

**Call for Expressions of Interest:**  
**What are the struggles and opportunities for integrating  
Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) in development or  
humanitarian programmes?**

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This is a call for expressions of interest as part of the Coalition for Religious Equality and Inclusive Development (CREID). We are looking to receive applications for writing of short papers (short case studies or evaluations) that consider the struggles and opportunities for integrating Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) in development or humanitarian programmes. The geographic focus of this call is Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

This is the first such call in the newly established CREID programme and we are expecting to fund 4-5 case studies or evaluations in the first year of the programme. We are aiming to issue further similar calls in year 2 and 3 of the programme. We are expecting to receive expressions of interest for short case studies or evaluations with a maximum budget of £15,000. The case studies or evaluations will be peer reviewed and published as part of the CREID profile of publications.

Expressions of interest can be submitted by individuals or organisations. Interested applicants will need to submit a completed expression of interest form, budget form, CV and example of written work (even if not directly related).

### **About CREID**

[The Coalition for Religious Equality and Inclusive Development \(CREID\)](#) provides research evidence and delivers practical programmes which aim to redress the impact of discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, tackle poverty and exclusion, and promote people's wellbeing and empowerment.

Currently, discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief can mean that people lack access to basic services such as health or education, experience verbal, emotional or physical violence and abuse, and be excluded from vital social and political processes. CREID believes that freedom of religion or belief is essential for people living in poverty to achieve their potential, live in dignity, free from stigma and exclusion.

Our work produces new research evidence and develops innovative practical programmes, and is focused on Egypt, Iraq, Myanmar/Burma, Pakistan and Nigeria.

More specifically, we are working on:

1. Mainstreaming awareness of Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) in development to ensure that policies and programmes are sensitive and responsive to inequalities on the ground of religion or belief
2. Investing in opportunities for interfaith service delivery in communities where there are poverty and religious tensions

3. Monitoring hate speech and looking at how digital technology and media are affecting social harmony
4. Building coalitions at national level and supporting local campaigns promoting FoRB
5. Engendering cross fertilisation for religious inclusivity by bringing about collaboration between humanitarian organisations, faith leaders, rights activists and development practitioners.

CREID is led by the [Institute of Development Studies \(IDS\)](http://www.ids.ac.uk) in partnership with Al-Khoei Foundation, CSW and Minority Rights Group.

## Call for Expressions of Interest

This call for expressions of interest is designed to contribute to building the evidence base of the CREID programme. We invite expressions of interest for writing short papers (case studies or evaluations) that consider the struggles and opportunities for integrating Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) in development or humanitarian programmes. Proposals of a cost up to £15,000 are invited. We would encourage applicants to budget for what is required rather than applying for the maximum.

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Applicants should complete the CREID Case Study Expression of Interest Form and Budget Form (downloaded from [www.ids.ac.uk/creid](http://www.ids.ac.uk/creid)) and submit via email to [creid@ids.ac.uk](mailto:creid@ids.ac.uk). The closing date for submissions is **10:00am (GMT) on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. Any applications received after the submission deadline will not be considered. We are looking to receive expressions of interest that speak to the following research questions:

- How has FoRB been integrated in the project or programme?
- To what extent has the attempt (of integrating FoRB) been successful and why or why not?
- What was learnt about this process? What factors might be replicable in other contexts?

The case study should be geographically based in Africa, Asia or the Middle East.

## Expected Research Report

A successful applicant should expect to produce one written research output which meets CREID quality standards for online/printed publication. This should be between 5,000 and 7,000 words long.

The case studies or evaluations will be peer reviewed and published as a CREID publication.

The first draft of the paper will be due 3 month after the contract for the work has been signed and applicants should expect to do further work after the peer review process to complete the output.

## Assessment Criteria for Proposals

The following criteria will be used to assess submitted proposals:

- Relevance to the CREID programme and the theme of this call and responding to the research questions.
- Track record of the applicant in writing similar pieces of work (we can consider both published and unpublished work).

