International Confederation of Midwives

Safe Motherhood and Development Fund

Terms of Reference

Introduction and General Purpose of the Fund

The Safe Motherhood and Development Fund is a standing fund to which individuals, Member Associations, and organisations may donate. The donations will go toward sponsoring a midwife to participate in an ICM activity or event that promotes safe motherhood.

Support is not dependent on membership in an ICM Member Association.

Who can contribute to the Fund?

- ICM Member Associations and/or other Healthcare Professional Associations
- ICM Board Members
- ICM Partners and Donors
- Funding Agencies*
- Collaborative Partners
- Individuals

*Please refer to ICM Position Statement entitled, “Sponsorship and Commercial Partnerships”

Types of Funding

The sponsorship may cover all or part of the following costs:

- Travel from home to venue and back at economy rates
- Meals and (Shared) Accommodation for the required length of stay
- Other expenses such as Congress registration fee, visa and inoculations.

Who can apply?

- Midwives from Developing Countries
- Midwives from countries facing economic difficulties even if not classified as “Developing”. While some countries may not be classified as “Developing”, midwives from that country may need support.
- Individual midwives who need financial support to participate in an ICM activity and/or event
In countries where a Midwives Association exists, the applicant should be a member of that association. In countries where a midwives’ association does not exist, the applicant does not have to be a member of an association.

Priority will be given to those where the greatest benefit will be gained.

Criteria for selection

To qualify for sponsorship the individual must be a midwife and:

- Demonstrate commitment to the aims of the Confederation
- Must not have benefitted from the programme more than once before.

Conditions of funding

The nominated midwife must submit the following documents:

- A completed Safe Motherhood and Development Fund application form
- Brief resume/CV
- After the event, a report of the activities and the midwife’s contribution to the activity must be submitted within 30 days of the event. Should a report not be produced ICM will take necessary measures to recover the costs.

Administration of the Fund

- Funds will be centrally managed and controlled through ICM Headquarters so as to achieve maximum world-wide participation
- Specified earmarked funds will be allocated as directed by the donors
- The distribution of the funds must demonstrate equity, need, accountability and transparency.

Recruitment of Beneficiaries

- Member Associations may be requested to nominate a midwife
- Where no Midwives Association exists, ICM Headquarters will liaise with individual midwives and Member Associations with international connections to encourage the identification of prospective nominees
- Headquarters, through its own contacts, may identify likely nominees

An email advertising for sponsors and nominees will be sent to ICM Member Associations and placed on ICM’s website and social media platform.

Evaluation

A financial statement of the Fund is reported in the ICM Annual Report and presented at the Annual Board and Council meetings.