

## Grants opportunities aimed towards generating evidence and actions to promote healthier and more sustainable food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean

Colansa calls on civil society organizations and academics from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to participate in a grant program aimed at supporting research and/or political advocacy projects that promote the transformation of food systems, making them healthier, more sustainable, equitable and inclusive.

Colansa is a network of professionals and civil society organizations that work collaboratively to contribute to the development of healthy, sustainable, equitable and inclusive food systems, in addition to improving the nutrition and health of the population of LAC, through the generation of scientific knowledge and contribution to the advancement of effective public policies. See <https://colansa.org>

The objective of this Call for Proposals is to support projects that will contribute to transformations in the way healthy foods are produced, marketed, and consumed. Proposals can address any of the aspects, sectors and actors involved in these processes, with the objective of promoting food systems that are healthy and sustainable in our countries, with special attention to the most socially vulnerable populations. Our ultimate objective is to contribute to the protection of the human right to adequate food and health.

The call includes two different opportunities: RESEARCH and ADVOCACY. The details of the call for RESEARCH proposals will be announced in May. This document provides details for the call for ADVOCACY proposals.

### What are key elements of the call for advocacy projects?

- To receive funding for an ADVOCACY project, proposals must be innovative and contribute to the transformation of food systems in LAC.
- They must be contextualized in a relevant political-social scenario, in which there is an opportunity or need to advance a policy that promotes healthy, sustainable, equitable and inclusive food systems, via national or subnational public policies.
- The proposal must demonstrate how the policy can be sustainable after the implementation process is complete.
- Funding will be granted to proposals that will be executed in the medium term, in no more than 12 months.
- Priority will be given to low- and middle-income countries.
- Eligible countries include all countries in the LAC region except for Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Jamaica and Barbados, which have already received financing.
- Government proposals are ineligible.
- Applicants must declare to be free of conflicts of interest.

### What is Colansa looking for?

Proposals must address an emerging need for promoting different innovative public policies to advance healthy, sustainable, equitable and inclusive food systems. We suggest considering the October 2023



Cuenca Consensus as a source of inspiration for these proposals. See <https://www.insp.mx/avisos/alianza-global-para-la-alimentacion-saludable-de-ninas-ninos-y-adolescentes>

Proposals may involve, for example, front-of-package nutrition labeling, healthy school food environments, restrictions on marketing of ultra-processed products, taxation of ultra-processed products, promotion of agroecological practices, implementation of already approved policies, participation of new allies, among others.

### What are the next steps?

If you/your organization are interested in submitting a proposal, please go to the following documents for additional information.

- a. [Requirements](#)
- b. [Application template](#)
- c. [Budget template](#)
- d. [Work Plan template](#)

Please send your proposal, including application, budget and work plan, to [advocacy@colansa.org](mailto:advocacy@colansa.org) no later than Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Send any questions to the same e-mail address.

Thank you for your interest!