- The proposal is within the budget envelope of this call (including all expenses and indirect costs), The work is feasible within the proposed budget and the budget is appropriate to the level of effort required (we encourage applicants to budget for what is required rather than applying for the maximum).
- The proposed paper focuses on a specific issue / programme / project.
- The proposed paper is based on empirical data (i.e. no discourse analysis)
- The applicant has a deep understanding of the case and access to relevant data.

Received expressions of interest will be assessed by a team led by the CREID Programme Director, Professor Mariz Tadros.

## Research Management

The first point of contact for CREID Grants is Susanne Schirmer, the Programme Manager for the CREID programme. Please email any further questions to [creid@ids.ac.uk](mailto:creid@ids.ac.uk).

## Application Process and Timetable

Applicants should complete the CREID Case Study Application Form and submit via email to [creid@ids.ac.uk](mailto:creid@ids.ac.uk).

In addition, to the Expression of Interest Form, the following documents need to be submitted at the same time:

- Completed Budget form
- CV of the main applicant (maximum 3 pages long)
- Sample of writing for the main applicant (this can be provided as a pdf or as a link to publication, however, we can only consider publications which are freely available and not behind a paywall)

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All documentation related to this call is available to download from [www.ids.ac.uk/creid](http://www.ids.ac.uk/creid)

## FAQs

1. I'm based in the UK, can I submit an expression of interest for a case study of a programme in Africa?  
*Response: Yes, we are happy to consider expressions of interest from across the globe, as long as the cases are based in Africa, Asia or the Middle East.*
2. I'm based in India, can I submit an expression of interest?  
*Response: Yes, please see response to question 1.*
3. I have never had any of my work published, can I still submit a proposal?  
*Response: Yes, we are asking to see a sample of the applicant's writing, however, that does not need to have been published.*
4. I'm a journalist, working on issues of Freedom of Religion or Belief; am I eligible to submit an expression of interest?  
*Response: Yes, as long as the paper you are proposing is relevant to the question of the call and the work of the CREID programme, i.e. focused on development or humanitarian work.*
5. Can I submit a proposal for an evaluation of a programme that is still ongoing?  
*Response: Yes, ongoing or retrospective cases can be considered. However, the programme must be advanced enough for you to be able to draw out conclusions or learning from the case.*
6. What expenditure can be included in the budget?

*Response: the budget can include time for the author(s) (based on the level of effort), cost of travel & subsistence for essential field work. We can only pay for actually incurred costs (rather than per diems) and will need to receive timesheets and receipts for any costs incurred.*

7. Are indirect costs allowed?

*Response: Yes, however, these need to be included in the budget form and the total amount of the budget can not exceed £15,000*

8. Who will have copyright for the published paper and can I, for example, re-publish the paper somewhere else?

*Response: You will retain moral rights to the work and will therefore be attributed as the author. You will be able to publish the paper elsewhere but it may be necessary to acknowledge IDS and/or the donor in any publication. IDS will need to obtain a sub-licence for itself and the donor in order to use and publish the work (or elements of it) for the benefit of the CREID programme and its ongoing research.*

9. Can I submit a paper that has already been published?

*Response: No, CREID is aiming to fund time for applicants to write new papers and we are looking to receive expressions of interest for papers that have not yet been published and have not been submitted elsewhere.*

10. Can I do a cross country comparative?

*Response: Yes, but it will still need to be within the budget envelope.*

11. I have a case study, but will need help with methodology, can you help?

*Yes, we can potentially help with methodology, please email [creid@ids.ac.uk](mailto:creid@ids.ac.uk) with more details.*

12. Can there be several authors to one case study

*Response: yes, but even with several authors, the proposal will need to stay within the budget envelope.*

13. I have a case study, but I'm not sure if they have integrated FORB or not, will this be acceptable?

*Response: no, I'm afraid we couldn't consider a proposal in this case as we would expect they author to be familiar with the case in order to write about it.*