



## *Informational Webinar*

**Call for Concept Notes for Issuing Small Grants to Improve Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescents Health (SRMNCAH)**

*June 9, 2022*

# AGENDA

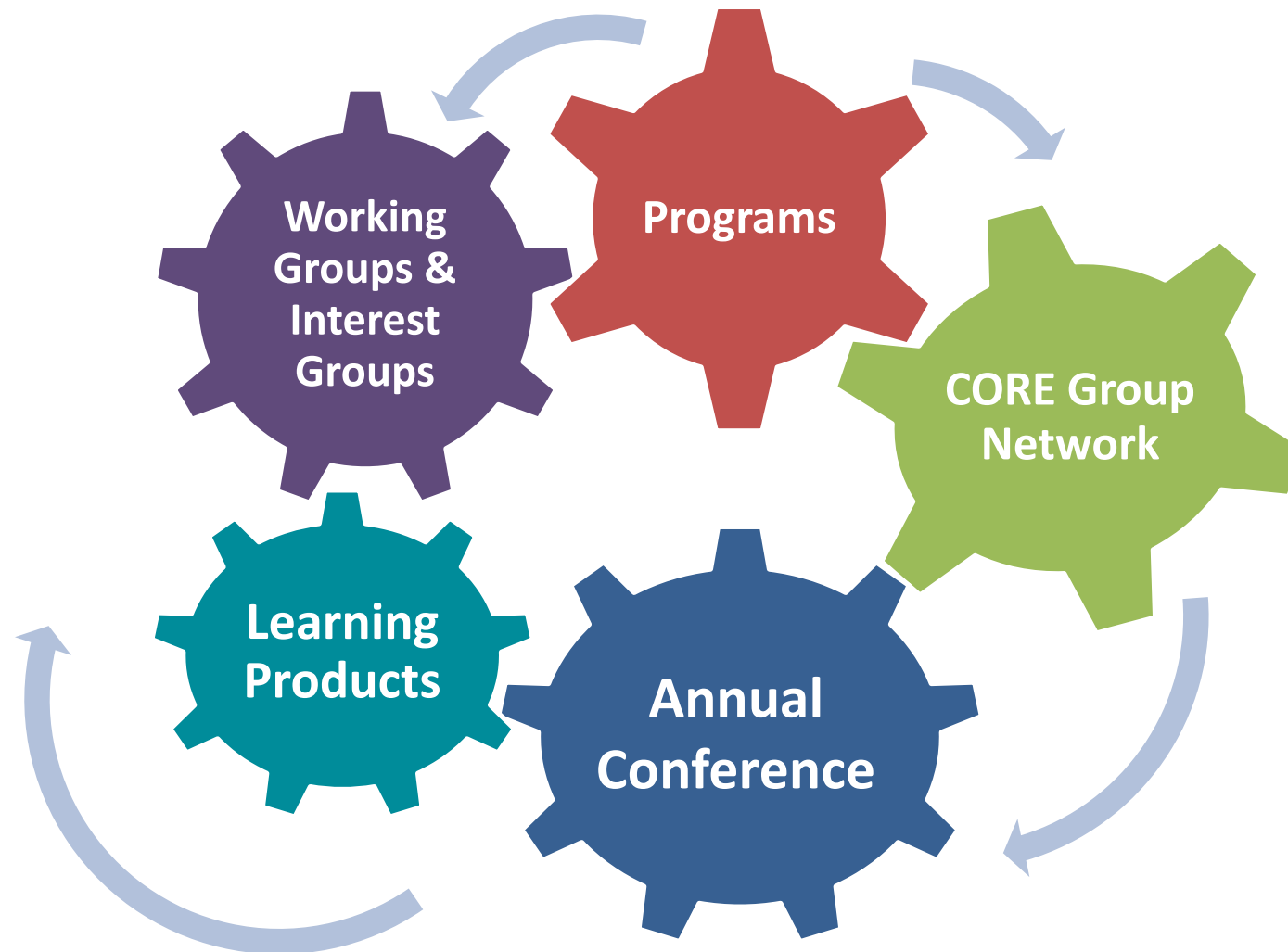
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- Concept note components & evaluation criteria
- Concept notes submission deadline
- Q & A

