



ANNOUNCEMENT

WINNERS OF WORLD PNEUMONIA DAY SMALL GRANTS AWARDS

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The **Mérieux Foundation** and **Every Breath Counts** awarded 11 non-profit organizations small grants to support World Pneumonia Day events that strengthen local engagement in the fight against the leading infectious killer of children and adults - pneumonia.

The winning organizations are based in Côte d'Ivoire (**ONG Agis**), Nigeria (**Bako Youth Development Foundation**), Malawi (**Focus on Ability Society**), Uganda (**Makerere University Lung Institute**) Cameroon (**Hope for Vulnerable Children Association**), Zimbabwe (**Community Working Group on Health**), India (**Rural Women Development Trust**), Nepal (**Center for Health and Disease Studies**), Bangladesh (**Institute of Allergy and Clinical Immunology**), the Philippines (**Alay Buhay Community Development Foundation**), and Pakistan (**Nur Foundation**).

Each winner will receive 2,000 Euros to host activities during a World Pneumonia Week of Action beginning on 7 November and culminating in World Pneumonia Day on 12 November 2022. Several activities will be showcased during a Virtual World Pneumonia Day Webinar: “*Fighting Pneumonia: An Agenda for Action*,” on 14 November 2022.

The 11 winners were selected from 60 outstanding proposals reviewed by three judges – Dr **Valentina Picot** (Mérieux Foundation), Dr **Chizoba Wonodi** (International Vaccine Access Center, Johns Hopkins University) and **Leith Greenslade** (Every Breath Counts).

The fight to reduce deaths from pneumonia has never been more critical.

The combined impact of the pandemic, climate change, and war is placing millions at risk of infection and death. Children living in areas where vaccination rates are declining, and malnutrition is rising due to food shortages, are particularly vulnerable. **UNICEF** has predicted an explosion in child deaths if there are not urgent efforts to reach these children.

Most of the populations dangerously exposed to pneumonia live in a group of low- and middle-income countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, including the 11 countries that are home to the winning entries. Their efforts to mobilize communities to educate and empower families, and **strengthen health systems** to more effectively prevent, diagnosis, and treat pneumonia, will make a major difference.

We congratulate the winning organizations and look forward to showcasing their efforts on World Pneumonia Day to inspire many more communities to take action.

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Organization	Country	Initiative Title	Dates
ONG Agis	Côte d'Ivoire	Digital Lung Week	7 to 12 November
Bako Youth Development Foundation	Nigeria	Let Us Fight Pneumonia!	7 to 14 November
Hope for Vulnerable Children Association	Cameroon	Road Show Activation for Pneumonia	9 and 11 November
Makerere University Lung Institute	Uganda	Improving Oxygen Systems and Utilization to Avert Childhood Pneumonia Deaths in Uganda	14 October to 11 November
Focus on Ability Society	Malawi	Pneumonia Football and Netball Bonanza	24 October to 12 November
Community Working Group on Health	Zimbabwe	Community Management of Pneumonia to strengthen PHC for UHC	6 to 12 November
Rural Women Development Trust	India	Health camps for the unreached rural population in Salem District, Tamil Nadu	7 to 12 November
Nur Foundation	Pakistan	Enhancing the Role of Lady Health Workers in Community Case Management of Pneumonia	9 November
Institute of Allergy and Clinical Immunology of Bangladesh	Bangladesh	Building Awareness on Pneumonia Prevention and Control	7 to 12 November
Alay Buhay Community Development Foundation	Philippines	Building Awareness and Reducing Deaths from Pneumonia in Select Areas of Central Luzon	August to December
Center for Health and Disease Studies	Nepal	Pneumonia Awareness Campaign for Expectant Mother in Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital	7 to 14 November