

## Expression of Interest (EOI) for strengthening access to Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) care through integrated non-communicable disease (NCD) approaches in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)

### A. General Information

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### B. Disclaimer

This call for Expression of Interest (EOI) is issued by [ALIGN-T1D](#) to inform strategic planning and country selection for potential future support. It should not be regarded as a Call for detailed Proposals or Request for Funding, which is to follow in the event of a successful EOI submission.

Submission of an EOI does not constitute a funding application and does not create any obligation on the part of ALIGN-T1D, its Secretariat, or its partners to provide financial or technical support.

Information submitted in response to this call for EOI may be used to inform strategic decision-making, country shortlisting, and the design of subsequent engagement phases. ALIGN-T1D reserves the right not to proceed with further stages.

### C. Introduction

By 2040, yearly new type 1 diabetes (T1D) cases are projected to increase by over 50%, with people in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) accounting for 75% and facing deadly challenges. Despite progress in non-communicable disease (NCD) policy and service integration, gaps remain in comprehensive T1D care, specifically in access to diagnosis, supplies, education, and follow-up. There is significant untapped potential to coordinate existing investments to address disparities in care, however, current efforts often lack coordination required for attaining scalable and sustainable impact.

ALIGN-T1D is a global alliance that leverages collective investments and coordinated action to ensure that quality care is available to all people living with type 1 diabetes (PLWT1D). The Alliance brings together representatives from government, philanthropy, industry, civil society, and people with lived experience of T1D to help close deadly gaps in access and ensure that comprehensive care and quality supplies are within reach. ALIGN-T1D's mission is to engage governments and communities in low- and middle-income countries to sustainably catalyze access to T1D care through integrated noncommunicable disease (NCD) approaches, while optimizing and mobilizing funding toward government- and community-defined priorities. We

prioritize efforts that demonstrate a clear trajectory toward domestic fiscal sustainability and institutional ownership.

Launched in November 2025 with several start-up geographies, the Alliance now seeks to identify a limited number of additional countries to scale up and accelerate country-led efforts to strengthen T1D care and service delivery.

#### D. Overview and Purpose

This document invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible LMICs seeking funding from ALIGN-T1D to strengthen health systems and scale up services for PLWT1D and beyond. Detailed information on the scope of funding, review and selection process, type of activities covered, and the submission requirements are outlined below.

Funding ranging from approximately \$1-\$2 million per year may be available for an initial three-year grant cycle per selected country or administrative region, subject to demonstrated need and available funding. Implementation may be national or sub-national in scope, with Ministries of Health determining the most appropriate geographic focus (e.g., state, province, or region) based on context, need, and feasibility. ALIGN-T1D anticipates establishing renewable, multi-year grant cycles of up to three years aligned with the following strategic objectives:

1. Strengthening integrated T1D service delivery
2. Increasing access to insulin, monitoring and other supplies
3. Supporting enabling health systems
4. Amplifying the role of T1D communities

Note, while ALIGN-T1D is anchored around improving access to T1D diagnosis and care, the Alliance recognizes that many of the barriers to care for PLWT1D are systemic in nature. Hence the scope of investments may extend to diabetes and NCDs more broadly where relevant.

The specific purpose of the EOI is to:

- Identify countries with significant unmet T1D need and equity gaps
- Assess government commitment and trajectory towards sustainability
- Understand existing programmatic momentum and strategic alignment
- Evaluate the strength and inclusiveness of the partner ecosystem, and
- Determine readiness for a potential next-stage design and support phase.

Following review of EOIs, ALIGN-T1D anticipates shortlisting a sub-set of countries for further engagement. Shortlisted countries will be invited submit a more detailed proposal. If your country is selected you will move to the concept note stage. At the concept note stage, country level stakeholders will develop a more detailed approach under MOH leadership, and at the RFA stage implementing partners that have been approved by the MOH will apply for funding to implement it.

At this EOI stage, applicants are not expected to submit detailed budgets, or fully developed implementation plans.

#### E. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible countries in this call for EOIs are:

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| Bangladesh | Kenya   | Philippines |
| Benin      | Morocco | Tanzania    |
| Cambodia   | Nigeria | Zambia      |
| Ghana      | Peru    |             |

EOIs may be submitted by an invited Ministry of Health and must demonstrate:

1. Government awareness of and engagement in the EOI submission
2. Alignment with national health and/or NCD strategies
3. Commitment to integrated, system-strengthening approaches to T1D care.

