

Child Survival

2026 Child Survival Call

GUIDELINES



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1.

Introduction

Since 1997, "la Caixa" Foundation has been working on development cooperation programmes, helping to improve the life expectancy of millions of people, especially children and women living in conditions of extreme poverty and vulnerability.

Throughout this period, "la Caixa" Foundation has particularly focused on training and the strengthening of health systems, especially in sub-Saharan African countries, as well as on combating the main causes of death among children, including malaria, pneumonia, and malnutrition, among others.

The Foundation has also entered strategic alliances with different institutions working in the field of global health (private foundations, research centres, civil society organisations, etc.) to promote public policies and raise awareness of the fundamental role played by high-impact evidence-based interventions, such as vaccination programmes, and innovation through the organisation of high-level events such as the Global Forums on Child Survival held in Barcelona (2020), Madrid (2023) and Mozambique (2025).



2.

Aim of the call

The main aim of this call is to help improve child survival in a broad sense in sub-Saharan African countries with high child mortality.

Specific goals

The projects submitted should primarily address Sustainable Development Goal SDG 3 and specifically Target 3.2 regarding the health of newborns and children: “By 2030, end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births”.

In this call, priority will be given to the following:

1. Support for entities that work together in a network on impact, training or evaluation-based projects for maternal/newborn and child health programs and interventions, or other projects to strengthen health systems in countries with high infant mortality rates.
2. Creation and strengthening of a collaborative culture between entities working in the same geographical area, with the aim of increasing their impact, creating sustainable actions and carrying out more comprehensive intervention.
3. Reinforcement of existing partnerships and the establishment of new collaborations with additional players to help advance the SDGs.
4. Promotion of innovation in products, services and/or processes as far as possible.
5. Incorporation of monitoring and evaluation processes that enable the programme or project to be adapted in real time to the needs of each location.
6. Support for projects aligned with the strategies and plans of the beneficiary countries.

Background

Despite all the efforts and progress made in global health indicators in recent decades, at least half the world’s population still lacks access to essential health services. Lack of access to reproductive health services, vaccines and good quality medicines makes it difficult for a large number of people in many countries of the world to achieve a healthy life. Among the most vulnerable groups in developing regions are pregnant women and children under five years of age.

The SDGs are the global framework for governments, the private sector, NGOs and other entities involved in development and global health.

Health is a precondition for development, as has been recognised in SDG 3 on health, which has as its ultimate goal to “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”. Its specific targets include reducing the global maternal mortality ratio and ending preventable deaths of newborns and under-fives by 2030.

With four years to go before this 2030 deadline, it is necessary to intensify the efforts being made and the commitment to reducing the inequities in children’s and women’s health and contribute to achieving the targets set out in SDG 3.

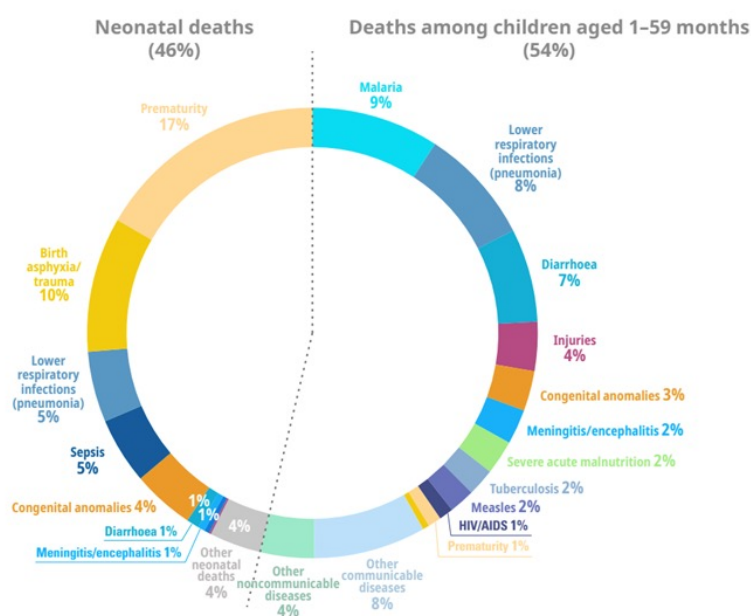
Neonatal and child mortality

According to the most recent estimates¹, in 2024 there were 4.9 million under-five deaths, including 2.3 million deaths in the first month of life and 2.6 million deaths among children between the ages of 1 and 59 months. Sub-Saharan Africa is home to the largest concentration of under-five child deaths (60%) and also to the highest child mortality rates.

Leading causes of child mortality

- » Prematurity
- » Birth Asphyxia
- » Malaria
- » Pneumonia
- » Diarrhoea

Global distribution of under-five deaths, by cause, 2024



Source: UN IGME, 2025

¹ United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME), Levels and Trends in Child Mortality Report 2025, Published 18 March 2026.

