



The Australian Respiratory Council's Project Funding Guidelines

The Australian Respiratory Council (ARC) is a Charitable, Non-Government Organisation supporting prevention, treatment and research into tuberculosis (TB) and respiratory disease at a national and international level. The ARC through its project funding and activities has the capacity to undertake an advocacy role for promoting respiratory health.

The ARC has been committed to building expertise and sustainable capacity within the Asia Pacific Region by supporting and/or delivering projects that promote TB elimination and respiratory health. The projects that ARC funds and delivers utilise an approach that builds capacity in imbedded systems through partnership and engagement with local providers and communities, with an emphasis of ensuring sustainability of the project outcomes.

Underpinning ARC's project portfolio and engagement is the principle that funding for project activities contributes towards the global targets to eliminate TB as a public health threat by 2030 through partnerships, community engagement, the provision of technical assistance to National TB Programs, and advocacy for accelerating the implementation for innovation and research.

The ARC is cognisant that there is a need to balance project expenditure with budget and the regulatory requirements for demonstrating project activity/expenditure as a charity with income generation through public appeals. The ARC looks for partners and co-funding for the project activities undertaken to extend the reach and ability of the organisation to fund project activities.

Proposals submitted to ARC for funding are assessed using an evaluation matrix assessing the following criteria: strength of project design, sustainable development, fit with ARC's mission, impact for investment, deliverables and outcomes, inclusion of monitoring and evaluation and the potential to contribute to future ARC activities.

The allocation of project funding is determined each year by ARC's Board of Directors. The Directors are supported by ARC's Project Group who operate under the following terms of reference:

Terms of Reference

1. Provide advice and recommendations to ARC's Board of Directors on:
 - ARC's project strategy that defines the guiding principles, sectoral and geographic focus and methodology for ensuring quality delivery for projects in Australia and overseas
 - Project-related policy which strengthens ARC's capacity to deliver and raise awareness about its projects
 - Specific projects that ARC should undertake in Australia and overseas
 - Project management issues which have financial or budgetary implications.
2. Provide technical advice and guidance to ARC's Board of Directors and Staff in:

- Identifying and pursuing opportunities for ARC to expand its project work including; sources of funding, potential partnerships and emerging respiratory health issues
 - Ensuring quality in project management including; assessing the sustainability of project activities, designing project proposals, interpreting quantitative and qualitative project data, and formulating appropriate project management strategies
 - Designing and maintaining effective systems for project management including; monitoring and evaluation and sustainability guidelines.
- 3.** To provide advice on appropriate matters referred to it by the Board or other Board Committees.