diagnosed Rift Valley Fever (RVF) disease. The sourced material will be used to develop RVF antibody standard to support and accelerate the development of vaccines against RVF. This document describes the scope, requirements and processes for proposal submission, review and selection of applicants for CEPI funding.

Applicants may submit their proposals as a single actor or as a consortium. CEPI may request multiple applicants to collaborate towards the end deliverables of this call. We seek applicants with already established activities in connection to diagnosis, treatment and care of RVF patients. Groups or organizations with the flexibility and capacity to set up their RVF-activity and do the sourcing of sera in connection to new and different outbreak-sites will be particularly appreciated.

The call seeks to facilitate CEPI's strategic objective on vaccine development for RVF, one of the CEPI prioritized diseases with epidemic potential. The ultimate purpose of this call is that it will lead to the development of WHO/ECBS-endorsed International Antibody Standard for RVF.

In order to be eligible for funding, all required templates must be completed as requested and submitted by the deadline (see below).

The open call consists of the following documents:

- Call document - "Request for Proposals regarding Sourcing of Serum from Recovered Patients for Development of a Rift Valley fever (RVF) International Antibody Standard" (This document)
- Annex 1: CEPI's "Product Profile for Sourcing of Serum from Recovered Patients after RVF Disease"
- Annex 2: "Request for Proposals Form; CEPI (RFP-ES-RVF-01)"
- Annex 3: "CEPI Budget Template"

## Additional Guidance

**Confidentiality:** All internal and external experts that participate in the review process will be evaluated for any potential conflicts of interest and are required to sign non-disclosure agreements. All information submitted via this Request for Proposals will be handled as confidential. CEPI may publish names of the selected awardee(s)/partner(s) after contracts are signed.

**Compliance with CEPI policies:** Successful applicants must comply with CEPI's policies, available on CEPI's website at <https://cepi.net/about/governance>

**Costs of proposal development:** CEPI will not cover any costs incurred by the applicants for the development and submission of proposals.

**Cancellation:** CEPI reserves the right to change the timelines or cancel the grant prior to signature of agreements without obligation to cover any cost for the applicants' work on the call.

**Applicant organisations:** This request for proposals is open worldwide to relevant entities that bring the relevant expertise and experience to address challenges within the scope of this call. Funding beneficiaries must be legal entities. CEPI may conduct due diligence reviews for feasibility verification, legal, business and financial compliance before awards are made.

**Timelines:** This Request for Proposals will be open to applicants from 1<sup>st</sup> July until 31<sup>st</sup> August (Midnight GMT) 2020. The application must be of a maximum of 10 pages.

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