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| **2023-2024 Call for applications to the Sapling Nursery Exploratory Grants** | |
| **Focus: new innovative ways to engage with patients and/or relatives, caretakers, individuals, or communities in the work we do as an organisation.** | |
| OPEN 15th June 2023, **deadline for submissions midnight CET 15th October 2023**. For conditions to apply visit <https://msf.org.uk/sapling-nursery> or <https://msfintl.sharepoint.com/sites/ldn-saplingnursery> to discuss your idea contact [innovation.manson@london.msf.org](mailto:innovation.manson@london.msf.org). | |
| **1. Lead Applicant information** | **2. Co-lead Applicant Information** |
| **Name:** | **Name:** |
| **Mission/section:** | **Mission/section:** |
| **Position:** | **Position:** |
| **Email contact:** | **Email contact:** |
| **Country of origin:** | **Country of origin:** |
| **Gender:** | **Gender:** |
| **3. By submitting this application you confirm that you have the approval of your line manager and project coordinator to apply** | |
| **Line manager name:** | **Line manager name:** |
| **Line manager position:** | **Line manager position:** |
| **Project coordinator name:** | **Project coordinator name:** |
| **4. How did you hear about the Sapling Nursery Fund?** **MARK WITH AN ‘’X’’ ALL THE ONES THAT APPLY** | |
| \_\_\_ Email  \_\_\_ Sapling Nursery Website  \_\_\_ Printed Sapling Nursery flyer/brochure  \_\_\_ Twitter post  \_\_\_ Facebook  \_\_\_ Yammer  \_\_\_ Online information session  \_\_\_ Word of mouth  \_\_\_ Newsletter, please specify which one: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_ Other, please specify which one: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |

*By completing and submitting your application you agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the Sapling Nursery Fund as shall be notified to you in writing or verbally and governed by the Sapling Nursery Fund Governance Framework. You accept that these may vary from time to time, in our sole discretion, and that our decisions in this matter are final and binding in all respects.*

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| **1. Title** |
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| **2. What problem/need are you looking to address:** *Please describe the problem/need as accurately as possible, including, if relevant, information on the scale of the problem within MSF and beyond.* |
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| **3. Description of the proposed idea to solve the problem/need:** *as this is an exploratory fund, the proposed idea can change, and it is not a requirement for it to be wholly defined.* |
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| **4. Background:** *Please describe how your idea, problem and need align with the strategic topic of the Exploratory Grants; for up-to-date information on the topic visit* <https://msfintl.sharepoint.com/sites/ldn-saplingnursery> ***if it does not align, please describe how it aligns with MSF strategic priorities.*** |
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| **5. Interdependencies:** *Please describe which other activities/departments/teams would a potential intervention/solution affect, and state whether they have been involved.* |
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| **6. Involvement of communities:** *Please describe in detail whether exploring the problem/need would involve communities, and what steps will be taken to involve them? Exploring problem/need often involves consultations with the communities, make sure these are actively involved, and access to communities can be facilitated.* |
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| **7. Expected benefits:** What would be the benefits of addressing the problem/need, clearly stating if these benefits can be translated into other contexts. |
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| **8. Location:** *Please state the location where the problem/need has been identified and the potential solution will be validated further down the line. If relevant, please state the rationale for selecting this location.* |
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| **9. People attending the Exploratory workshops:** *Please name all the people attending the workshops including their position.* |
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| **10. Proposed starting date and availability:** *Please clearly state the starting date no later than the 31st of January 2024 and the weekly availability for the workshops during the three-month period.* |
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**Note on ethics:** *if the exploration involves patients or their data please check your operating centre’s criteria on ethical approval; for general principles on ethics and innovation please refer to* [*Ethics Framework for Humanitarian Innovation*](https://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002111)*.*

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| **APPLICATION FEEDBACK:**  **How difficult (1) or easy (10) was the process to apply for this funding? MARK WITH AN ‘’X’’** |
| (Difficult) \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_ 10 (Easy) |

**WHEN COMPLETED SUBMIT THIS FORM TO** [**innovation.manson@london.msf.org**](mailto:innovation.manson@london.msf.org)

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