# ODI’s public finance and service delivery working paper series

# Application Form

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## Application type (put X against relevant option)

Proposal ( ): please fill out sections 2, 3, 4, and 6.

Paper ( ): please fill out sections 2, 3, 5, and 6.

## 2. Applicant details

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Institution (if applicable)** |  |
| **Nationality** |  |
| **Country of residence** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Phone number (including international dialling code)** |  |
| **Please include all of the above information for all other members of the research team (if applicable)** |  |

## 3. Research proposal/paper

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| **Proposal/paper name (working title acceptable)** |
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| **Thematic area (tick relevant box)**  Orienting public finance management (PFM) systems to support service provision  Financing arrangements for service providers  Fiscal decentralisation and services  Political institutions and spending on services  The role of technology in facilitating effective spending on services  **Country/countries of focus** |
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| **Why is this proposal/paper interesting? How does it contribute towards furthering the evidence base on public finance and service delivery? (300 words max)** |
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| **How and why is this proposal/paper relevant to researchers or practitioners across different fields and disciplines? (300 words max)** |
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| **How and why is this proposal/paper useful to policymakers in low- and middle-income countries? (300 words max)** |
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| **How will you ensure this working paper reaches its intended audience? Please outline any complementary research outputs you aim to produce, e.g. blog post, briefing note, policy brief, presentation, webinar etc. (150 words max.)** |
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## 4. Call for proposals: Research ethics and data protection

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| **Does the proposed research involve working with human research participants?**  **If yes, please outline the participants involved, and how you plan to obtain ethical approval (consent).** |  |
| **Does your proposed research require research or ethics approval from a competent authority? (your own institution, the country in which research is conducted, etc.) If so, what is the timeframe for obtaining the approval?[[1]](#footnote-2)** |  |
| **Does the research question, research design or implementation raise any potential ethical or safeguarding issues?**  **If yes, please explain the nature of the issue(s), and how you intend to mitigate it/them?** |  |
| **Does the research involve working with:**   1. **Personal data?** 2. **Any other potentially sensitive or confidential data?**   **If yes, please briefly explain how you plan to access this data, and how you will keep it secure?** |  |

## 5. Call for papers: Research ethics and data protection

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| **How will you ensure complete anonymity of data where there are any potential ethical or safeguarding issues?** |  |
| **Does the research question, research design or implementation raise any potential ethical or safeguarding issues?**  **If yes, please explain the nature of the issue(s), and how you intend to mitigate it/them?** |  |
| **Does the research involve working with:**   1. **Personal data?** 2. **Any other potentially sensitive or confidential data?**   **If yes, please briefly explain how you plan to access this data, and how you will keep it secure?** |  |

## 6. Project management and contracting

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| **Timeline of data collection and completion of manuscript (including expected start date and submission date of first draft)** |  |
| **Total funds requested (GBP/EUR/USD)** |  |
| **Brief overview of the budget, outlining at a high level how the funds will be utilised**  **(Please refer to the attached budget template)** |  |
| **Have you submitted other proposals in support of this research/has this research already received support from (an)other funder(s)?**  **If yes, please list other funder(s) and explain how ODI funding will add value to other sources of funding?** |  |

**Reminder of how to submit:** send this completed application form, along with your research prospectus, CV and budget template, to [DPFresearchcall@odi.org.uk](mailto:DPFresearchcall@odi.org.uk).

1. Please note it is the researcher’s responsibility to obtain all required approval. Associated costs can be covered by the grant. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)