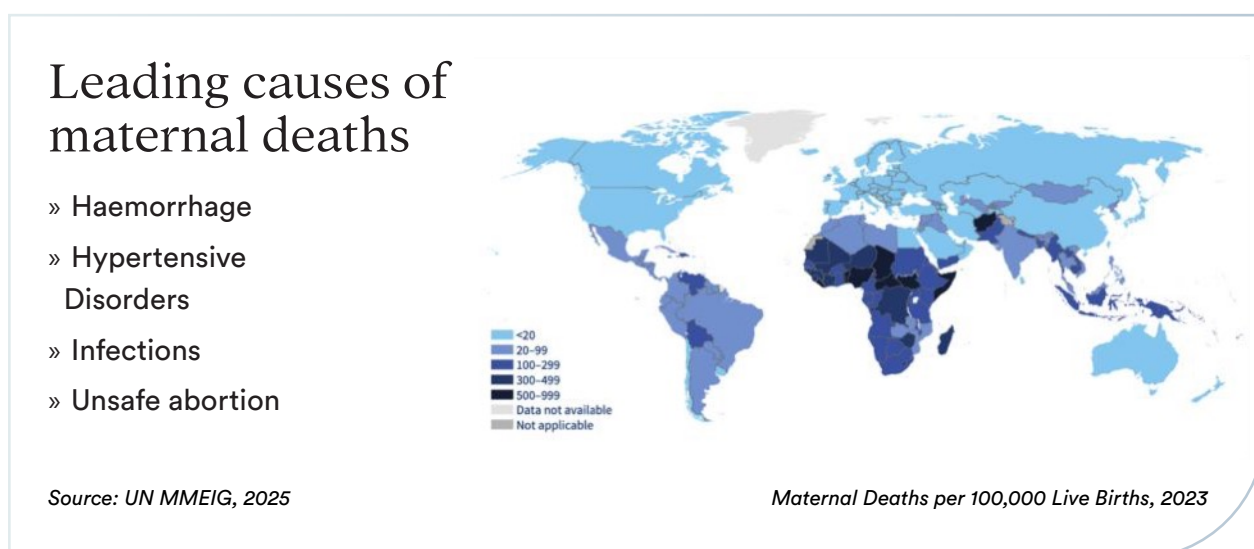
Since 1990, both child deaths and child mortality rates have more than halved. Child deaths have fallen from 13 million to 4.9 million per year, and the child mortality rate has dropped from 93 to 37 child deaths per 1,000 live births. But since 2015, the annual decline in child mortality has dropped from 3.9% to 1.5% per year.

The main challenges preventing further progress are the lack of funding for primary healthcare systems, the lack of trained health workers (for instance, WHO estimates a projected shortfall of 10 million health workers by 2030), as well as problems with access to vaccinations and medicines, especially for children in low-resource settings. Further, lack of nutritious food, clean water and air, and hygiene and sanitation are particular risk factors for child death.

Maternal mortality

A maternal death is defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy. In 2023, an estimated 260,000 women died (712 every day) from causes related to pregnancy, childbirth, and the period after childbirth.

Approximately 70% of all maternal deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa. The global maternal mortality ratio is 197 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births and, since 2016, this rate has stagnated.²



Maternal, newborn, and child health are closely linked. The survival and health of a newborn depends on the health of the mother during and after pregnancy, as well as the care she receives during this period.

The death of a woman during pregnancy or childbirth jeopardises her newborn's chances of survival but also reduces the chances of survival and education of her other children and threatens family stability. Maternal and neonatal deaths are therefore a serious public health and social problem, undermining the prosperity of communities and countries.

² Trends in Maternal Mortality 2000-2023: Estimates by WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group and UNDESA/Population Division.

Theory of change

Strategic alliances

To increase the impact of our actions

Grants

To advance our strategic objectives in line with the SDGs and national strategies

Tackle the main causes of death among mothers and under-fives.



For example, immunisation, infectious disease diagnosis and management, quality of services, training of healthcare personnel, bottlenecks in application.

Influence, development of skills and evaluation of actions.



For example, better policies, actions and training for healthcare personnel to strengthen primary healthcare services and systems in general personnel, bottlenecks in application.

Changes for organisations, professionals, systems.



For example, improving quality, equal access to basic interventions, greater commitment by stakeholders.

Make progress in the child and maternal health agenda of the SDG's.



For example, by improving child health indicators.

More effective prioritization, better data, knowledge and skills.



For example, validation of new interventions, improving the knowledge and skills of decision- makers.



3.

Spheres of action

"la Caixa" Foundation will support projects that propose possible solutions to the main causes of maternal and child mortality in the following spheres of action:

- Influencing public policies and programmes.
- Training professionals in the public health system and in priority health specialities for the project's country of action.
- Strengthening scientific institutions and promoting networks in the country of action.
- Evaluating programmes and actions to improve the state of health of vulnerable and high-burden populations.
- Improving access to and management of medical supplies.
- Other issues related to the strengthening of health systems, including improving access and the quality of care.

4. Geographical focus

The countries of action for this call are in sub-Saharan Africa, the region that concentrates the majority of under-five deaths (60%) and maternal deaths (70%), and in which "la Caixa" Foundation has previously implemented global health projects:

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| » Angola | » Kenya | » Tanzania |
| » Ethiopia | » Mozambique | » Uganda |
| » Guinea Bissau | » Sierra Leone | |

All eight countries have child mortality rates well above the target 25, ranging from 38.8 in Kenya to 90.5 in Sierra Leone, and at current rates of progress, all are off-track to achieving SDG 3.2 by 2030.

Together, 576,000 children under five died in these eight countries in 2024, including 286,000 newborns.

Projects must be implemented in one country only. The inclusion of more than one country in the project's implementation will result in the proposal being excluded from the evaluation process.



5.

Requirements for applicants

Network projects

Networks of three to five entities led by a non-profit organisation may take part in this call.

Requirements for submission

The institutional curriculum of both the lead organisations and local partners, or other network members, must be submitted in line with the model included in the application form.

