



Ghana Somubi Dwumadie Call for Proposals – Information Session

Virtual Launch
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Background to the Programme

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1. Promoting stronger policies and systems that respect the rights of people with disabilities, including people with mental health conditions
2. Scaling up high quality and accessible mental health services
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4. Generating evidence to inform policy and practice on the effectiveness of disability and mental health programmes and interventions

The Programme is funded by UK Aid, from the UK Government

Context

Ghana has a strong policy and legislative foundation for disability and mental health inclusion:

- Ghana Disability Act (2006)
- Mental Health Act (2012)
- Inclusive Education Policy (2016)
- Mental Health Policy

Implementation is at times could be challenging due to

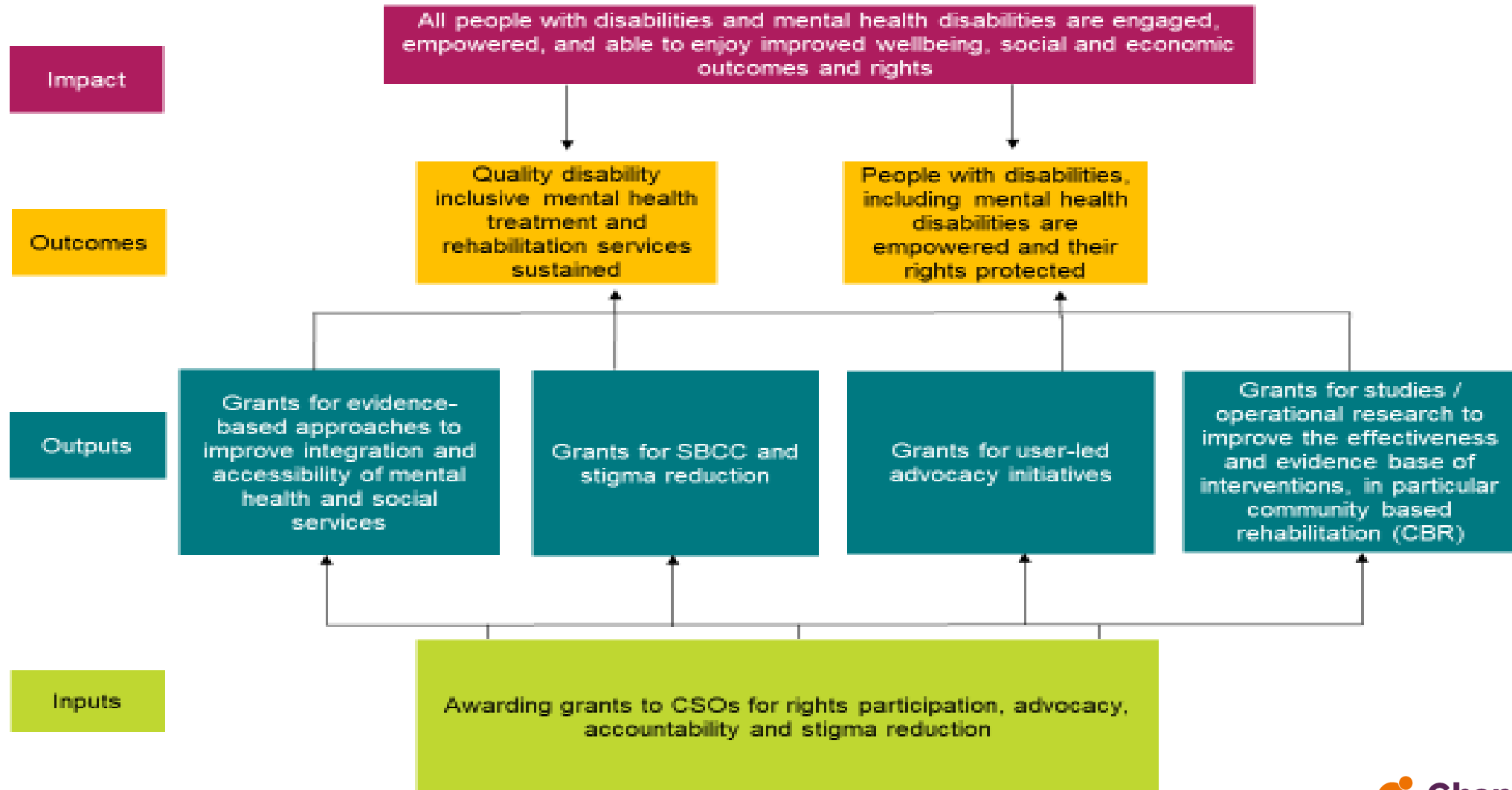
- Under-prioritised and under-resourced of issues of disability inclusion and mental health
- Limited budget allocation for disability inclusion and mental health
- Non-enforcement of disability laws and rights giving rise to discrimination
- Governance challenges

