

Help us identify innovations for cardiometabolic disease management or prevention in humanitarian settings in Sub-Saharan Africa

A collaborative project between Elrha and the African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation.

Web link: [Call for innovations: Identifying solutions for cardiometabolic disease management or prevention in humanitarian settings in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Tell us about your innovations

We're looking to connect with those developing or delivering innovative approaches to cardiometabolic disease (CMD) management or prevention in unstable humanitarian settings in Sub-Saharan Africa.

We want to hear from organisations, health actors, researchers, policymakers, communities, and other individuals working with innovations addressing CMDs – including diabetes, gestational diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hypertension and related emergency complications.

Through this call, we plan to identify community, primary, secondary care-level, or policy innovations that support CMD care in regional crisis contexts.

Why your input matters

In unstable humanitarian contexts, driven by conflict, displacement, climate disasters, or disease outbreaks, care for CMDs is often severely disrupted. While innovative solutions are emerging in these challenging settings, many remain undocumented and under-recognised.

This collaborative project between Elrha and the APHRC will address critical evidence gaps by identifying, documenting, and sharing innovations for CMD management and prevention across Sub-Saharan Africa.

By building a stronger evidence base, we can support better decision-making among health actors, inform global practice, and drive commitments from funders and implementers to scale up what works.

By sharing your experiences, you will help shape more effective responses to CMDs in humanitarian settings and ensure successful innovations reach the communities that need them most. Selected contributions will be highlighted in published reports, policy briefs, videos, webinars and conferences. Contributors will also have the opportunity to join an in-person convening at the end of the project, offering opportunities for recognition, exchange, and collaboration

What are we looking for?

We are interested in any kind of adaptive response that helps with the management or prevention of CMDs in any unstable crisis-affected contexts in Sub-Saharan Africa. Whilst we will be conducting in-depth contextual reviews in Ethiopia (Somali/Tigray regions) and Northern Uganda, we are interested in reviewing innovations across the region.

Innovations could include adaptive responses such as:

Products or tools (eg, claypot insulin storage systems, diabetes survival kits, adaptive food kits).

Social or community-led practices (eg, peer support groups to locate insulin, or educational programmes).

New service delivery models such as adapted, repurposed or integrated programmes (eg, task-shifting models of care, integration of CMD care into sexual and reproductive health programmes).

Digital solutions (eg, apps used by community health workers).

Policy or coordination approaches (eg, novel referral mechanisms to secondary care, novel training and educational initiatives).

The innovation should:

Take place in a crisis-affected setting in Sub-Saharan Africa which results in frequent health care disruption (conflict, displacement, floods, outbreaks, etc.)

Focus on CMD care such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, emergency complications of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases, gestational hypertension or diabetes.

Be either community-led local initiatives, primary or secondary care initiatives led by global or regional institutions, or policy-level responses.

Show some positive impact, or high potential for impact (formal eg, impact evaluation, or informal eg, discussion with community members).

Be at any stage – ongoing, piloted or discontinued.

Have occurred roughly in the last six years.

How to share innovations

You can reach out via our online [Google form](#), which takes approximately 5-7 minutes to complete. You can provide a **short description** to start with, then we can follow up with you to learn more. We will be collecting innovations through this route until the 3rd October.

For further discussion on innovations of interest, any queries, or to facilitate connections to additional networks or relevant literature, please contact Dr. Shivani Patel at s.patel@elrha.org. If you have a repository of innovations in alternative formats (e.g., spreadsheets or reports), we also encourage you to share these via email.

We thank you for supporting us in identifying innovations and will reach out to you at the end of the project to share key findings to enhance peer learning.