

| Significance | Does the proposed implementation science research identify an existing implementation gap relevant to an existing evidence-based intervention, policy, or program? Is the proposed implementation science research likely to have long term impacts on policy and practice in the communities/countries in which the implementation science research is conducted? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| Approach | Are the research questions to be answered, the implementation framework, design, methods, and analyses innovative, adequately developed, robust, and appropriate to the aims of the proposal? Does the application acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics? Are the proposed timeline and milestones appropriate, feasible (especially in the era of COVID-19), and technically sound? Has the proposal involved local stakeholders and civil society in the choice of research questions and the design of the research study, and does it take local context into account to ensure relevance? Does the proposal include plans for reporting and dissemination of results? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Value | Is the cost appropriate for the complexity of the proposed work and the degree of risk and innovation proposed? Does the proposed project efficiently use resources? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Organizational/Investigator Capability | Is the research team appropriately trained, experienced, and positioned to carry out this work? Is there strong evidence of substantive organizational capability and commitment? Does the environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Do the proposed interventions take advantage of unique features of local environment including partnerships and collaborative arrangements? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sustainability | Does the proposed research address the applicability, replicability, scalability, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of interventions with the goal of the translation and integration of research findings related to evidence-based interventions? What partnerships and parameters are in place to ensure impacts from the research proposal are sustainable beyond the duration of the project? How adaptable/scalable is the project within the existing health system and current policies? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |