

# Platform for ACT-A Civil Society & Community Representatives

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## **Call for a Community Led Organisation<sup>1</sup> to join the Platform for ACT-A Civil Society & Community Representatives**

The Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) was set up in April 2020 as a groundbreaking global collaboration to accelerate the development, production and equitable access to new COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines.

Since May 2020 the Platform for ACT-A Civil Society & Community Representatives (the Platform) – co-led by [WACI Health](#), [STOPAIDS](#) and [GFAN](#) – has been supporting community and civil society representatives in the platform and advocating for and ensuring that every aspect of the ACT-A has reserved space for communities and civil society to bring their expertise, experience and voices to the table. Currently, there are 47 community and civil society representatives who sit across the 4 “Pillars” (Vaccines/COVAX, Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Health Systems Connector) and two representatives at the Facilitation Council who also participate in “ACT-A Principals” discussions.

In mid-May 2021, the Platform was granted project funding and advertised several positions for long-term consultancies (Project Lead, Platform Coordinator and Pillar Focal Points to (Vaccines/COVAX, Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Health Systems Connector). The consultants have joined the platform since September 2021.

We are now looking for a fourth and fifth community organisation to join WACI Health, STOPAIDS and GFAN to co-lead the platform and ensure communities impacted by COVID-19 are represented and included across all areas of work of the ACT-A. By ‘organization’ we mean a formally recognized CBO or structured network, coalition, patient-centred group, movement or campaign.

### **Role of lead organisation**

The four lead organisations will form a civil society leadership group and work closely with the long term consultants to ensure that the civil society and community representatives on each of the four ACT A Pillars, are supported and able to conduct core responsibilities such as:

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<sup>1</sup> Community organisation by our definition includes formally recognized organisations but also includes more informally recognized networks, coalitions, patient advocacy groups, movements or campaigns. For our purposes "community" is defined as those who have first-hand experience living with COVID-19 and/or representing those populations who are known to have vulnerabilities to COVID-19. Community-led means that those most impacted by COVID-19 are actively driving the work on COVID-19 within the organisation or group.

- Consultations to gather information about the COVID response in countries .
- Holding a space to ensure that information, tools and knowledge being generated both locally and at the global level are being shared broadly.
- That the community and civil society representatives on ACT-A are accountable to their constituencies.

A small amount of funding has been prioritised in a project budget to be divided equally amongst co-lead organisations.

### **Requirements of the organisation**

- A community organisation, network or group currently led by communities with first-hand experience living with COVID-19, and/or representing populations who are known to have vulnerabilities to COVID-19
- Demonstrated expertise and understanding of the scope of work of the ACT-A and the opportunities and challenges it presents
- Demonstrated linkages with community networks (local, national and/or regional, and global levels)
- Capacity to communicate and network effectively and broadly
- Be fully able to communicate orally and in writing in English (additional languages are valued)
- Commitment (as an organisation for an individual or a number of individuals) to a minimum level of effort of 10% per month for Platform related activities
- Demonstrated ability to work in collaboration with the Platform for Community and Civil Society Representatives in ACT-A to ensure that relevant information is shared across the partnerships and to develop strategies that can be implemented collectively as ACT-A develops
- Experience seeking input from communities on key issues and questions raised across the work of ACT-A
- Commitment to a high level of advocacy, accountability, represented by regular communication with the civil society and communities
- Experience in utilizing opportunities for advocacy around issues of importance to civil society and communities

### **How to apply**

In order to be considered, please review the full terms of reference saved [here](#) and submit a one/two-page document outlining how your organisation, network or group meets the criteria outlined in the Terms of Reference. **Please note, this opportunity is only open to organisations, networks or groups, and is not open to individuals.** Applications are due before **17:00 CET on Friday 26 November 2021** to Wim Vandeveldde at [wvandevelde@gnpplus.net](mailto:wvandevelde@gnpplus.net)

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview with the lead organisations (WACI Health, GFAN and STOPAIDS) and ACT-A community representatives.