## F. Scope and Areas for Evaluation

Applications will be assessed based on five core domains. The percentages below represent the weighting applied during the formal review process:

1. **Country Need and Equity (20%):** Description of unmet T1D need, service gaps, and priority populations. (Where data are limited, applicants are encouraged to acknowledge gaps transparently.) Evaluation will prioritize the logic of the equity framing over the availability of high-precision datasets.
2. **Government Commitment and Sustainability Trajectory (25%):** Evidence of policy alignment and leadership ownership. Special attention should be given to credible pathways for long-term fiscal sustainability, such as the eventual integration of T1D supplies into national health insurance or essential medicine procurement budgets.
3. **Existing Momentum and Strategic Fit (20%):** Alignment with national plans and complementarity with ongoing initiatives. Priority is given to contexts where ALIGN-T1D funding acts as a catalyst for existing momentum rather than a standalone project.
4. **Partner Ecosystem and Inclusive Engagement (15%):** Strength and diversity of implementing partners, including inclusion of local actors and people with lived experience. Reviewers will specifically look for the "meaningful inclusion" of local actors and PLWT1D. This includes involving these groups in the design of this EOI and their defined roles in future implementation.
5. **Feasibility (EOI Stage) (20%):** High-level feasibility within the 3-year scope and identified budget brackets. Applicants should ensure that proposed priorities are realistic and appropriately scoped across the different annual funding ranges outlined in the EOI Template (USD 1.0- 1.5 M, and 1.5- 2.0M).

Where data are limited, applicants are encouraged to acknowledge gaps transparently rather than omit information. Portfolio considerations (e.g., geographic diversity, archetype balance) may be applied after scoring, with clear justification documented. Only shortlisted countries will be invited to proceed to the next stage. The Alliance will communicate outcome of the shortlisting and invitations to submit detailed proposals by end of October.

## G. Submission Instructions

### i) Expression of Interest Submission

1. EOIs must be submitted using the official ALIGN-T1D EOI Template
2. Submissions must use Calibri 11 and stick to word limits listed in the EOI template
3. EOIs must be signed or formally endorsed by the Ministry of Health or equivalent authority
4. Applicants should ensure that all partners mentioned in the "Partner Ecosystem" section have been consulted prior to submission
5. All submissions should be written in English

6. EOIs should be submitted via email to: [kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org](mailto:kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org) and [global@breakthrough1d.org](mailto:global@breakthrough1d.org)  
 Subject line: "EOI Submission – [Country Name] – ALIGN-T1D-BOW1EOI-2027"

Incomplete or late submissions may not be reviewed.

**ii) Timeline**

The timeline for the EOI process is described below. EOIs received after the deadlines will not be considered.

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| <b>Call for EOI Released</b>             | May 18, 2026          |
| <b>Optional Information Session</b>      | May 27, 2026 8 am EST |
| <b>Deadline for Questions</b>            | 15 June 2026          |
| <b>Responses to Questions Circulated</b> | 22 June 2026          |
| <b>EOI submission deadline</b>           | 30 June 2026          |

Questions should be sent via email to [kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org](mailto:kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org) and [global@breakthrough1d.org](mailto:global@breakthrough1d.org), quoting ALIGN-T1D-BOW1EOI-2027 in the subject line.

**iii) Costs of Preparation**

All costs associated with preparation and submission of the EOI shall be borne by the applicant.

**iv) Confidentiality**

Information submitted will be used for the purposes described in this call for EOI. ALIGN-T1D will take reasonable measures to respect confidentiality of information clearly marked as confidential.

**H. Clarification Regarding Process**

This call for EOI is intended to identify countries for potential future engagement. It does not constitute a competitive proposal process and does not guarantee funding or technical support.

ALIGN-T1D may, following review of EOIs, decide to:

- Invite selected countries to submit more detailed proposals,
- Engage in further technical discussions, or
- Not proceed further.

Nothing in this call for EOI commits ALIGN-T1D or its partners to launch a subsequent funding round or provide financial or technical support.