



Call for Expressions of Interest
Research in Malawi -
Health, primary education, agriculture, humanitarian,
and population and development sectors

Funder: Nascent Solutions Inc. (Nascent)

Location: Throughout Malawi

Duration: December 2020 – January 2021

Introduction:

Nascent Solutions (Nascent) is a US- based non-profit organization founded in 2004. It is registered in Malawi with the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Board of Malawi. The mission of the organization is to fight poverty by building capacity for less privileged people in rural Africa and enable them to achieve self-sufficiency and total responsibility for their well-being. The organization’s major areas of intervention are humanitarian assistance, agricultural development and food security, basic health care, education and skills training, and the protection of women and children’s rights. The organization works with various target populations to identify need areas and provide practical and sustainable interventions that respond to those needs. Nascent believes in evidence-based programming and encourages the sharing of knowledge that enables self-realization. Currently, Nascent is looking for research firm(s) or group(s) of researchers to carry operational research on various fields/sector to inform its evidence-based programming in Malawi.

Purpose

Nascent seeks research teams to investigate the current demographics, knowledge, attitudes, and practices among people who could benefit from improved services in the health, primary education, agriculture, humanitarian and, population and development sectors. These research findings will assist Nascent to better serve its clients, beneficiaries, and partners.

Profile of Research Team

Researchers are welcome to assemble a team as they see fit. Their skills should be complementary, with one identified as the Team Lead, who will bear responsibility for all work products and processes. Companies or groups of independent consultants are welcome to apply. The teams or groups of individuals should be Malawi based researchers only. Combined, the team should have the following skills and attributes:

- Demonstrated experience leading complex research.
- Demonstrated expertise in study design and sampling.
- Demonstrated experience in the development of quantitative data collection tools and managing field data collection (including mobile).

- Demonstrated experience in using qualitative methods such as focus group discussions and key informant interviews.
- Demonstrated experience in data management and analysis using statistical software, including analyzing complex (multi-stage cluster samples) surveys.
- Demonstrated experience in concise, illuminating report writing, including data visualization.
- Demonstrated experience in training and managing field data collectors and complex logistics.
- Subject matter expertise in the health sector.
- Subject matter expertise in primary education.
- Subject matter expertise in the agriculture sector.
- Subject matter expertise in the humanitarian sector.
- Subject matter expertise in the population and development sector
- Strong teamwork ability across cultures and time zones.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with a variety of stakeholders, ranging from young students to government officials.
- High proficiency in written and verbal English.

How to Apply

Interested research teams should apply by submitting a single PDF write-up no later than 30 November 2020. Submissions must be made via e-mail to admin@nascents.org with the subject line “Malawi research 2020” addressed to the Chief of Party, Nascent Solutions, P. O. Box 31232, Lilongwe.

Applications should have the following elements:

1. Organizational/team capacity statement outlining relevant experience and ability to perform the research with methodological rigor. This should be a maximum of 5 pages.
2. CV of each proposed researcher with his/her role clearly identified. Please limit CVs to no more than 4 pages per person.
3. Only shortlisted organizations/firms/groups of individuals will be contacted for next steps.