The Social Protection programmes are not comprehensively addressing disability issues

The Mental Health Authority and National Council on Persons with Disabilities have limited resources as well

The complimentary role of civil society is crucial

Change Pathway



Why the Call for Proposals?

Within Ghana and globally, there are reports of increased mental health impacts as a result of COVID-19. The World Health Organisation (WHO) outlines some key examples:

- elevated rates of stress or anxiety.
- elevated levels of loneliness, depression
- neglect and abandonment possible due to caregivers being unable to fulfil their roles
- increase in harmful alcohol and drug use
- self-harm or suicidal behaviour are also expected to rise
- domestic violence

Within Ghana, mental health impacts include stigmatisation of people who have recovered from COVID-19

Healthcare workers are another group experiencing elevated stressors

People with disabilities, including mental health disabilities, are disproportionately impacted due to attitudinal, environmental and institutional barriers

Launch of Call for Proposals

The Call for proposals was launched 29 July 2020 – See adverts in Times and Daily Graphic

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Mobile Money Interoperability year volume jumps over 40%

BY DAVID ADADEVOR

THE volume of mobile money transactions (MMT) recorded in Ghana last year jumped to over 444 per cent compared to the same period last year, the Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement System (GhIPSS) said in its annual report.

According to the report, MMT transactions from January to June 2020 totalled 13.6 million compared to 3.1 million recorded in the same period last year.

"The huge jump in the MMT volume according to the report could be attributed to increased awareness that funds could now be transferred across wallets of different telecommunications networks. GhIPSS together with its partners have embarked on a series of strategies to create more awareness about the MMT."

MMT is one of the biggest financial sector breakthroughs that have occurred in Ghana since the financial liberalisation in 2006. It has been a key driver of financial inclusion in Ghana. Both banks and non-bank financial institutions have seen significant growth in MMT. The report said that the volume of MMT transactions in Ghana last year jumped to over 444 per cent in volume, with a 600 per cent increase in value in the first half of the year.

Although an overwhelming majority of MMT transactions involved funds transferred from one mobile money wallet to another, the half-year performance report also indicated that a number of people also use the MMT platform to transfer money from their bank accounts to their mobile money wallets and vice versa.

The volume of transactions from bank accounts to mobile money wallets in 2020 increased significantly, with a 200 per cent increase in value and a 100 per cent increase in volume, the report said.

"The Chief Executive of GhIPSS, Arthur Hesse, commenting on the report said the continuous growth in the volume of electronic payment transactions demonstrates increasing public acceptance of its benefits over cash transactions.

"He said GhIPSS together with its partners would continue the public education to encourage more patronage of the payment channels.

"He also said that key players such as FinTechs would be engaged to capture clients for the next year, as more people use the electronic payment system."

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GHANA SOMUBI DWUMADIE
Press Release
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Accra, 29th July 2020

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- People with or who have had COVID-19.
- Healthcare workers.

