

# Call for expression of interest: supporting COVID-19 response in ASEAN



## UK Government

With the goal of better future resilience to pandemics, the ASEAN vaccine development and manufacturing research project aims to identify how the UK can support ASEAN countries in improving their regional capacity to develop, test, manufacture and distribute vaccines. This is in-line with the [ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on ASEAN vaccine security and self-reliance](#) on 2 November 2019. The UK is committed to working together with governments, civil society, research-based organisations, and multilateral partners to support this regional effort.

### **Objectives**

This research project will:

- enhance understanding of the capacity within ASEAN to develop, test, manufacture, and distribute vaccines with an emphasis on current/future pandemic response
- engage with various stakeholders (governments, regulators, businesses, multilaterals, civil societies) to identify the implementation gaps within ASEAN on the region's ambition for vaccine security and self-reliance (eg: what would it take to establish an ASEAN Serum Institute?)
- identify opportunities and challenges for ASEAN including economical, political, regulatory, and logistical landscape surrounding vaccine

- security collaborations for the benefit of all ASEAN countries
- identify key influential actors in shaping the regulatory, policy or other barriers for entry in support of ASEAN countries improving their vaccine security
- produce a document reporting on the findings of the project
- organise one or two policy dialogues (through knowledge exchanges/webinars) to discuss the findings of this research

## Assessment criteria

EOI will be assessed against the following criteria:

- alignment with the above mentioned objectives, detailed in the Terms of Reference.
- outcomes achievable within the funding period (by end of March 2022)
- project design with clear monitoring and evaluation procedures
- risk and financial accountability procedures
- organisation's safeguarding policies ensuring protection of beneficiaries
- feasibility of project delivery under current circumstances (COVID-19 restrictions)
- overall value for money
- delivery approach

## How to submit EOI

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