

## GRANTS FOR SUPPORTING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING PROJECTS

**Deadline: 15 July, 2020 (5 PM Kigali Time)**

**Open to:** All journalists in Rwanda

**Grant:** 300 000 FRW

### Description

PAX PRESS is excited to announce the call for investigative Reporting projects.

Recognizing the role of journalists to show different issues damaged by Covid19 but also good initiatives put in place to bring solutions to problems caused by the pandemic PAX PRESS invites Rwandan journalists, to submit proposals for in-depth investigative multimedia journalism stories on COVID-19 and Governance issues, citizens' concerns, human rights, Gender Based violence...

PAX PRESS intends to support investigative journalism stories. The successful grantees will be in close collaboration with a mentor. Mentor will be in the position of Editor in chief to work with the grantees over the length of their projects.

The successful grantees will commit to publish their media productions in their respective media houses. The content of the media production will be the sole responsibility of the author.

### Eligibility criteria

PAX PRESS accepts applications for projects on domestic (Rwanda) and international issues. All entries must be written in Kinyarwanda, English or French. PAX PRESS looks for stories that break new ground and expose wrongdoing – such as corruption, malfeasance, or misuse of power – in the public and private sectors, respectively.

- To be considered, foreign-based media correspondents' proposals must come from Rwanda-based reporters.
- All applications must include a proposal and a budget, resume, and a Letter-of-Commitment with 2 referees.
- All application documents must be written in Kinyarwanda, English or French and budgets expressed in Francs Rwandais, FRW.

PAX PRESS accepts projects that address community impacts of COVID-19, what public and private institutions are doing to respond to the changing needs of our communities due to response to COVID-19.

**N.B:** A half of grants, (20 out of 40) will be granted to the topics related to the protection and support of women and girls affected by the COVID 19. Note that the women's needs during an epidemic are less likely to be met.

**Female journalists are strongly encouraged to submit their proposals.**

### Grants Size

Forty (40) quality projects from journalists will receive Sub grants to investigative and analytical stories on COVID-19 and related issues.

Grants average 300 000 FRW will cover out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, document collection, and equipment rental, ...

**N.B: The first half of the grant is given once an application is approved and the second half is paid when the project is complete.**

### Duration of the projects

The duration of the successful projects is three (3) months, starting with August to October 2020.

All media productions must be published, ( aired, broadcast, ...) before the end of October 2020.

**Requirements**

1. Contestants must be accredited journalists working in Rwanda. A valid Media Press card must be attached to the application.
2. Articles or broadcast stories' applications should be submitted in Kinyarwanda, French or English.
3. Documents to submit must include one Proposal & Budget, ( **max 2 pages**, containing the topic of expected investigative story, the angle of the story, the summary (contextualization) of the story, sources and their location, and the publishing media outlet), applicant's Resume, and a Letter-of-Commitment with 2 referees.
4. Each contestant should submit only one entry.
  - **Joint Reporting, (Stories done by more than one journalist) is strongly encouraged.**

**Application**

PAX PRESS accepts online applications.

Project proposals will be sent to: [paxpress.info@gmail.com](mailto:paxpress.info@gmail.com)

Before submitting any of the application materials, name each attachment with the following headings: PAX PRESS GRANTS\_Proposal & Budget, Resume, Letter-of-Commitment.

**All proposals must be written in Kinyarwanda, English or French and must include a detailed budget.**

A jury composed by 5 members from media, universities, and experts ... will select the proposed projects. Only selected journalists will be contacted before the end of July 2020.

If any query, please contact Mr TWIZEYIMANA Albert Baudouin, tel. 0788735873, or Mr Fulgence Niyonagize, the project Manager, tel. 0788813274.

Done at Kigali, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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