

Call for Proposals Evidence2Action Pitch Challenge

About the Summit

The USAID Asia Counter Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) program is hosting the 2020 Counter Trafficking in Persons Evidence Summit virtually on November 10-12, 2020, entitled *Evidence2Action*. The objective of the summit is to distill the latest and best research in the CTIP sector into actionable information for civil society, the private sector, national and local governments, with an aim to address important issues, namely:

- (1) the application of research findings in day-to-day response by civil society to improve the lives of survivors of trafficking in persons
- (2) identification of barriers to ‘research uptake’ faced by civil society, private sector, and government agencies and means to overcome them

For more details of the summit please follow the [Evidence2Action](#) website.

Evidence2Action Pitching Team Challenge

Who can participate?

Registrants of the Evidence2Action Summit (attendees OR presenters)

Practitioners, private sector employees, researchers or government officials who conduct research, or have previously done so, which has yielded direct and applicable findings for governments, the private sector, or civil society organizations (CSOs) working in counter trafficking.

The minimum team size is 2 people/organizations. Each team must include at least one person from TWO or more of the following sectors: Local CSO (non-profit, government, community, or collective); Private Sector – a legally registered company or corporation (public company, private company, non-profit or for-profit social enterprise); and Academia – an educational organization (research institute, think tank, university, independent researcher).

For example, a team of two people could have a university researcher and a private sector company Research and Development (R&D) specialist, but not two university researchers.

For example, a team of three people could have 2 university researchers and a CSO representative, but not 3 CSO representatives.

What is the topic of the Challenge? Evidence2Action is looking for innovative solutions to Countering Trafficking in Persons (CTIP), broadly defined across the thematic areas of the Evidence2Action Summit detailed on the website and listed here: COVID-19: Emerging CTIP trends research, and new approaches to fight TIP; Cross-border cooperation; Emerging practical challenges; Evidence and change: effects of research on programs and agendas; Innovative solutions, practices and research methods in Asia and the Pacific; Interventions: cost-effectiveness, impact, and misplaced efforts; Empowerment and Reintegration of TIP survivors into society; Victim identification and referral mechanism; and impact of climate change on migration and TIP risks.

We are also looking for partnerships across sectors that demonstrate new, innovative, and dynamic ways of bridging silos between academia, private sector, and CSOs. In other words, we are looking for courageous actors who are willing to create space for including diverse knowledge, for learning from failure, and for impact-oriented action.

Structure and Timeline? Applicants will have to submit a two (2) page pitch by **November 30, 2020**. Only **6 selected teams** will be notified via email and will then be required to present a complete proposal, budget and timeline over video (maximum 5 minutes) to the selection committee.

What are expected deliverables? The selected teams (up to three) are expected to submit USAID Asia CTIP a final report in English no later than **30 June 2021**. *[The report should contain summary of key findings, narrative description of the assessment process and methodology implementation, supporting charts, glossary, annexes etc. (if applicable), key findings and recommendations.]*

Research Fund

Up to **three grants** will be divided from a total of USD 50,000 research budget to support their methodology implementation over a six-month period (by **June 30, 2021**).

Application Information

The complete proposal must be legibly typed in English and should comprise of:

1. A two-page concept note for the research project (not including annexes), which must include:
(a) an explanation of how the research will be applied; (b) methodology; (b) timeline; and (c) budget

Deadline for Submission of the pitch (two page): 30 November 2020

Deadline for submission of complete proposal by the 6 selected teams: 20 December 2020

Planned research implementation period (up to 3 research): January- June 2021 Submission:

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