Applicant organisations

The organisations leading the proposals must meet the following requirements:

- Be non-profit organisations.
- Have an audit of the entity's financial statements. If the entity is not legally required to have such an audit, it may alternatively submit an audit of projects similar to the one being presented, carried out within the last 36 months.
- Have at least five years' experience in combating poverty, in global health (especially in maternal and child health), research or training before the closing of the Child Survival 2026 call.
- In the case of Spanish, Portuguese or international organisations, they must be always accompanied by at least one entity from the country of action.
- In the case of Spanish, Portuguese or international organisations, they must demonstrate experience in the country of action in the last three years (2023-2025).
- Be legally constituted and entered in the corresponding register.
- Have, among their institutional aims, the carrying out of activities related to training, cooperation or research in the field of health.
- Have sufficient capacity and structure to guarantee the project's goals. In this respect, only projects not exceeding 50% of the total annual budget managed by the applicant organisation may be submitted. If this criterion is not met, the organisations may join together in a network (in which case the sum of the budgets managed by the rest of the entities in the network will be taken into account).

An applicant organisation may submit a proposal as lead organisation and also form part of a network submitted in another proposal which it does not lead. In such cases, proposals will be prioritised that complement each other in strategic terms and, in any case, that do not duplicate any activities, structure or budget.

In case of entities with current projects within the Child Survival program that wish to apply for a following phase or a new project, they will be required to submit in the application the final reports, or if that is not possible, a pre-closing technical or economical report, including a justification and audit of at least 80% of the funds awarded by "la Caixa" Foundation.

If they have not been able to execute 80% of the awarded funds, they will have to attach, in addition to the before required documentation, detailed planning of the compromised funds and/or pending of execution, and, in any case, they will have to be fully executed when starting the next phase or the new project.

The following would also be an asset:

- Proposals that address four or more of the spheres of action (see section 3).
- Proven experience of networking.
- Co-funding from partners and other sources.
- When the links between the network's entities already exist or when the proposal creates new links and actions to innovate and maximise impact.
- Networks of separate and unrelated partners, that include different types of organizations, such as academic and research partners from the countries of action.
- The promotion by networks of local ownership by increasing the presence of local partners and keeping structural costs as low as possible.
- When the entities hold quality certificates.
- Membership of coordination and consultation bodies, networks and platforms.
- Proven experience in partnerships with local authorities in the countries and regions of action.
- The availability of experienced personnel based in the network's countries of action.
- The inclusion in the proposal of partners, confirmed or potential, with the capacity and willingness to be potential co-funders. To this end, letters of commitment are recommended.
- A letter of support from the Ministry of Health and/or the local, regional or national health authorities.

At the time of signing the collaboration agreement, the entities must:

- Be up-to-date with their tax and labour obligations (tax and social security certificates or equivalent official documents issued by the competent authorities in their country of origin).
- Have passed the legal review of "la Caixa" Foundation detailed on pages 22-23.

Partner organisations

The proposal's partner organisations must meet the following requirements:

- Be legally constituted and entered in the corresponding register.
- Be non-profit making.
- Have, among their institutional aims, the carrying out of activities related to training, cooperation or research in the field of health.
- Demonstrate a minimum of 5 years' experience in the implementation of training and/or health actions.
- Have sufficient capacity and structure to guarantee the project's goals.

The following would also be an asset: membership of coordination and consultation bodies, networks and platforms, collaboration with the local Ministry of Health or Education, as well as having and presenting audits.

6.

Applicant Compliance Requirements

The following requirements must also be met, in addition to those listed above:

1. The administrators, managers and employees of the applicant organization and of the partner organizations must not have any conflict of interest with the board of trustees and employees of the "la Caixa" Foundation that could undermine the principle of objectivity, equality and concurrence of the candidates for their selection.
2. The individuals necessary for the development of the project, as well as the applicant organizations themselves and their partner organizations must comply with the condition of not being sanctioned, by means of a firm resolution, of an academic, labor, administrative or judicial nature, for the commission of the following irregularities: lack of professional ethics, corruption (in any of its forms), corruption of minors, money laundering, financing of terrorism, smuggling, breaches of intellectual and/or industrial property legislation, mistreatment of animals, workplace harassment or for any other irregularity that may entail administrative or criminal liability for legal organizations, whether in attention to Spanish, European Union and/or international legislation.
3. Neither the applicant organization, nor its partner organizations, nor the individuals necessary for the development of the project may be included in international sanctions lists, such as, the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, nor in the European Union Consolidated Sanctions List, nor in the UK Sanctions List.
4. The organizations that apply to this call and their partners must be committed to respecting the Universal Declaration of Human and Children's Rights, and complying with the Principles of the United Nations Global Compact. For these purposes, they shall observe, on a non-exhaustive and non-limiting basis, the following principles and standards of conduct:
 - Support and respect internationally recognized human and labor rights.
 - Eliminate all forms of forced or compulsory labor.
 - Support the effective abolition of child labor.
 - Eliminate discrimination in employment and occupation.
 - Promote safe, healthy and dignified working conditions.
 - Act with accountability and transparency.
 - Promote social inclusion and the protection of individuals and groups in situations of vulnerability.

Furthermore, they must comply with all the applicable child protection, social and environmental legislation, and making the best efforts to implement measures aimed at mitigating the potential negative environmental impacts that may result from their activities.

5. The organizations that have participated in this call, as well as those that have been selected, are obliged to report to the "la Caixa" Foundation any irregularities detected or suspicions of fraud committed both within the framework of this application and during the execution of the project, within the shortest possible time.

