



**Health Commitment Grants — India
Request for Application**

Strengthening Zoonotic Disease Prevention and Surveillance in Urban Animal Markets: A Focused Approach to High-Risk Populations in India

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JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) implements the Tuberculosis Implementation Framework Agreement (TIFA), a project managed by the United States Department of State (DOS). Spanning eight years (2019–2027), this initiative builds on the U.S. Government’s investments in TB programming. In 2026, the project is expanding its scope to address additional health priorities under the America First Global Health Strategy.

Through direct engagement with local governments, TIFA co-designs Health Commitment Grants (HCGs) and other subawards. These instruments accelerate progress toward national and global health targets, foster country ownership, and enhance public health emergency preparedness and response.

The Collaborative Process: TIFA employs a phased, collaborative approach to develop HCGs and subawards. In collaboration with the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), we identify country priorities and potential implementing partner organizations. Invited organizations will undergo a guided co-design process; once the subaward has been approved, the implementing partner will implement the subaward activities while DOS and JSI/TIFA verify the completion of key milestones.

In India, the TIFA project is focused on strengthening national health security by fostering unified action across government sectors and local partners. This collaborative approach is essential for building a resilient defense system capable of detecting, preventing, and responding to the rising threat of emerging infectious diseases. While JSI/TIFA’s foundational work involved advancing National TB Elimination Program goals, our mission has recently expanded. We are now launching a new focus on Global Health Security and are requesting applications for Strengthening Zoonotic Disease Prevention and Surveillance in Urban Animal Markets.

JSI/TIFA will fund Global Health Security initiatives to contribute to India’s efforts to contain outbreak-prone diseases and emerging pathogens at their source. To support this, JSI/TIFA seeks an organization to pilot an intervention for Strengthening Wet Market Surveillance and

Zoonotic Disease Prevention. Aligning with the NCDC's National One Health Programme for Prevention and Control of Zoonoses (NOHPPCZ), the approach focuses on transforming market stakeholders into the first line of defense. This intervention will focus on comprehensive GIS mapping of wet markets in the targeted geographies, followed by a Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) assessment of personnel, sensitization of personnel involved in wet markets, and establishing health facility linkages for regular check-ups and surveillance.

We invite applications from Indian organizations to undertake the following activities:

Problem Statement/ Opportunities	Proposed Interventions	Expected Outputs/ Outcomes
Information & Baseline Gaps: Lack of centralized spatial information/ data on urban market locations and absence of comprehensive worker risk stratification.	Mapping & KAP Study: Comprehensive GIS mapping of wet markets in selected intervention geographies, followed by a KAP assessment of personnel.	A digitized "Risk Map" and behavioral baseline to tailor city-specific biosafety interventions.
Behavioral Alignment Needs: Misaligned risk perception and inconsistent biosafety practices among market personnel and municipal inspectors.	Sensitization & upskilling: Dual-track sensitization and skills-based training for Municipal Officials (on enforcement/oversight) and Market Personnel (on standardized biosafety SOPs and PPE use).	>70% of targeted stakeholders sensitized; measurable shift in biosafety compliance and hygiene attitudes.
Health Access Integration: High-risk market workers remain largely disconnected from routine preventive and occupational health services.	Health Facility Linkage: Formalizing referrals to the nearest Public Health Facilities for regular check-ups and pilot Serosurveillance for priority pathogens (e.g., CCHF, Brucellosis, Anthrax).	75% of market personnel registered with local health centers; establishment of an occupational health baseline.
Surveillance & Reporting Gaps: Delayed event-based detection of "silent" outbreaks in animal hubs.	Digital Integration: Capacitate personnel to use the IHIP Community Reporting Tool for instant alerts on unusual animal deaths or human illness clusters.	Real-time reporting channel established from the market floor to the District Surveillance Unit (DSU).
Governance & Sustainability Gaps: Fragmented oversight and lack of institutional biosecurity standards within the municipal licensing system .	Policy & Checklist Integration: Embedding mandatory Biosecurity Checklists into Municipal licensing and inspection protocols to institutionalize standards.	A standardized Municipal Biosecurity Checklist integrated into the formal licensing process.
Operational Sustainability Gaps: Lack of long-term local ownership and financing.	PPP & Peer-Monitoring Model: Establishing a partnership between NCDC, Municipalities, and Market Welfare Associations (MWAs) where trade unions act as "peer-monitors" for PPE/waste standards.	Functional PPP ecosystem where biosafety municipal recognition is linked to MWA-led biosecurity enforcement.