# INTRODUCTION

- CORE Group's mission is to improve and expand community health practices
- Focus on underserved populations, especially women, children, and adolescents
- Bring together leading technical experts to address global public health issues
- Create a collaborative and neutral space, promote learning and sharing of knowledge resulting in improved capacity at the local, regional, and global level



# Connect, Engage & Learn



# BACKGROUND: CHALLENGES TO SRMNCAH

SRMNCAH is essential to achieving UHC, evidence shows:

- Unmet need for contraception for women in LMICs
- High maternal and neonatal mortality in certain LMICs
- Unmet need for child and adolescent health
- COVID-19 strained health systems resulting in increased unmet need
- Special needs for IDPs, refugees, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ communities

# PURPOSE OF THE SMALL GRANTS PROJECT

- Collaborate with NGOs/CSOs to improve SRMNCAH services and outcomes
- Provide financial and technical support and strengthen capacity of the selected organizations
- Give special attention to organizations led by women, youth, individuals with disabilities
- Support community-based solutions to SRMNCAH challenges
- Focus on gender transformation, quality of care, and health equity
- Priority countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Nepal

# GRANT SIZE AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CORE Group is preparing to issue a total of three grants:

1. One grant of up to \$250,000.
2. Two grants of up to \$90,000 each

## **Eligibility criteria include:**

1. Local NGOs/CSOs that are registered and can provide evidence of official, current registration.
2. NGOs/CSOs that are led by women, youth, or people with disabilities, and other community-based organizations.

*We suggest organizations with less than 3 years of experience to apply for the smaller grant and organizations over with over 5 years of experience to apply for the larger grant.*

# STEPS FOR GRANT ISSUING AND TIME FRAME

Step 1: Submit a successful Concept Note

Step 2: Engage with CORE Group in developing a full budgeted proposal

## **Expected timeframe:**

1. Reviewing and evaluating concept notes: 1 month.
2. Communicating with selected NGOs/CSOs for capacity assessment and grant preparedness: 1 month.
3. Capacity strengthening and proposal development webinars, discussions, and proposal development: 1 month
4. Grant issuing and implementation: 12 to 18 months.



# ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

CORE Group will provide technical assistance to NGOs/CSOs receiving grants to strengthen their capacity according to their specific needs.

Capacity strengthening topics may include:

1. Organizational policies and structure.
2. Proposal development.
3. Program implementation.
4. Data collection and analysis.
5. Results documentation and report writing.

# SRMNCAH CHALLENGES TO BE ADDRESSED BY CONCEPT NOTES

1. Unmet need for contraception.
2. Access to EONC in rural areas.
3. Early marriage/pregnancy of adolescent girls.
4. Home delivery, particularly for women in rural communities.
5. Ineffective management of childhood fever.
6. Newborn resuscitation not part of birth preparedness.
7. Infants do not receive vaccination or are not fully vaccinated.
8. Unmet MCH needs for refugees or IDP.
9. Unmet SRH needs of special groups e.g., women with disabilities, LGTBQ population, and other special groups.
10. Other key barriers

# CONCEPT NOTE COMPONENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Include a brief description of the applicant NGO/CSO (1 page).
2. Specify which grant size you are applying for
3. Specify the selected topic of the Concept Note and the rationale for the selection (1/2 page).
4. Describe the intervention methodology (2 pages)
5. Describe the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (1 page)
6. Describe the plan for utilizing the results at a wider scale (1 page).
7. Describe the needs for your organizational capacity strengthening (1 page).

**Total number of pages: 7**

**Full call for concept notes: [coregroup.org/srmncah-small-grants-project/](https://coregroup.org/srmncah-small-grants-project/)**

# CONCEPT NOTES SUBMISSION

- Eligible applicants should submit their concept note by: **June 30, 2022**
- Concept notes can be sent by email attachment to:  
**grants@coregroup.org**
- The email subject should be: Concept Note Application – name of NGO/CSO/Country of Applicant
- The email should include the name of the contact person, her/his email address and mobile number.



# Questions and Answers