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HOW TO APPLY

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..... The call closes at 5pm on Friday 14th August 2020



Objectives and Priority Focus

The specific objectives of this Call are as follows:

- To support those most at risk of negative mental health outcomes due to the pandemic.
- To support at risk groups with recovery and resilience-building.
- To encourage community groups to lead these efforts, embedding mental health support within the community.
- To complement information, economic and other social measures by GoG and stakeholders

Proposed interventions must be of benefit one or more of the following key priority populations who are likely to experience additional mental health stressors due to COVID-19:

- People infected with and/or recovered from COVID-19
- Healthcare workers and their families
- People with disabilities and/or existing mental health disabilities

Grant Principles

Programme grant making will be delivered in line with the following principles, and applications should be mindful of these principles:

Participation - 'Nothing About Us Without Us'. Grants will only be given to projects which clearly demonstrate a participatory approach, involving people with disabilities, and /or mental health disabilities.

Knowledge-building – sharing learning with partners, stakeholders and the wider sector to support meaningful change. Grants will be used to promote a culture of learning and sharing among grantees.

Collaboration - The Programme will facilitate regular structured occasions for collaborative reviews of grant progress and achievements, and the participation of the grant's target participants will be encouraged.

Adaptability - to the evolving disability and mental health policy environments.

Scope and Eligibility

Organisations eligible to apply for funding under this Call include:

- Disabled People's Organization (DPOs),
- Self-Help Groups (SHGs),
- Women's Rights Organisations (WRO) and
- Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)

Organisations must be registered and operating in Ghana.

For this Call organisations can apply as a partnership or consortium.

Targeted end-users of the grant must be one or more of the following groups:

- People with disabilities.
- People with mental health disabilities.
- Healthcare workers
- People with COVID-19
- People who have had COVID-19

What we will consider funding

We are interested in supporting projects which provide evidence-based psychosocial support to our target groups, where such support does not already exist. Examples of possible projects include:

- Mental health counselling initiatives for people most affected by COVID-19 including staff working in healthcare organisations who are faced with increased stress and anxiety due to the increased demands brought on by COVID-19.
- Buddy system support initiatives
- Provision of psychosocial first aid for target groups facing mental health stress
- Community-led circles of support for people most affected by COVID-19
- Psychological hotlines/community chat lines providing mental health support to target groups
- Initiatives that build the capacity of community leaders, including Faith Based leaders and to provide psychosocial support within their communities

What we will not fund

Examples of activities sitting outside this granting round include:

- Establishment of treatment centres
- Logistical support for psychiatric hospitals
- General public education
- Longer term bereavement support
- Media sensitisation or behavioural change
- Support for children (under 18 years old)

Other excluded activities are:

- Activities which don't meet the eligibility criteria.
- Activities which may lead to civil unrest.
- Activities which discriminate against any group on the basis of age, gender reassignment, disability, race, colour, ethnicity, sex and sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief.
- Activities that are fully funded by other sources whether in cash or in kind.
- Costs incurred prior to a formal agreement being executed including those associated with preparing bid or grant proposals.

Amounts and durations of grants

The total grants Call is worth approximately GHS700,000.

Grant allocations will not exceed GHS200,000 for any given project. This does not mean each project will receive this amount.

Grants are capped at 50% of organisation's annual turnover

Up to 15% towards organizational overhead expenditure

It is anticipated that up to 3-5 short term grants will be disbursed to grantees for delivering psychosocial support around COVID-19.

Grants will be allocated for projects of up to 12 months in duration

COVID-19 Grants Call for Proposals Summary

Funding principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation.• Knowledge-building.• Collaboration.• Adaptability.
Funding approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusion and diversity management.• Sustainability and value for money.• Do No Harm and responsible granting.• Robust Management of Conflict of Interest.
Targeted end-users	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People with disabilities.• People with mental health disabilities.• Healthcare workers• People with COVID-19• People who have had COVID-19
Eligible organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disabled People's Organisations.• Self-Help Groups.• Women's Rights Organisations.• Other Civil Society Organisations.
Key financial details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small grants up to GHS 200,000• Capped at 50% of organisation's annual turnover.• Up to 15% towards overhead expenditure.• No match funding is required• Up to 12 months