The proposed¹ geographies for the intervention will be in five selected high-risk urban cities representing diverse ecological and trade corridors. The intervention cities will act as demonstration clusters to test scalable urban market biosecurity and early warning models under NOHPPCZ. JSI/TIFA may issue awards to one or multiple organizations.

The following proposed indicators are essential to capture the project progress. Additional indicators may be proposed by the applicant and/or may be added during the co-design phase:

1. 100% of urban animal markets in target cities GIS-mapped and categorized by zoonotic risk profile.
2. At least 70% of targeted market personnel and municipal inspectors trained in standardized biosafety and PPE protocols.
3. Number of event alert generated in community based reporting tool of IHIP from the personnel working in wet market
4. Formal inclusion of the Biosecurity Checklist in the mandatory municipal inspection/licensing/renewal process for meat and livestock traders.
5. 75% of identified high-risk workers linked to local health facilities with documented baseline serosurveillance and regular screening records.

Eligibility

Interested organizations must meet the following mandatory criteria:

- **Legal Status:** Must be a legally registered Indian NGO with a valid FCRA registration, or a for-profit organization with all mandatory registrations (PAN, TAN, GST) eligible to receive foreign funds, or an international organization legally registered in India.
- **Leadership Commitment:** The Chief Executive must be willing to enter into a formal agreement, and the organization is authorized to receive funds from JSI, the Washington-based partner.
- **Compliance:** Demonstrated ability to comply with all U.S. Government regulations and certifications.
- **Experience:** Proven track record of liaising with NCDC (One Health/IDSP divisions) and Urban Local Bodies (Municipal Corporations) is highly preferred.
- **Technical Capacity:** Possession of a multi-disciplinary team with expertise in Zoonotic diseases, Veterinary sciences, and Public Health to manage high-risk animal-human interface interventions.
- **Community Engagement:** Previous experience within the past 3 years working with Wet Market stakeholders, trade unions, or urban community platforms (Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Mahila Arogya Samitis (MAS), or Jan Arogya Samitis (JAS) is essential. The ability to rapidly initiate immediate implementation and deliver meaningful results 12 months or less.
- **Availability:** Ability to present to a selection panel in February 2026 and participate in a New Delhi co-design workshop.

Application Submission

¹Note: geographies may be modified during the co-design process based on additional NCDC input.

- **Platform:** Applications must be submitted via the **TIFA Bharat Portal** (<https://tifabharat.org/>).
- **Deadline:** **10th February 2026, at 18:00 IST.**
- **Inquiries:** Questions may be directed to tifa.bharat@jsi.org until 3rd February 2026, at 18:00 IST. Responses will be shared with all eligible applicants by 6th February 2026.

Selection Steps

1. **Administrative Screening:** JSI/TIFA staff will verify that all applications meet basic eligibility requirements.
2. **Technical Review:** A selection committee will evaluate eligible applications based on technical merit.
3. **Ranking:** Applicants will be ranked based on their concept papers and, if required, a technical presentation.
4. **Co-Design:** Top-ranked organizations will be invited to a multi-day workshop in New Delhi (tentatively mid-February 2026) to develop a detailed activity plan and budget.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be scored based on a total of 100 points across the following categories:

- **Technical Approach (30%):** Innovation and feasibility of the Wet Market surveillance methodology, specifically regarding the detection of spillover-prone pathogens and alignment with NOHPPCZ mandates.
- **Organizational Capacity (25%):** Demonstrated experience (last 3 years) in handling One Health or Zoonotic disease projects and successfully integrating field-level data into the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP).
- **Coordination & Communication (15%):** Strength of proposed mechanisms for multi-sectoral coordination between Health, Veterinary, and Municipal departments at the city level.
- **Digital Innovation (15%):** Demonstrated expertise in utilizing GIS mapping for risk stratification and implementing community-based digital tools for real-time reporting from market floors. (Applicant need to list out, names of specific projects)
- **Staff Availability and Expertise (15%):** The expertise of the proposed project team, specifically including personnel with experience in animal market biosecurity and health system strengthening.

Funding and Timeline

- **Budget Range:** The total funding for this project is between \$200,000 and \$1,000,000 USD. JSI/TIFA may issue awards to one or multiple organizations. We are looking for proposals that show the proposed plan should be cost-effective and use resources wisely to achieve the best results.
- **Project Duration:** The project will last for a maximum of 12 months.
- **Quick Start-up:** We will prioritize organizations that are ready to begin work immediately once the agreement is signed.