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SUBJECT : Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) Health Research

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Apart from the UKRI GRCF/Newton Fund Agile Response Research Call, the British Embassy has informed us of another UK research funding opportunity, the Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) Health Research. GECO Health Research is a new cross UK government funding call aiming to support applied health research that will address COVID-19 knowledge gaps in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Scope	The focus is understanding the pandemic and mitigating its health impacts in low and middle-income countries (LMIC) contexts. With priorities on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Epidemiology o Clinical management o Infection control o Health System response <p>Other than projects addressing direct impacts of COVID-19, projects investigating the indirect consequences of the pandemic through other health issues such as (but not limited to): mental health, domestic violence, inter-personal violence, water and sanitation, maternal and neonatal health, nutrition, chronic conditions, and the wider impact on the health system or health service delivery, will be considered.</p>
Project cost/ duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal up to £1 million per award. • Projects should complete within 18 months.
Proposal Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 1: 22 June 2020 • Round 2: 10 August 2020 • Round 3: 28 September 2020

More information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3q9c1zD>. We would highly appreciate if you can disseminate this call to your S&T networks. Thank you.

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