

NCD Lab on Next Generation and NCDs Review Criteria

1. a) Target audience is clearly defined
1. b) Target audience is substantively and actively engaged, as leaders/implementers/evaluators throughout the submission plan
2. Clear objective(s) described which includes the population, location, and scope.
3. Submission demonstrates an ability to scale up
4. Submission includes a description of the methodology to be used
5. Submission includes a monitoring and evaluation framework (to ensure quality through its implementation process) described.
6. Submission has clear plan for equitable participation and access, relevant to the thematic focus of the NCD Lab, and for community uptake and ownership where appropriate.
7. Submission is based on scientific evidence or best practices.
8. Submission has a clear theory of change.
9. Submission includes a background problem defined and aligned with the thematic focus.
10. Submission outlines feasible and clear milestones in the plan
11. Submission incorporates sustainable development, defined as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"
12. Submission highlights voices of marginalized groups (persons with disabilities, youth, women, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people, members of minority groups, indigenous people, internally displaced persons, and non-national, including refugees, asylum seekers and migrant workers)
13. Potential harms are accounted for and minimized
14. Submission has a demonstrable impact on achieving SDG target 3.4
 - a. [By 2030, reduce by one-third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well being]
15. Submission has a clear direct benefit to a section of the population affected or at risk for NCDs.
16. Submission must demonstrate impact on one or more of the 5x5 NCD framework for diseases and risk factors as a primary outcome of the initiative
17. Submission demonstrates cost-effectiveness, i.e. cost (budget, operating costs etc.), relative to impact
18. Submission demonstrates approaches or solutions that are original and have not been adopted before and/or have been adapted for NCDs from other disciplines or domains
19. Submission aims to impact at least one of the following levels:
 - a) Intrapersonal changes (individual)
 - b) Interpersonal changes (families, households, social networks)
 - c) Organizational changes (community, health systems)
 - d) Environmental changes (social and cultural norms)
 - e) Policy changes (laws, taxes, grants etc.)
20. Submission has a demonstrable impact on achieving SDG goals relevant to thematic area (SDGs 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13)
21. Submission identifies unique access barriers to NCD-related services and/or risks specific to target group, supported by evidence.
22. Submission has potential to mitigate barriers to NCD-related services or NCD risk factors faced by young people

23. Submission incorporates young people's initiative and decisions made in partnership with adults (based on Hart's Ladder of Youth Participation)
24. Submission includes young people's needs in health systems and engages youth in planning/policy discussions
25. Submission prioritizes tangible investments by young people in strengthening health systems for the prevention and control of NCDs

The review criteria are based on a grading system that examines 22 questions and statements and scores 2 when satisfying the full requirement for the review criteria, 1 for partial satisfaction, and 0 for no satisfaction of requirement. All criteria that are not applicable to the submission will not be counted and be marked as not applicable (N/A).

The final score is presented as a percentage of the total possible score, thus avoids penalizing submissions that may not be reviewed against all 22 criteria as they may not be applicable to the specific submission.

For example, if a submission was reviewed against all 22 criteria and was to satisfy every criterion fully, they would receive a maximum score of 2 for every question. This will result in a maximum score of 44/44 and a percentage score of 100%.

If another submission was to be reviewed against 10 review criteria (as 12 were deemed N/A) and was to receive a maximum score of 2 for 9 criteria, and a score of 1 for partial satisfaction for 1 criterion, then this would give a score of 19/20 and a percentage score of 95%.