

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and India Health Fund, a Tata Trusts initiative have created India's first public-private partnership fund which will finance the development of diagnostics and digital tools to tackle infectious diseases relevant for India and other developing countries, towards bettering equity and access to healthcare.

Call under i4 through SBIRI and BIPP provides an opportunity to Startups/Companies/SMEs working in following areas to avail Co-funding under BIRAC-IHF pool of funds:

- **Tuberculosis** - Screening and Diagnostics tools that are easily deployable tests meeting ASSURED criteria for resource-limited settings for identification of susceptible, vulnerable and high-risk populations and disease detection at the community and/or primary healthcare level.
- **Vector-Borne Diseases** – Multiplex, modular, multi-pathogen disease detection platform/ systems for use at the primary and secondary level that reliably distinguish and detect infections from clinical specimens.
- **Disease Surveillance (Digital Platform Technologies):** Robust disease surveillance platforms for collecting, managing, and streamlining surveillance of infectious diseases.
- **Anti microbial resistance:** Near-patient detection tools for neonatal sepsis, UTI or community-spread infections or tuberculosis-multidrug resistance.
- **Climate X Health** - Climate adaptive healthcare solutions addressing infectious diseases

Selected Startups/Companies will be jointly funded by IHF and BIRAC in alignment with the guidelines of i4 scheme. Basis the requirement, co-funded startups may also be provided with incubation and validation support, commercial guidance and mentorship support through the partner network.

About India Health Fund:

India Health Fund (IHF) was conceived to accelerate India's progress towards the elimination of infectious diseases. IHF does this by addressing the gaps in funding for product development, in mentorship and in market access that are often faced by small and mid-size entities with powerful ideas that have the potential to significantly improve outcomes in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases.

IHF also works to develop effective business models, implementation partnerships and financing mechanisms which help to significantly scale up these solutions - enabling impact at scale.

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About Tata Trusts:

Since inception in 1892, Tata Trusts, India's oldest philanthropic organisation, has played a pioneering role in bringing about an enduring difference in the lives of the communities it serves. Guided by the principles and the vision of proactive philanthropy of the Founder, Jamsetji Tata, the Trusts' purpose is to catalyse development in the areas of health, nutrition, education, water, sanitation and hygiene, livelihood, digital transformation, migration and urban habitat, social justice and inclusion, environment and energy, skill development, sports, and arts and culture. The Trusts' programmes, achieved through direct implementation, partnerships and grant making, are marked by innovations, relevant to the country. For more information, please visit <http://tatatrusters.org/>

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