The lead organizations will be responsible for verifying annually that their partner organizations comply with the above requirements. To this end, a responsible statement (identified as Annex III) is made available, that must be signed, annually, by each one of the partner organizations.

Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in the revocation of funding, and "la Caixa" Foundation may claim the amounts contributed for the development of the project.

Furthermore, if the applicant organization, as well as its partner organizations, have more than 50 employees, having a Compliance System will be positively assessed by the "la Caixa" Foundation, although this will not be a mandatory requirement for the application.



7.

Funding

The types of funding are as follows:

- Proposals up to a maximum of EUR 450,000 including tax, if applicable: For networks of four or five entities (provided one is local).
- Proposals up to a maximum of EUR 150,000 including tax, if applicable: For networks of three entities (provided one is local).

For both types of funding:

- The amount granted may not exceed 80% of the total cost of the project, with the contribution of other funds totalling at least 20% of the entire amount required (monetary or valorized contribution).
- As local contributions, valorized contributions will be accepted provided that they are sufficiently accredited and intrinsically linked, exclusively or proportionally, to the action to be developed. These valorized contributions will be subject to control and monitoring, as will the rest of the contributions.

A contribution of more than 20% of the total amount will be positively valued.
- Co-funding may come from the applicant organisations' own funds and/or those of their partners, or from other funders. In both cases, these contributions must be used in their entirety to finance direct costs.
- The amount of the grant will be set in accordance with the budget and the documentation provided by the applicant organisation and also in accordance with the budget available for the call. "la Caixa" Foundation may ask for clarification and, if necessary, impose reductions depending on the project's budgetary coherence.
- The applicant organisation must present an overall budget for the project, as well as detailed budgets for each of the project's annual instalments, in accordance with the model provided in the application form on the platform for "la Caixa" Foundation calls and the associated instructions regarding eligible costs.
- Less than the amounts requested may be awarded for reasons related to the distribution of funds and/or the project's budgetary coherence.

- All proposals should aim to influence health policies, strengthen the health system, train health personnel preferably from the public health system and/or evaluate programmes and interventions related to child survival issues with the ultimate goal of helping to improve maternal and child survival.
- Proposals must be realistically achievable within the timeframe proposed, present a suitable long-term cost-benefit ratio forecast and include appropriate technologies and methodologies. In addition, in order to ensure their feasibility, they must also have considered any current risks that could jeopardise the process and include mechanisms to address such risks.
- Proposals must propose and demonstrate a coherent and balanced relationship between the resources (technical, human and financial) required to implement the proposed activities and the expected results; i.e. there must be a balanced relationship between the stated objectives of the proposals and the budgets submitted.
- Budget should be distributed across partner entities according to the contribution of each partner in a balanced way.
- The management and monitoring of projects will be closely scrutinised as these are key to the success of a project. In this respect, applications must provide details on the organisational structures proposed to manage and monitor the projects, ensuring the correct distribution of tasks and responsibilities between the applicant organisation and other partners. Furthermore, a monitoring committee will be set up to supervise the development, implementation and progress of the project, made up of at least "la Caixa" Foundation and the lead organisation, which will establish the frequency of the meetings.
- Any financial returns produced by the funds provided by "la Caixa" Foundation to the applicant organisations must be accredited by bank certificate and must be used exclusively to cover direct costs linked to the intervention. Applicant organisations must inform "la Caixa" Foundation of the items to which this income has been allocated in the corresponding follow-up or evaluation report.
- Any costs actually paid for before the end of the justification period established in this call will be considered as expenditure actually incurred.

8.

Content of applications

Budget

The budget must be presented based on the Excel model that can be found on the platform for "la Caixa" Foundation calls, respecting the associated instructions regarding eligible costs (see Annex I).

Duration

Applications submitted to this call must be for projects lasting no longer than:

24 months

Summary of the proposal

- Problem to be addressed and solution proposed.
- Goals of the proposal and intervention strategy.
- Socio-economic context and demographic profile of the impacted individuals.

Network of entities

- Reason for selecting the partner entities, roles and value proposition of each one.
- How the network will be organised and how it will coordinate with other partners (if applicable) in the country of action; in short, the governance of the network of entities carrying out the initiative.

9.

Assessment criteria

The criteria taken into account when awarding grants and the rating established for each of them will be as follows:

- Criteria for assessing the applicant organisation: presence and experience in the country, financial capacity, technical capacity and experience in the type of project.
- Criteria for assessing the local partner(s): presence and experience in the country, financial capacity, technical capacity and experience in the type of project, links with local authorities.
- Network assessment criteria: experience of working together, connection between entities, complementary strengths, governance, involvement in government policies.
- Transversal, geographical, theme-specific and beneficiary-related priorities. Impact of the proposed activity on improving child survival by influencing health policies, improving the capabilities of professionals and scientists, evaluating programmes and interventions or other aspects related to the strengthening of the health system, as well as the fit between the proposal and the call's aims.
- Quality of the project: specific goal/s, roles of participating entities, expected results, activities, number and demographic profile of beneficiaries (direct and indirect), feasibility, relevance, follow-up and evaluation.
- Financial aspects of the project: coherence of the budget, adequacy of financing, distribution of financing across partners, own financing and other means of co-funding.
- Alignment with the national plans and strategies of the country where the project will be implemented.

10.

Schedule

The call is structured following this calendar.



The start of the submitted projects in this call must be foreseen for December 2026.

