



**INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION  
PEACE AND RECOVERY PROGRAM  
COVID-19 Off-cycle Funding**

As COVID-19 spreads around the world, IPA's [Peace & Recovery Program](#) is accepting off-cycle proposals, capped at \$50,000, for time-sensitive research projects and additions to research projects that study or support the COVID-19 response.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) can be submitted [here](#). Interested researchers are requested to consult this document before submitting an EOI. Please direct all questions to [peace@poverty-action.org](mailto:peace@poverty-action.org).

#### **I. Priorities**

We have two priorities for our COVID-19 off-cycle funding. To the degree possible, successful proposals will address both.

1. To produce information that can directly inform the humanitarian response to COVID-19
2. To produce generalizable knowledge that contributes academic literature on resilience, response, and recovery, in line with the goals and methods outlined in our [Guiding Principles and Funding Priorities](#).

The funding window could support projects that:

- Generate new data to directly inform the COVID-19 response of committed partners
- Evaluate interventions that are expected to improve COVID-19 response or recovery
- Add a module to an existing survey in order to track COVID-19 exposure or response
- Add a treatment arm that may support communities' resiliency in response to COVID-19
- Anonymize, curate, and share already-collected data quickly so that it can be used for decision-making by the humanitarian community
- Conduct a "low-stream survey" that follows up on a sample that participated in an already-completed randomized trial in order to identify whether the intervention studied has an impact on the communities' response to COVID-19

Projects that can provide rapid results and/or actionable data to stakeholders involved in the response to COVID-19 will be prioritized.

#### **II. Evaluation Criteria**

Projects are assessed against five, equally weighted evaluation criteria:

<b>Academic contribution</b>	Does the study make a significant contribution toward advancing knowledge in the field? Does it answer new questions or trial use novel methods, measures, or interventions? Is there academic relevance? How does the study compare with the existing body of research? Does the research strategy provide a bridge between a practical experiment and underlying economic theories?
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