Key Assessment Criteria

- The proposal addresses the Call objectives
- The proposed intervention must benefit at least one of the key priority populations
- The proposal demonstrates a participatory and user-led approach involving the target groups it seeks to support
- The project proposal demonstrates that the intervention is based on an evidence-based model of psychosocial support
- The project demonstrates a robust approach to safeguarding, in particular safe and managed conclusion to the psychosocial support at project end.
- The application clearly shows how it will deliver the project within the chosen time frame
- The project represents good value for money
- The applicant organisation has a strong track record or prior experience relevant to the proposal

Frequently Asked Questions

- Would children's mental health be a focus on this call?
 - No, children under 18 will not be supported
- Some DPOs/SHGs are informal by nature without well-organized office and operational systems in place. Would they qualify for this grant if they present a strong proposal that meets the funding criteria?
 - Such organisations will be assessed and where necessary, their capacities will be built to support the implementation of any grant to be awarded to them. In particular, the Programme would assess their safeguarding and do no harm approaches in detail
- If my application is rejected, can I reapply for other Ghana Somubi Dwumadie grants?
 - Yes, you can apply for a grant call again if not successful in this current call.
- Will I be contacted for more information?
 - You must submit all relevant information with your application.
 - An assessor may contact you to discuss your application in further detail, by phone or virtual, and will arrange a time that is convenient for you. Please note that this might not always be necessary.

How to Apply

Fast-track (special grants process)

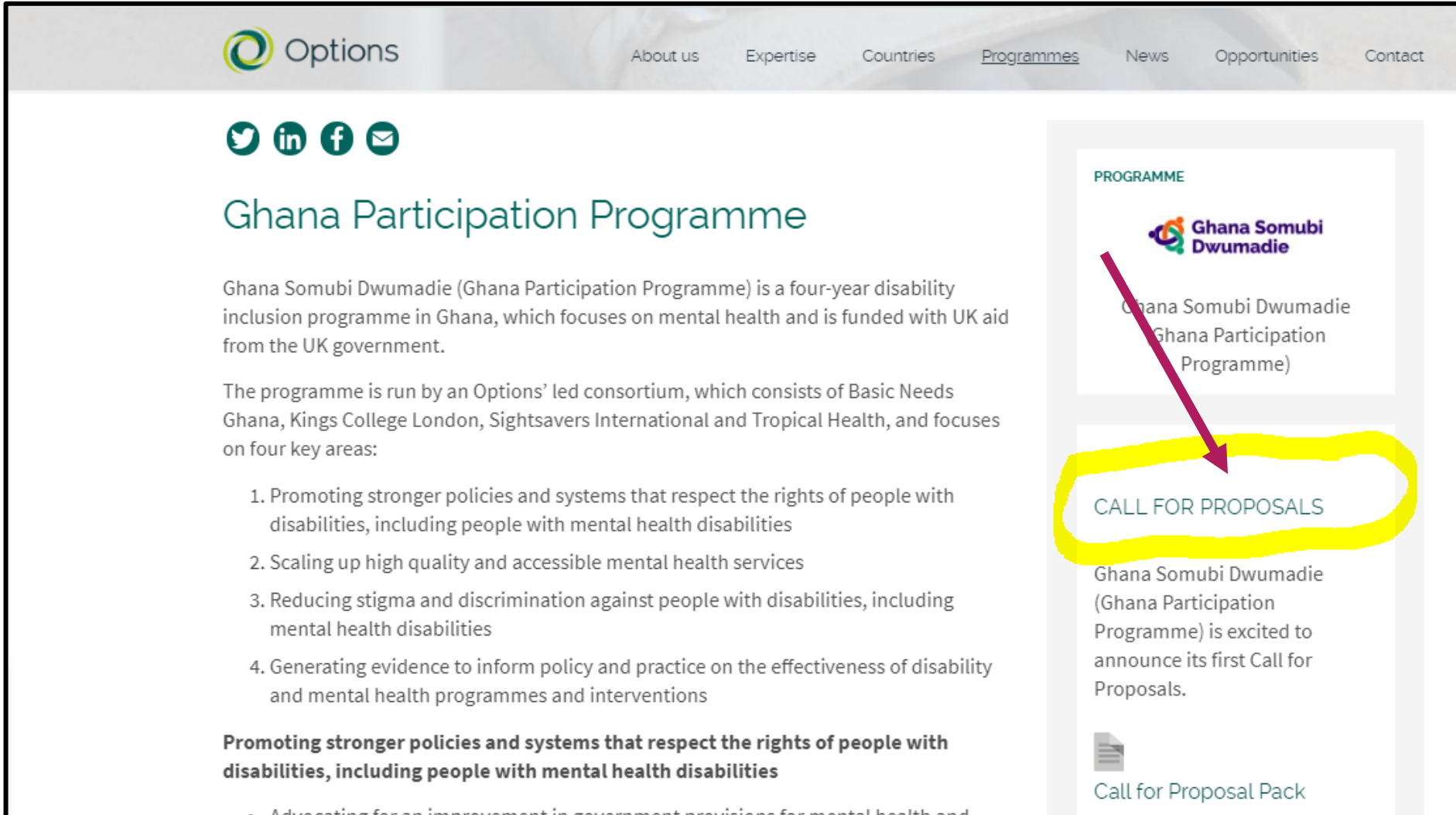
- This is a fast track process. Fast track refers to an out of cycle Call for Proposals or a Call for Proposals which addresses an urgent, or newly apparent need, such as that caused by COVID-19. A fast track process does not generally result in a faster assessment process, however, the application window is reduced to 2 weeks.
- Applications made through the fast-track process enter the standard application process, i.e. it will be checked for eligibility and then assessed against the assessment criteria.