Entities may justify expenses charged from the date of signature of the collaboration agreement until the date of termination of the agreement. However, they may also charge up to 10% of the expenses retroactively.

11.

Submission of applications

The application must be submitted electronically via "la Caixa" Foundation's application form.

Access to the call application: convocatorias.fundacionlacaixa.org

The first step in the process is to register the person who will be in charge of submitting the application as a manager. It can take up to three working days for this registration to be approved. The manager must be registered for the project to be submitted, which is why we recommend doing this at the beginning of the application period.

Once the manager has been registered, the organisation can be accredited via the application at convocatorias.fundacionlacaixa.org.

If your organisation has already submitted a project to the Child Survival Call and/or to a call held by the programme of Grants for Social Initiatives Projects or the Work4Progress programme, you will already be accredited and will only have to check if you need to update any of the legal documents.

Applications must be completed, with all the required information, on the online application form and must be submitted before the closing date of the call.

No information or documentation submitted without using the online call application or after the deadline will be accepted.

We recommend consulting the **Call Application Manual**, which details the steps to be followed in order to complete the application process. This document is available on the website at www.fundacionlacaixa.org and in the call application at convocatorias.fundacionlacaixa.org.

We recommend you submitting your application a few days before the official closing date and not at the last minute, in order to avoid any incidents that cannot be resolved in time.

Step 1 | Registering the manager

To start the submission procedure, the organisation must first appoint a manager who will be responsible for managing the procedure via the call application at convocatorias.fundacionlacaixa.org.

Users can be registered at any time, irrespective of when the different calls for applications are open.

The manager must provide the information requested and upload the following documentation:

- User's identity card (currently valid) number.
- Document accrediting the manager of the organisation, signed by the latter's legal representative (a model can be downloaded from the application site).

The submission procedure cannot continue until "la Caixa" Foundation has approved the manager's registration. It's therefore important to register as soon as possible as this validation may take up to three working days. Once the manager has been registered, the procedure for accrediting the organisation and submitting the application can begin.

Step 2 | Accrediting the applicant organisation

To accredit the organisation, the manager must provide basic information about the organisation and upload the following documents:

- Copy of the organisation's tax ID.
- Copy of the organisation's entry in the corresponding official register.
- Deed of incorporation of the organisation including the articles of association. The memorandum and articles of association must be currently in force and entered in the corresponding register.

Step 3 | Submitting the project

Projects must be submitted via the call application, completing the different sections and uploading the documentation requested.

All information entered in the call application must be truthful and accurate, as this will serve as the basis for the evaluation and, if selected, also for the agreement.

No amendments will be accepted once the application has been processed, so users are advised to verify and check all the information and documentation provided before carrying out the application.

Step 4 | Legal review of shortlisted projects

Those organisations whose projects score the highest in the evaluation will be notified that they have been shortlisted and will be asked for additional documentation, which they must submit within one week of notification:

- Certificate signed by the organisation's legal representative that the board of directors, trustees or governing body of the organisation agrees to submit the application to this call and that the organisation undertakes to contribute at least 20% of the total budgeted cost of the project.
- Certificate of beneficial ownership of the organisation or certificate signed by the organisation's representative stating the nominal composition and the ID card, foreign resident card, passport or other equivalent ID document of each of the members of the board of directors, the board of trustees or the governing body of the applicant organisation, with details of the persons holding at least 25% of the voting rights of the organisation, directly or indirectly, if applicable.
- Certificate from the Tax Agency or equivalent body stating that the organisation is up-to-date with its tax obligations. This document must be valid at the time of submission and within this legal review's deadlines (this requires a valid digital certificate).
- Certificate from the Social Security or equivalent body stating that the organisation is up-to-date with its labour obligations. This document must be issued in the same month as the legal review's deadlines (this requires a valid digital certificate).

The following documents must also be submitted within one week of notification, although they will only be used if the project is finally selected:

- Sufficient specific power of attorney of the person appointed to sign the agreement (a valid electronic signature is recommended): notarised power of attorney or certificate issued by the organisation specifying the power of attorney.
- National ID card, passport or other equivalent valid document of the person who'll sign the agreement (copy of both sides of the document). In the case of a foreign resident card, the ID document from the country of origin must also be provided.
- Proof, provided by a bank, of the organisation's ownership of the CaixaBank current account with full IBAN for Spanish applicant organisations, or of another bank for non-Spanish organisations.

In addition to this documentation, they must also:

- Verify that the details (names, surnames, positions and ID card or equivalent document details) of all the members listed in the "Governing body" tab are exactly the same as those stated in the actual or certified title deed.

→ Provide the contact details of the person who'll sign the agreement (in the "Power of attorney" tab):

- Name and surname (must match the ID card or equivalent document attached as the person who'll sign the agreement).
- Email address (for the personal and exclusive use of the signatory).
- Mobile phone number (for the personal and exclusive use of the signatory).

The project cannot be selected if any of these documents is not attached to the call application within one week of the notification being sent to the organisation, or is invalid.

"la Caixa" Foundation reserves the right to carry out the appropriate checks in order to be able to determine the financial solvency of the organisations shortlisted in the call. This right will in no case imply a transfer of personal data.

12.

Selecting projects and awarding grants

All the applications will be analysed, evaluated and shortlisted by an external evaluation committee.

The projects selected by the external evaluation committee will be submitted to the governing bodies of "la Caixa" Foundation for final approval.

"la Caixa" Foundation may call the organisations presented and their partners for an interview, either in person or online, during the evaluation process to reach a consensus on aspects related to the final definition of the project.

