



Research Forum for Young Children in Emergencies

Call for Applications

The Research Fellowship Program, funded by the [Moving Minds Alliance \(MMA\)](#), supports local researchers in the Global South to carry out studies on issues related to young children (from pre-natal to school-entry) in emergency contexts. It offers an opportunity to be part of a community of researchers who are advancing knowledge and evidence in this field, while working with the MMA Research Forum team.

The fellowship will support researchers and research-oriented practitioners from the Global South to carry out culturally relevant studies with young children and families over a 12-month period by:

- Providing a one-time stipend of US \$5,000 to be used toward research activities;
- Convening a community of practice of researchers around the world who are focusing on young children and families in emergency contexts; and
- Providing opportunities for knowledge sharing, mentoring, and dissemination of research to a global audience.

Research fellows will work toward:

- Conducting primary research (qualitative, quantitative or mixed method) to highlight important issues at the national/sub-national level related to the themes of [Nurturing Care Framework \(NCF\)](#): responsive caregiving, security and safety, opportunities for early learning, good health, and adequate nutrition, and mental well-being in the context of young children in emergencies and conflicts; and/or
- Using existing sources of national/sub-national datasets on young children to bring a novel perspective to support the achievement of quality early childhood development for young children in emergencies and conflicts; and

The fellows are expected to share the methods and results of their research with the Research Forum members and, eventually, the public through a publication.

Please note that fellows do not need to complete an entire research project in the 12-month period; some applicants may have other funding to do a larger project, and the fellowship funding will contribute to a part of it. Nevertheless, the fellows should produce a piece of original research in the 12-month period.

Profile of the Fellows

Research Fellows are individuals who are

- born into or live in a country affected by crisis or conflicts;
- have some level of experience with conducting research and research analysis;
- have deep connections with communities and local organizations serving young children

The Fellowship is open to fellows at any stage of their career, and can include students, researchers or practitioners from non-governmental organization (NGO) and civil society backgrounds.

The Fellowship aims to support individuals from diverse nationalities.

Selection Criteria

Key criteria for selection include:

- Originality: what gaps does it fill in the current research landscape on young children in emergencies?
- Potential to inform programming and policy: are the issues relevant across contexts?
- Alignment to thematic priorities outlined in the Nurturing Care Framework
- Feasibility of research within the 12-month time frame

Application

To apply, please submit a current Curriculum Vitae and a brief 1-2 page proposal of the research you intend to carry out. This should include 1) the population you will be studying, the location, and the sample size; 2) 1-3 key research questions; 3) methods you plan to use; 4) how you plan to include voices of children and families in your work; and 5) a timeline for your research. Please submit applications to info@unboundedassociates.com.

Applications will be accepted in English, Arabic, Spanish and French. The last date to submit the application is **31st January 2023**. Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the MMA Research Forum team, based on the criteria outlined above and considerations related to quality, potential, and originality as well as the qualifications and track record of the applicant. Shortlisted applicants may be invited to discuss adjustments to their proposal in an interview. The MMA Research Forum team will not be able to provide feedback on proposals not selected.