Key information

- Applications for this Call will open on 29th July 2020.
- Interested applicants should visit <https://options.co.uk/work/ghana-participation-programme> and download the application pack.
- Applicants should complete the application form and submit to this email address Grants@GhanaSomubi.com latest by 17:00 pm on Friday, 14th August 2020, with requested accompanying documents. No application will be considered after this date.

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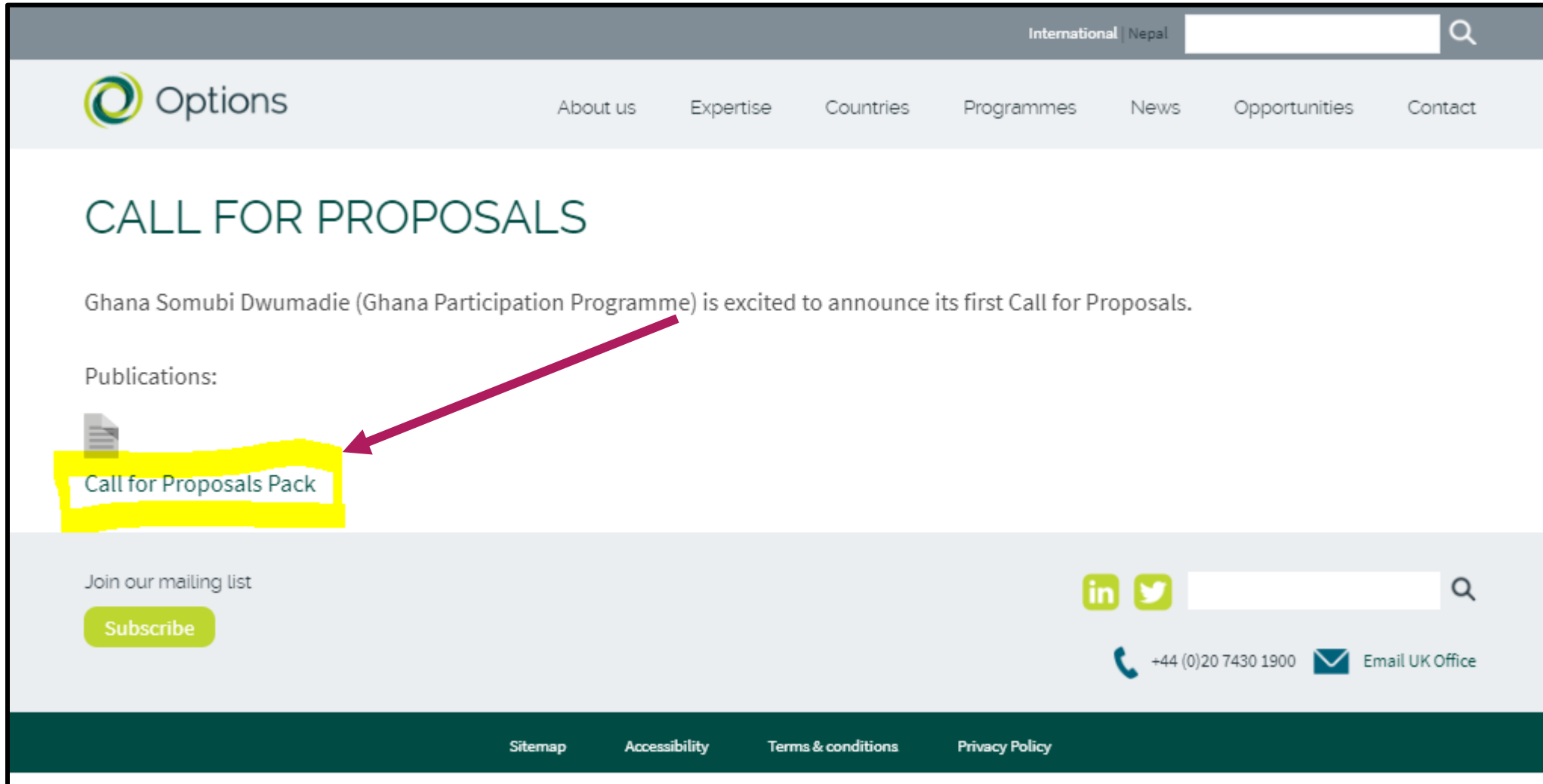


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- Social media icons: Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Email
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- Text: Call for Proposal Pack