"la Caixa" Foundation may also carry out on-site visits of the shortlisted applications whenever possible.

The decision to grant or refuse funding will be notified directly to the lead organisations of the proposals submitted.

In the event that no proposal complies with these rules, the call will be declared void. No appeal can be brought against the final decision of the call.

13.

Formalising the collaboration

- "la Caixa" Foundation and the lead organisation of the project selected will sign a collaboration agreement specifying the rights and obligations of both parties and determining, among other points, the period of execution, the amount to be contributed by "la Caixa" Foundation, the method of payment and the presentation of reports, as well as the mechanisms for monitoring, evaluation and auditing.
- The organisation signing the agreement will be responsible for the proper management of the funds of the action.
- The agreement will be subject to the legislation in force.
- Should the lead organisation not comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement, "la Caixa" Foundation may suspend or cancel all or part of the payments.
- In the event of negligence on the part of other beneficiaries of the network, "la Caixa" Foundation may demand the total or partial refund of the amounts paid.
- The financial contribution of "la Caixa" Foundation will be paid into a specific account for this initiative, which will be opened by the lead organisation. If the lead organisation is Spanish, this account must be with CaixaBank.
- This current account must be used solely and exclusively to carry out the programme (including any interest this amount may earn in the account) throughout the duration of the programme.
- The organisation undertakes not to order transfers from this current account to current accounts held by it with other financial institutions.
- In general terms, and as established in the agreement, "la Caixa" Foundation will pay the amount corresponding to the first year within a maximum period of two months from the signing of the agreement.
- Subsequent payments will only be made at the request of the organisation, upon presentation by the latter of the corresponding follow-up reports and after approval by "la Caixa" Foundation.
- Furthermore, the agreement must be known and accepted by the local partner/s as well as the rest of the partners of network projects, and therefore a declaration of intent from all partners regarding their commitments in the proposal financed by "la Caixa" Foundation must be attached to the agreement.

- "la Caixa" Foundation may, at any time, request the information it deems appropriate to verify or monitor the action. It also reserves the right, either directly or through support staff, to monitor and/or evaluate the projects financed.
- Furthermore, the implementation and management of the programme may be examined and audited by "la Caixa" Foundation or by the entity it appoints for this purpose. In this regard, and in accordance with existing legislation, the applicant organisation, as well as its partners, must keep all the technical, administrative and accounting information relating to the programme during its implementation and up to five years after it has ended.

14.

Follow-up and justification

Follow-up reports

With the aim of maintaining fluid communication and good supervision and monitoring, the lead organisations of the proposals selected will regularly provide "la Caixa" Foundation with reports on the technical and financial components specified below.

The follow-up reports to be submitted are as follows:

- A narrative and financial follow-up report 6 months after the start date, to be submitted within 2 months after this period.
- An annual narrative and financial follow-up report on the implementation of the project, to be submitted no later than 2 months after the end of each year.
- A narrative and financial follow-up report 6 months after the start date of the second year of the project's implementation, to be submitted within a period not exceeding 2 months after this period.
- A final narrative and financial report for the project, submitted within a period not exceeding 2 months after the end of the intervention.
- A final audit of the project carried out by external and, whenever possible, local personnel. The report resulting from this audit should be delivered to "la Caixa" Foundation no later than three months after the end of the project.

"la Caixa" Foundation will provide models for the narrative, financial and audit follow-up reports.

The follow-up reports must detail how the funds provided by "la Caixa" Foundation and from the co-financing of the project, if applicable, have been spent.

"la Caixa" Foundation may, at any time, request the information it deems appropriate to verify or control the action.

The original receipts of all invoices and/or certificates of expenditure must be available to be presented to "la Caixa" Foundation upon request for a period of 5 years from the end of the action.

The implementation and management of the action may be examined and audited by "la Caixa" Foundation or by a third party hired for this purpose.

"la Caixa" Foundation may also request additional information at any time during the implementation of the project.

- The reports must be drawn up in accordance with the models and instructions provided by "la Caixa" Foundation. Likewise, if "la Caixa" Foundation detects any rectifiable defects in the justification presented by the applicant organisation, it will inform the applicant and grant it a period of 30 calendar days to correct them.
- The personnel of "la Caixa" Foundation or persons designated by it may make on-site visits to see the progress of the projects.
- In addition, "la Caixa" Foundation reserves the right to carry out ex-post evaluations, directly or through external consultants.

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Data processing and confidentiality

Registration Process

Applicants will be duly informed, within the framework of the registration process, about the processing of their personal data, as well as about the exercise of their rights regarding the protection of personal data in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 and following of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Resolution of Questions and Inquiries

The Fundació Bancaria Caja de Ahorros y Pensiones de Barcelona, "la Caixa," with registered office at Avenida Diagonal, 621-629, 08028 Barcelona, Spain, acts as the data controller for the processing of personal data to address the Applicants' questions and inquiries regarding the Promotional Action. The legal basis for the processing is the performance of a contract at the Applicants' request. Personal data will be retained until the applicable statutory limitation periods expire. Data will only be disclosed to comply with legal obligations, as well as to third-party providers acting as data processors. Access to such data by technology providers located outside the European Economic Area is subject to all legally required safeguards. Further information may be requested, or the rights of access, rectification, erasure, restriction, data portability, and objection may be exercised by contacting the Data Protection Officer of Fundació Bancaria "la Caixa" at Avenida Diagonal, 621-629, 08028 Barcelona, or by emailing dpd@fundacionlacaixa.org. A complaint may also be lodged before the Spanish Data Protection Authority (www.aepd.es).

