

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Mapping, Tracking and Advocating for Funds to Address Migrants' Mental Health

Public Health Program

Context

Over the past years, the combination of European Union policies (including the EU-Turkey Deal) and member states' own approaches to migrants (including detention in appalling conditions; failure to provide access to effective mental health services), has contributed to the large scale deterioration of migrants' physical and mental well-being. The Open Society Foundations' Public Health Program (OSF-PHP) is deploying a new portfolio of work to address the mental health needs of migrants with an initial focus on Europe.

Mapping and Monitoring of EU Funds

One facet of this portfolio is to hold the EU to account for the appropriateness and relevance (or lack thereof) of its investments in migrants' mental health. While epidemiological evidence exists to show how European policies are exacerbating migrants' vulnerabilities and suffering, the appropriateness and/or absence of EU's financial contribution to migrants' mental health remain unexamined.

A second aspect of this piece of work is to determine if and how member states are distributing EU funds towards measures to support migrants' mental health. For this exploration, it is expected that the grantee will focus on Greece and Italy, two countries which are core to this OSF portfolio of work. Other EU countries can be referenced if they shed a particular light on the issue.

A third dimension of the work is to perform targeted advocacy, using this information as a foundation, to support increased funding at EU and state levels for migrants' mental health in the short and long term, including their integration into the society of the country of which they now reside.

In this context, OSF seeks to make a grant to an organization(s) which will shed a light on current EU funds designated for migrants' health, with a focus on mental health; elucidate whether such funds have been spent in a relevant and accountable manner to date by the EU and funds recipients, including member states; and, conduct advocacy related activities to support the appropriate designation, levels and use of EU funds.

The successful grantee will propose specific paths to:

1. Identify **relevant sources of EU funds available for migrants' health, and specifically migrants' mental health**. If funds are designated for migrants' health, identify whether mental health activities are targeted as part of the funding.
2. Provide a **detailed understanding of each of the relevant EU sources of funding** for health, with **a focus on mental health**, including:
 - EU-level decision-making processes to designate and disburse funds;
 - Criteria/processes for recipients to access funds;
 - Recipients to date (e.g. specific member states, public or international institutions, civil society organizations etc.);
 - Evolution of funding policies (if any) and related consequences (e.g. ECHO funds initially supporting civil society efforts, subsequently changed to AMIF and redirected to the government in Greece);
 - Money flows to date and foreseen continuation (with a focus on Greece and Italy).
3. Identify whether/how budgeted and actual expenditures relating to funds designated for migrants' health, and in particular mental health, **are being tracked and reported upon** at country levels (with a focus on Greece/Italy) and at EU level.
4. Analyze **available budget documents and expenditure data pertaining to the use of EU funds for migrants' health**, and in particular **mental health**, with a focus on Greece and Italy. Uncover possible systemic issues pertaining to the spending of EU funds, which may be barriers to supporting migrants' mental health (e.g. no funds whatsoever designated for mental health; funds designated but woefully insufficient in the face of needs/other allocations; funds designated but not spent; changes in funding policies leading to interruption of services; funds disbursed to/questionable recipients/activities; funds spent but not accounted for etc.)
5. Identify what institutional bodies **are in charge of the oversight of these funds** at the EU and member state levels, with a focus on Greece and Italy. Assess how this oversight is exercised in practice, and flag possible gaps in accountability that could be points of entry for advocacy.
6. Implement advocacy related activities to raise awareness and promote the increased financial allocations for migrants' mental health at EU and state levels.

For example, hosting convenings of key stakeholders to strategize around the need for increased, committed financial resources and accountability.

Eligibility Criteria

A non-government organization or a consortium of non-government organizations, with a lead organization identified, that cumulatively meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- formally registered not-for-profit organizations with established legal status;
- familiar with the EU structure, institutions, and funding mechanisms;
- have conducted or are conducting work in monitoring EU funds, and of tracking such funds at the level of member states;
- familiarity with the financial accountability mechanisms in Greece and Italy is desirable; and,
- experience in conducting advocacy activities in the public sphere.

Guidelines

- Project proposals should be submitted in English using the proposal and budget templates provided. The project budget should be in U.S. dollars.
- The implementation period should not exceed 6 months, from the time the funding is received to the completion of the final report.
- The project should be completed in 2018.
- The maximum grant size is \$75,000 USD.

Submissions should be made via the Open Society Foundations Grant Portal.

Required Documentation

To complete your submission, you will be asked to upload a completed proposal and budget, the organization's 2016 annual financial report, and CVs of project manager(s) and the organization's leadership. You can download the proposal and budget template from Download Files section.

The application deadline is February 2, 2018 (5:00 p.m. CET). Incomplete or late applications will not be given consideration.

The successful applicant will be notified by March 2, 2018.