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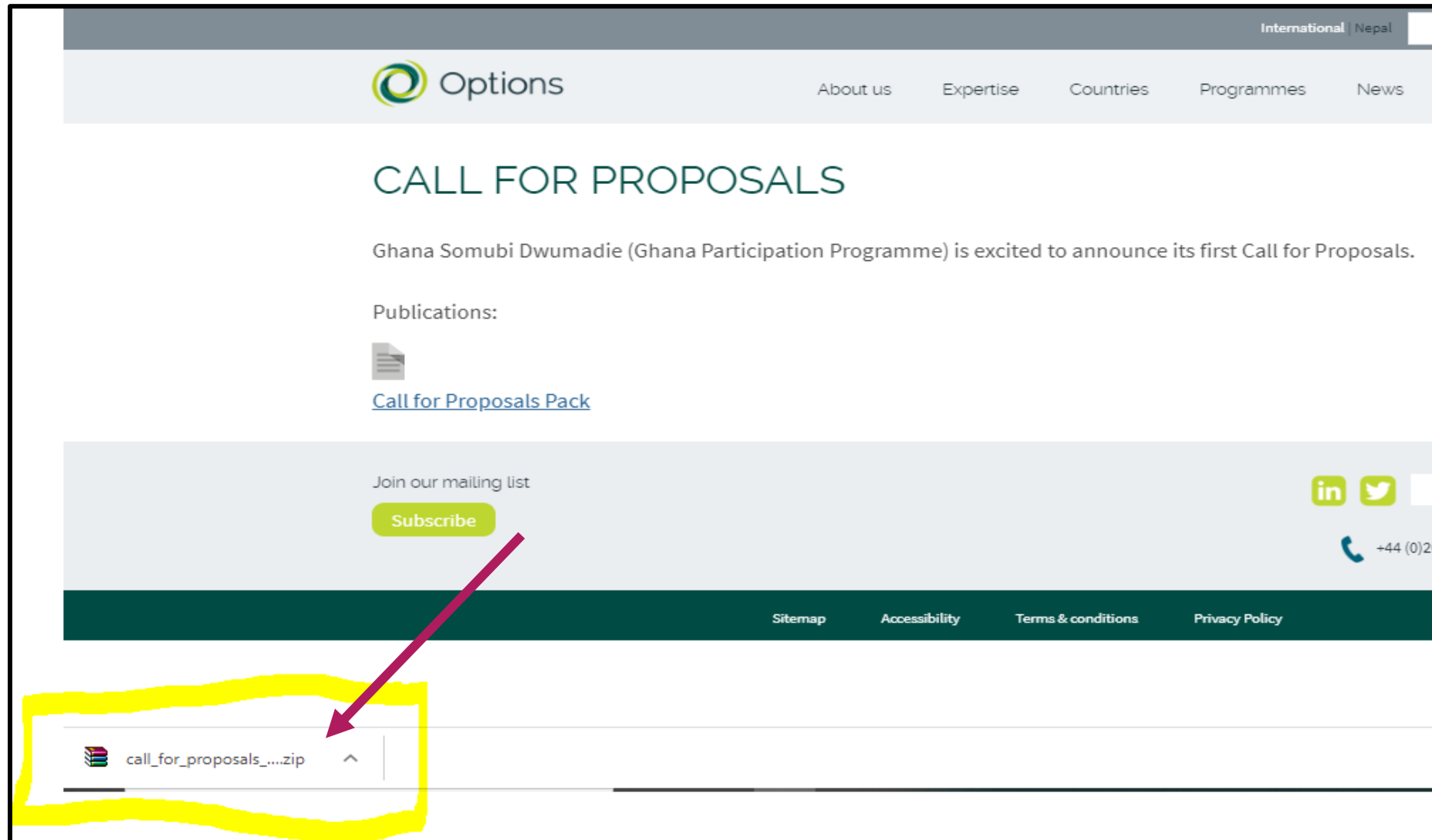
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