



Frequently Asked Questions

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What is Nature for Health?

Nature for Health (N4H) is an international initiative working at locally and nationally to prevent pandemics and related health risks by strengthening the environmental aspects of One Health through a multi-partner trust fund.

What is a multi-partner trust fund?

A Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPFT) facilitates pooled funding – it collects and allocates funding from a diversity of financial contributors to a wide range of implementing entities in a coordinated manner. A MPTF provides flexibility for quick and efficient fund allocation, avoids competition, supports effectiveness and helps achieve change at scale. N4H is administered by the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO).

How is Nature for Health funded?

The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) initiated the Nature for Health with seed funding of 50 million EUR. There is a clear vision and strategy to expand the work in both geographic scope and over a sustained timeframe with additional technical and financial partners.

What are Country Partners?

Country Partners represent jurisdictions or areas where Nature for Health works. They may be national, sub-national or even a regional group (for example, countries connected by a common watershed, a transboundary concern or an economic or political alliance). Only countries on the [OECD DAC list](#) are eligible to become Country Partners.

What are Consortium Partners?

N4H is governed and implemented by a group of Consortium Partners. The founding Consortium Partners are multisectoral and were assembled based on the breadth of their One Health technical expertise and experience. Current Consortium Partners include UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations and civil society groups in the fields of environment and health.

Who are the current Consortium Partners?

Nature for Health was initiated with eight Consortium Partners, including the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Health Organization (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and EcoHealth Alliance.

What are Implementing Partners?

Implementing Partners are entities which will execute the N4H One Health strategies in through direct grants. In Phase I, Implementing Partners are selected from the Consortium Partners. The Implementing Partner brings their unique expertise, capacity and experience relevant to addressing linkages between the environment, climate and health in the selected country / regional context.

Where is the N4H secretariat based?

The International Secretariat is responsible for the coordination of N4H. The Secretariat is based at the United Nations Environment Programme and is composed of dedicated staff and is tasked with supporting the N4H Steering Committee and overseeing the overall operations of N4H.

How are civil society organizations involved?

Civil society organizations (CSOs) will support Country Partners and Implementing Partners throughout the N4H initiative. CSOs may be identified by Country Partners as key stakeholders or partners, depending on the country context. CSOs cannot be Country Partners

How is the N4H governance structured?

The UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office administers the financial and legal aspects of N4H. A Secretariat, based at UNEP in Nairobi, is responsible for planning, operations and logistical support. Partnership coordination and operations are governed by a Steering Committee with representation from Consortium Partner organizations, which is responsible for strategic guidance and decisions. N4H benefits from an Advisory Group to ensure an independent and expert voice in its operations.

How does Nature for Health work?

N4H fosters locally developed and integrated approaches that secure the health of people, animals and the environment. N4H brings together Country Partners together with Implementing Partners to implement systemic and participatory One Health approaches, tailored to the local context. A first step will include a series of scoping workshops to identify stakeholders, assess needs and identify potential actions.

How are Country Partners selected?

N4H will engage in demand-driven interventions. For the initial phase of N4H, there is an open call for Expressions of Interest. National, sub-national or regional government entities complete an application form, including endorsement letters, and submit it to N4H by 21 October 2022. The Steering Committee of N4H will evaluate the submissions and select up to five Country Partners in November 2022.

What is expected from a Country Partner?

Country Partners provide the framework for N4H work – the context, the support, the enabling environment and the collaborative space to engage with N4H in a systemic process to implement preventative One Health approaches within their jurisdiction. The Country Partner works closely together with the Implementing Partner in the core team.

How long will N4H work in each country?

A mutually agreed workplan and budget are developed based on the identified needs and priorities and submitted to the N4H Steering Committee for approval. The implementation phase, where the Country Partner and the Implementing Partner work together, is expected to last two to three years.