

UCB Community Health Fund – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the UCB Community Health Fund?

The mission of this newly established Fund is to address health disparities amongst vulnerable populations, starting by contributing to understand and reduce the medium- and long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their physical, mental and social wellbeing. More specifically, the Fund wants to support vulnerable people, such as racial and ethnic minorities, children, older people, socio-economically disadvantaged persons, un(der)insured or those with certain medical conditions (not related to UCB therapeutic areas nor assets) in the communities where UCB is active. As a purpose-driven company, we believe it is important to support our communities and care for those most in need.

What is the commitment of UCB to vulnerable populations? Are they part of the populations we are serving in our daily business and what will be the role of the Fund?

For us as a company – and as a group of people committed to advancing health – the pandemic has reinforced our commitment to UCB’s purpose to “create value for patients, now and into the future”. We realise that it is through our strategic choices and our daily business that we can contribute the most to improve the health of people with severe diseases around us including those within vulnerable groups. The Fund is a new step to support organisations that are active in our communities and contribute to better understand and address issues that are outside of our business scope.

What financial commitment is UCB making towards the Fund?

UCB has committed 3 million Euro as an initial endowment to the Fund. Additionally, UCB commits to match donations until the end of 2020 up to 1 million Euro.

How will donations to the UCB Community Health Fund be used?

Financial contributions will be used to support vulnerable groups who are facing health issues. The UCB Community Health Fund will support two types of requests: (1) we will fund organisations that request financial **support** for impact-driven projects and initiatives that aim to improve the health of vulnerable people in the communities where UCB is active (2) we will fund **academic research** teams to pursue cutting-edge social sciences and/or medical research outside of UCB therapeutic areas regarding the consequences of hazards and emergencies on vulnerable populations’ health.

What is the focus of the first Call for Projects?

This first Call for Projects intends to understand and reduce the medium- and long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health of vulnerable young people (15-24 years old) in the communities where UCB operates. We aim to support programs and services with a focus on young people from the most vulnerable communities

including racial and ethnic minorities, refugees and asylum seekers, those with disabilities and certain health conditions, and those who are socio-economically disadvantaged.

Following the World Health Organisation, we adopt a holistic view of health, namely a state of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing. The fund will support existing and new support projects/initiatives and social science research.

What type of organisation can apply for funding during this Call for Projects?

For **support** requests: organisations that design, implement and evaluate impact-driven projects and initiatives to improve the health of young people from the most vulnerable communities including racial and ethnic minorities, refugees and asylum seekers, those with disabilities and certain health conditions, and those who are socio-economically disadvantaged. This may include projects and initiatives that aim to address one or more intervention areas, such as education, living conditions, healthy food and active lifestyle, participation to the job market, participation in social, cultural, and spiritual activities, etc.

For **research** requests: academic research teams or non-profit organisations which pursue cutting-edge social sciences research outside of UCB therapeutic areas regarding the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic on young people's health.

How can I support the UCB Community Health Fund?

It is not yet possible to make donations to the Fund from the UK. We are working on this and hope to be able to accept donation from the UK shortly.

How does the Fund work?

The Fund is managed by the King Baudouin Foundation. A management committee within the Fund will act as the main decision-making body. It is composed of representatives from UCB, the King Baudouin Foundation, and independent members including an independent chair. All management committee members will fulfil their duties on a *pro bono* basis, i.e. they do not receive any compensation or remuneration for their work with the Fund. The management committee will periodically launch Calls for Projects and will appoint an independent selection committee with broad geographical representation to assist in the selection of projects and award of funding. The Fund will award funding in different geographies around the world where UCB operates.

What is the King Baudouin Foundation?

The King Baudouin Foundation's (KBF) mission is to contribute to a better society in Belgium, in Europe, and in the world. The Foundation is an actor for change and innovation throughout the world, serving the public interest and increasing social cohesion. It seeks to maximise its impact by improving skills in organizations and for individuals. It also stimulates effective philanthropy by individuals and corporations. The Foundation's most important values are integrity and transparency, promoting solidarity, respect for diversity, and independence.

The King Baudouin Foundation was set up in 1976, on the 25th anniversary of King Baudouin's reign in Belgium. The KBF also operated accredited non-profits internationally including KBF U.S. and KBF Canada.

How will we measure the impact of the Fund?

We want to use our funding to make a positive impact on the life of vulnerable people. Therefore, we have made a commitment to assess the effectiveness of our funding, considering the complexities of any effort to improve the lives of people in need. We will communicate transparently and respectfully about the Fund's achievements and share learnings with partners and stakeholders.