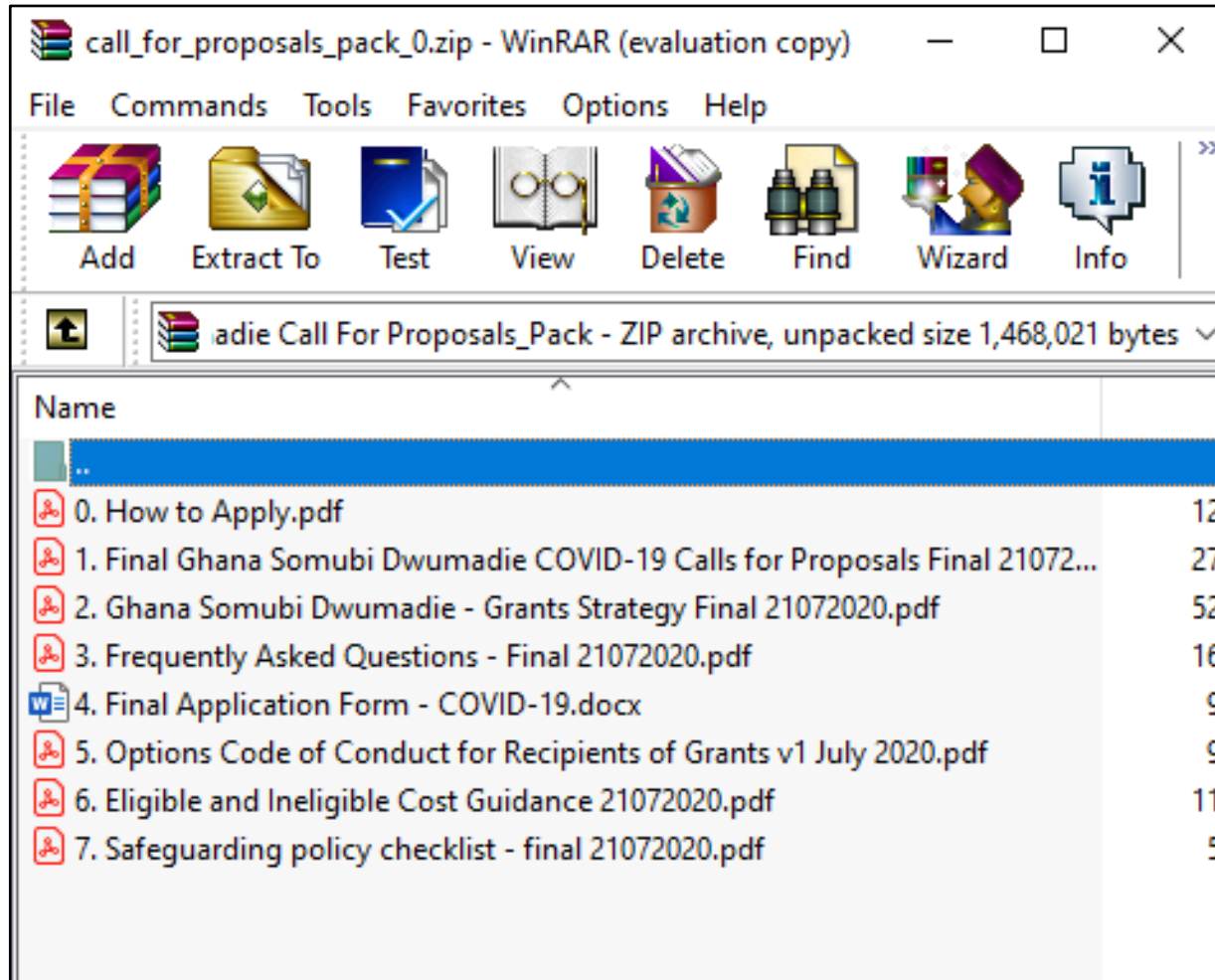
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Additional Information