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Contact information

There is a FAQs section about this call available in the "la Caixa" Foundation [website](#).

Should you have any further queries or doubts, please write to:
childsurvival@contact.fundacionlacaixa.org

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Annexes

Annex 1

→ *Funding and eligible costs*

The amount of grant awarded will be determined in accordance with the budget and the documentation provided by the applicant organisation, as well as the budget available for the call. "la Caixa" Foundation may ask for clarification and, where appropriate, request reductions.

Only the eligible costs specified in detail in the enclosed table may be taken into consideration for the grant. To be considered eligible for the purposes of the call, costs must meet the following requirements:

- They must be necessary for the implementation of the action, be provided for in the budget, be clearly related to the activities and comply with the principles of sound financial management, in particular those of cost-effectiveness and efficiency.
- They must be incurred by the applicant organisations during the period when the intervention is carried out. This does not affect costs related to the baseline survey.
- They must be recorded in the accounts or tax documents of the applicant organisations, be identifiable and verifiable and supported by original documents.

Any financial returns produced by the funds provided by "la Caixa" Foundation to the applicant organisations must be accredited by means of a certificate and must be applied exclusively to cover direct costs related to the action. Applicant organisations must inform "la Caixa" Foundation of the items to which such income has been allocated in the corresponding follow-up or evaluation report.

As local contributions, revaluations will be accepted provided they are duly accredited and intrinsically related, exclusively or proportionally, to the action to be carried out. These revaluations will be subject to the same controls as other contributions.

Only 'eligible direct costs' and indirect costs, as specified in detail below, may be taken into consideration:

DIRECT COSTS

Identification and formulation

Costs of on-site identification including possible costs for diagnostics, baseline survey, etc.

Lands and buildings

Expenditure necessary for the rental of real estate. Only the rental of property essential for the direct implementation of the action is eligible. This item is limited to a maximum of 10% of the direct costs.

Construction and rehabilitation

Expenditure directly linked to construction and rehabilitation works foreseen in the action (labour and transfer of workers, materials and their transport, decommissioning, compulsory technical reports, licences, fees, compulsory insurance, works management, etc.).

Constructions carried out in the course of the subsidised action will not be subject to depreciation applicable to the subsidised action.

Documentation to be provided:

- For the execution of works whose value exceeds EUR 30,000, a minimum of 3 different quotes will be required. A copy of the contract and a certified copy of the invoices for works exceeding these amounts must be provided with the final report.
- Construction project approved by the corresponding professional association.
- Work certificates issued by the construction company.
- Commitment to use the building or construction for the purpose for which the funds were granted for a period of at least 10 years.
- Supporting documentation, in accordance with the legislation of the country in question, specifying the ownership status of the construction.
- If rented property is being renovated, the landlord's consent must be obtained, in addition to the relevant permits.

This item is limited to a maximum of 10% of direct costs.

Equipment and supplies

Acquisitions, repairs and maintenance of machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings, transport equipment, computer equipment and material (hardware and software), as well as related supplies directly linked to the achievement of the project's goals. This will include costs arising from the shipment, installation and commissioning of equipment.

For supplies of capital goods whose value exceeds EUR 12,000, a minimum of 3 quotes from different suppliers is required.

Local personnel

Local personnel are considered to be the staff of the lead organisation or another organisation of the beneficiary partnership subject to the labour legislation of the country where the action is implemented and where they provide their services, in accordance with the relevant labour regime, and whose functions and tasks are directly related to the project.

Expenditure on actual salaries, social security, insurance and other costs forming part of the remuneration will be charged under this item. Salaries and costs may not exceed those normally borne by the applicant organisations and must be in accordance with the national salary scale, and the necessary information must be provided to justify this.

The allocation may be partial or total depending on their involvement in the project to be financed. Only the costs of personnel who form part of the operational plan, and without whom the action could not be carried out, are eligible.

No penalties or compensation may be charged for breach of contract attributable to the Spanish or Portuguese entity, its partners or counterparties, or surcharges for non-payment or delays in withholding taxes or social security.

Expenditure on technical advice may also be charged to this item, provided this is performed by local personnel or firms.

"la Caixa" Foundation reserves the right to request from the organisation, directly or through specially appointed third parties, the corresponding employment contracts, which must include the type of contract, professional category, salary and tasks to be carried out, as well as the pay slips signed by the workers, Social Security contribution slips, invoices accrediting payment of insurance policies, income tax withholding forms, etc., and also to conduct interviews with the workers.

Expatriate personnel

Expatriate personnel are understood to be employees of the Spanish, Portuguese or international organisation who are subject to Spanish or Portuguese legislation or the legislation of the country where the international organisation has its headquarters and who provide their services in the country of action, and whose tasks are directly linked to the action.

For those organisations that do not have expatriate staff, the salaries of persons from the Spanish, Portuguese or international organisation who carry out tasks directly linked to the action may be charged under this item.

The invoices chargeable in both cases will be governed by the same criteria as those required for local personnel; i.e. the salary level of the staff member must be duly justified (and must be in accordance with the organisation's scales).

It will be an advantage should this item not exceed 10% of the direct costs.

Technical and professional services

Expenditure on technical advice provided by firms or consultants may be charged to this item.

