



# APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE & HEALTH RESEARCH

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## **Our Donors invest in applied research in health and social issues**

Our Donors are interested in the application of late-stage social science and health research based in community settings and focused on moving vulnerable populations toward health, education and economic self-sufficiency. New ideas and robust thinking lead to innovation, establish best practices and identify effective interventions and programmatic solutions. Community partners allow for the application of research and the opportunity to affect measurable change for vulnerable populations.

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## **Eligible Target Populations**

- By their very nature, applied research initiatives are designed to test a hypothesis or provide the evidence base for a program or prototype. Positive change in behavior or condition of the participant should be the goal.
- All research projects must be connected to the broader Investment Framework which supports economically disadvantaged people to move toward health, education and self-sufficiency.

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## Donor Priority Areas

### Social Sciences Research or Inquiry

Social sciences research and inquiry provides important insight into an array of complex social issues that inhibit or promote an individual's ability to be healthy, educated and economically self-sufficient. Our Donors believe research and inquiry in areas connected to the broader Investment Framework are vital tools for economic, human and social development.

### Health Research

Health research can lead to significant discoveries, the development of new approaches and remarkable improvements in the human condition. Our Donors believe applied and translatable health research forms the basis of effective practice and policies and ultimately moves those who are ill toward greater levels of health.

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## Sample Outputs

- The research team will have undertaken the intervention with a minimum of 250 study participants (125 in the control group) at the community host site and will have: presented its findings at a minimum of six national and international conferences and published the research findings in at least four high-impact peer-reviewed journals (under the open access option), subsequently cited by at least five experts in the field.
- 35 families will have received the intervention.

## Sample Outcomes

- 115 of 125 study participants (92%) who participated in the research intervention at the community host site will show improvements in skill by a minimum of two levels, as indicated by the pre- and post-skill level assessment and compared to the control group, within which less than 10% will have shown improvements.
- 35 of 35 families served through the research study program will have shown improvements in physical activity levels by 30 minutes per day and will have sustained those levels for a minimum of six months.
- The community host site will have fully integrated the intervention into its own service delivery stream as a core program.