- Applicants must not submit more than one application under this call for proposal
- Only 'eligible costs' can be covered by the grant. Please see Eligible and Ineligible cost guidance in the application pack
- It is in the applicants' interest to provide a realistic and cost-effective budget
- It is very important for prospective grant applicants to complete all sections (A, B and C) of the 'Final Application Form' in the pack.

Application Form

Pay attention to each of the headings under the various Sections of the Final Application Form:

Section A	Section B	Section C
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Application Overview➤ Summary Grantee Information➤ Organisation' Background and Additional Information➤ Due Diligence Information➤ Referee Details➤ Bank Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Key Grant Project Information➤ Project Rationale, Purpose and Activities➤ Participation and Evidence-based Approach➤ Do no Harm and Safeguarding➤ Results Measurement➤ Risk Management➤ Project Workplan➤ Project Budget (pay attention to budget notes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Application Checklist➤ Organisation Approval and Contact Details for Application<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Signature✓ Date✓ Email Addresses, Phone nos, Skype ID etc

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

- Planning: As part of the application phase, applicants will be asked to develop project outcomes, objectives, activities, and indicators
- Monitoring: collection of agreed data by grantees on progress against key performance indicators. Supported by site visits
- Evaluation: Regular review and reporting points to check progress towards outcomes
- Learning: This will include the development of:
 - Facilitated peer networks between grantees.
 - Collaborative learning events, at least once per year.
 - Knowledge products where relevant.
 - Learning questions at every meeting between grantees and the programme.

Grants Governance

- Grants Team: review eligibility, assess proposals, due diligence, support and monitor progress, close-out
- Senior leadership team: strategic review of applications, recommend awards, fraud/safeguarding investigations
- Grants Committee (Programme Board): Set strategic direction, endorse grants awards, compliance oversight
- Donor: Endorses final grants awards

Resources Availability

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Thank you for your kind attention

Questions, Clarifications, Contributions