Specific training costs

All costs (with the exception of administrative costs) related to training courses (teachers, venue rentals, consumables, travel, etc.) can be charged. This item must be broken down in detail on successive lines in the budget.

The final report must also indicate this cost, broken down by beneficiary and stating the nominal cost at an individual level.

Travel, accommodation and daily expenses

This item includes all expenses related to travel, accommodation and daily expenses of both personnel linked to the project (local and expatriate) and of technicians, trainers and final beneficiaries directly related to the actions planned.

Current operating expenditure

This item is intended to cover running costs (electricity, water, communications, consumables for maintenance and security, fuel, vehicle repairs and leasing). Only costs strictly related to the implementation of the project can be charged. Invoices attributable to several projects will be charged as a percentage of each project.

Evaluation

The item covers the amounts allocated for the external evaluation of the programme.

Audit

External audits of a mandatory nature and/or those provided for in the design must be justified under this item and carried out in accordance with general auditing standards.

INDIRECT COSTS

A lump sum may be subsidised, up to a limit equivalent to 7% of the action's total eligible costs requested from "la Caixa" Foundation, as indirect costs corresponding to the general administrative expenses of the action assumed by the applicant organisation and the other partners.

THE FOLLOWING COSTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE:

The following items are not eligible under any circumstances:

- Direct taxes (property tax, inheritance tax, etc.) are not eligible in any case whereas indirect taxes (VAT) are eligible.
- Expenditure already financed in another context.
- Credits or debts owed to third parties, nor interest owed, surcharges or administrative and criminal penalties.
- Foreign exchange losses.
- Loans to third parties, losses or provisions for possible losses.
- Interest due, surcharges or administrative or criminal penalties.
- Acquisition of property or real estate.
- Acquisition of four-wheeled vehicles.

Annex 2

→ *Table of key performance indicators (KPI's)*

Suggested indicators for projects or activities (if applicable):

- Number of partner entities in the network
- Number of individuals in the network
- Number of directly impacted individuals
 - % females
 - % youth (e.g., 15-24 years)
 - % children (e.g., 0-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years)
- Number of indirectly impacted individuals
- Number of activities carried out (workshops, focus groups, structured interviews, etc.)
- Number of participants in the project or study (if applicable)
- Number of scientific publications (if applicable)
- Number of technical publications (reports, guides, etc.) (if applicable)
- Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in the area of action/training or study (i.e., number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)
- Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) in the area of action/training or study (i.e., number of deaths aged 0-1 month per 1,000 live births)
- Post-neonatal Mortality Rate in the area of action/training or study (i.e., number of deaths among children 1-59 months per 1,000 children)
- % of births attended by skilled health personnel in the area of action/training or study
- % of immunization in the area of action/training (if applicable)
- % children zero-dose (i.e., % population 0-12 months with no dose DTP)
- % 0-12 months with 3 doses DTP vaccine
- % 12-23 months with 2 doses measles vaccine
- % 0-12 months with 3 doses PCV vaccine
- % 0-12 months with 3 doses rotavirus vaccine
- % 0-23 months with 4 doses malaria vaccine

- Number of dissemination actions
- Number of participants completing training or training completion rate (% of trainees having completed, broken down by gender, age, and vulnerable groups, if applicable)
- Number of participants dropping out of training (% drop-out rate of trainees, broken down by gender, age, and vulnerable groups, if applicable)
- Degree of satisfaction of participants in training activities
- % of budget invested locally (country of action)
- Amount (EUR) and % of co-funding, by source

Annex 3

Responsible Statement (partner organizations)

Mr./Ms, [include name and surname], with identity document [include type and number of identity document], with sufficient powers of representation to sign this statement in my capacity as [include position], acting in the name and on behalf of the entity [include name of the entity], with Tax ID number and address at; within the framework of the **Child Survival 2026 call**, I declare that the organization complies with and accepts the following requirements:

1. The individuals necessary for the development of the project, as well as the organization I represent, is not sanctioned, by means of a firm resolution, of an academic, labor, administrative or judicial nature, for the commission of the following irregularities: lack of professional ethics, corruption (in any of its forms), corruption of minors, money laundering, financing of terrorism, smuggling, breaches of intellectual and/or industrial property legislation, mistreatment of animals, workplace harassment or for any other irregularity that may entail administrative or criminal liability for legal organizations, whether in attention to Spanish, European Union and/or international legislation.
2. Neither the organization I represent, nor the individuals necessary for the development of the project are included in international sanctions lists, such as, the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, nor in the European Union Consolidated Sanctions List, nor in the UK Sanctions List.
3. That the organization I represent is committed to respecting the Universal Declaration of Human and Children's Rights, and complying with the Principles of the United Nations Global Compact. For these purposes, the organization will observe, on a non-exhaustive and non-limiting basis, the following principles and standards of conduct:
 - Support and respect internationally recognized human and labor rights.
 - Eliminate all forms of forced or compulsory labor.
 - Support the effective abolition of child labor.
 - Eliminate discrimination in employment and occupation.
 - Promote safe, healthy and dignified working conditions.
 - Act with accountability and transparency.
 - Promote social inclusion and the protection of individuals and groups in situations of vulnerability.

Furthermore, the organization will comply with all the applicable child protection, social and environmental legislation, and making the best efforts to implement measures aimed at mitigating the potential negative environmental impacts that may result from its activities.

4. I guarantee that if any irregularity is detected or suspected fraud is committed during the execution of the project, it will be reported to the [include name of contracting entity].

And, for the record, the representative of the entity hereby signs this document on [day] of [month] of [year].

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