



## *Informational Webinar*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Concept Notes for the Small Grants Project to Improve Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescents Health (SRMNCAH)**

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# AGENDA

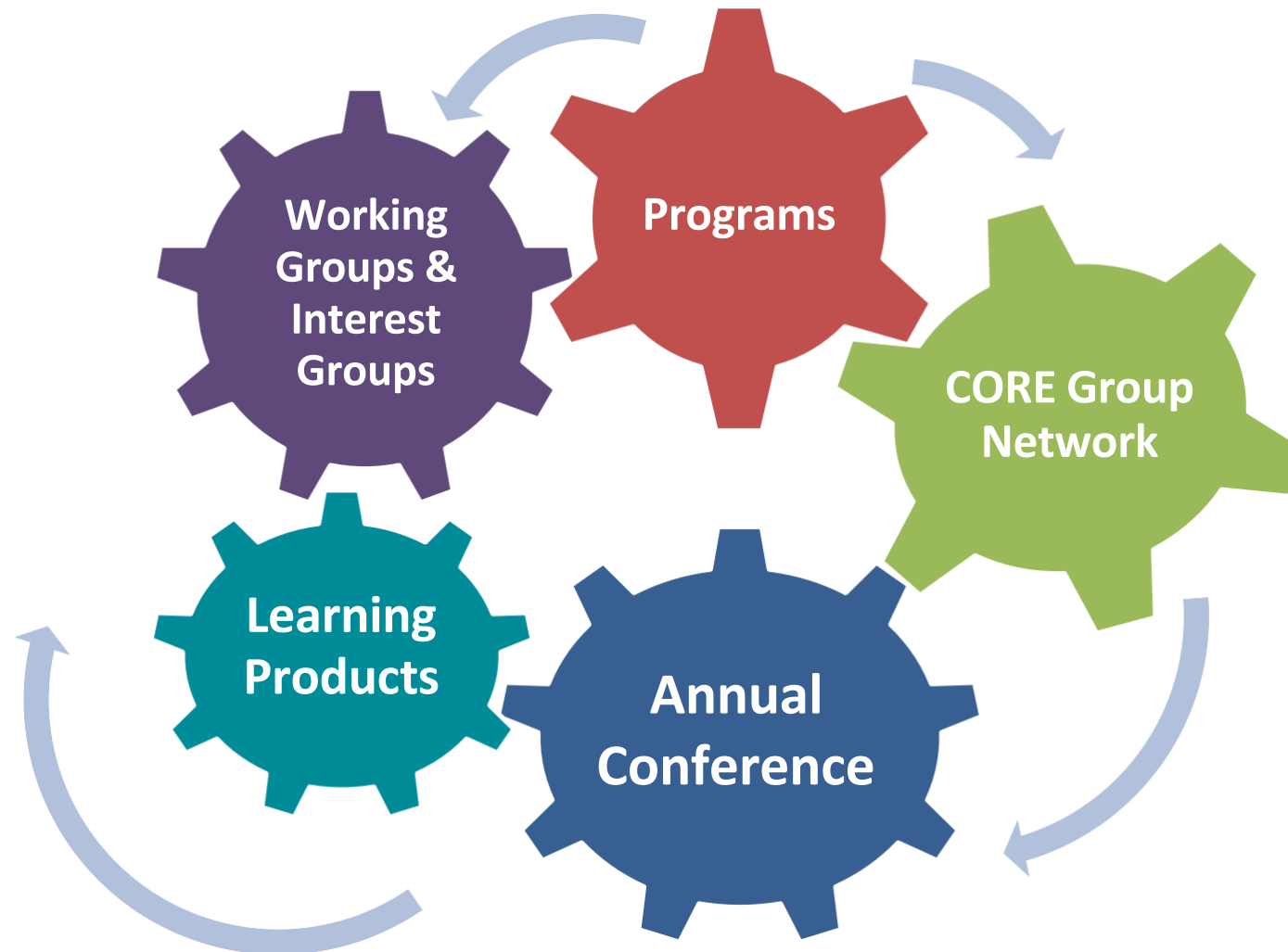
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# INTRODUCTION

- 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, LGTBQ 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. One grant of up to \$175,000.
3. One grant of up to \$90,000.

## **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 grants.*

# SRMNCAH CHALLENGES TO BE ADDRESSED BY CONCEPT NOTES

1. Unmet need for contraception for adolescents and young women in rural areas.
2. Access of women and newborns to emergency obstetrics and neonatal care in rural areas.
3. Infants do not receive vaccination or are not fully vaccinated.
4. Unmet Maternal and Child health needs for refugees or internally displaced population.
5. Unmet Sexual and reproductive health needs of special groups e.g., women with disabilities, LGTBQ (lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, and queer) population, and other special groups.



# ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

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

Examples of capacity strengthening topics:

1. Organizational policies and structure (e.g. governance, financial management).
2. Gender mainstreaming.
3. Knowledge Management.
4. Proposal development.
5. Program implementation.
6. Data collection and analysis.
7. Results documentation and report writing.

# 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/)**

# STEPS FOR GRANT REVIEW 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 due diligence and grant preparedness: 1 month.
3. Proposal development webinars, discussions, and proposal development: 1 month
4. Sub-granting and implementation: 12 to 18 months.

# CONCEPT NOTES SUBMISSION

- Eligible applicants should submit their concept note by: **5:00PM ET December 13, 2022**
- Concept notes can be sent by email to: **[grants@coregroup.org](mailto: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