



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

GRANTS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY RESEARCHERS STUDYING POVERTY ISSUES

The Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network announces a call for proposals for its 2010 competition for research grants with a total value of up to \$CAN 50,000 each

DEADLINE: January 6, 2010

PEP provides financial and scientific support to teams of developing country researchers studying poverty issues. Specific objectives are to:

- Better understand the causes and consequences of poverty
- Propose pro-poor policies and programs
- Improve the measurement and monitoring of poverty
- Strengthen local research capacity on poverty issues
- Develop new concepts and techniques for poverty analysis

To maximize capacity building, PEP favors teams composed of at least one senior researcher supervising a gender-balanced group of junior researchers. PEP especially encourages proposals from the poorest countries. Funding includes a core research grant of \$CAN 20K, plus separate funding of up to \$CAN 30K to participate in training workshops, PEP meetings, international conferences, study visits and other activities. **All** team members must originate from and reside in a developing country during the course of the project. Grants are awarded under four programs:

- **Community Based Monitoring Systems (CBMS)**¹: For the development and institutionalization of a community-based poverty monitoring system involving either: (1) the development and pilot-test of a CBMS, or (2) expansion and institutionalization of an existing CBMS. Considering the nature of the research project, the grants of up to US\$50,000 each are given to qualified institutions in developing countries and not to individuals.
 - **CBMS-AusAID Grant for a Qualified Institution from the Solomon Islands**: Supported by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), this particular program would provide a research grant of up to a maximum amount of US\$50,000 to cover all the costs involved in implementing a CBMS project in Solomon Islands. The project shall have the following two (2) major components: 1) Development and Pilot-testing of the CBMS Methodology as a Tool for Monitoring Poverty; and 2) A Study on the Impact of the Global Financial and Economic Crisis on Poverty (Using the CBMS Approach). Deadline for submission of proposal is on March 31, 2010.
- **Modeling and Policy Impact Analysis (MPIA)**: Analyzing the impacts of macroeconomic shocks and policies on poverty and income distribution (Priority themes: Inclusive growth, public spending and agricultural policies²).
- **Policy Impact Evaluation Research Initiative (PIERI)**: Evaluations of the impacts of interventions that aim to increase human capital and alleviating poverty, e.g. child health, schooling, training and safety net programs.

¹ CBMS Grants are provided to research institutions, national government agencies and local government units from developing countries **except** for countries where CBMS is currently being implemented, i.e. Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Zambia. For the MPIA, PIERI and PMMA grants, proposals are welcome from all developing countries, particularly the poorest countries.

² PEP is also open to proposals outside its priority themes.

- [Poverty Monitoring, Measurement and Analysis \(PMMA\)](#): Monitoring, measurement and analysis of a wide range of poverty issues (Priority themes: Multidimensional poverty, public spending, intrahousehold allocation and poverty dynamics²).

FOR MORE INFORMATION and to submit a proposal, please consult the "Call for Proposals" section on the PEP web site (www.pep-net.org). PEP is financed by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and by the Government of Canada through the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Decisions will be communicated by April 30, 2010 at the latest.