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2023 Request for Proposals Launch | Climate & Forests and Sexual, Reproductive & Maternal Health & Rights

Hello **[Insert Name]**,

I wanted to share an exciting development and new funding opportunity!

Machine learning (ML) datasets hold great promise to advance efforts across the forestry domain to understand, mitigate, and adapt to climate change. However, particularly in low- and middle-income contexts globally, the effective use of ML is hampered by a lack of ground truth data. Solutions created by and for local communities are crucial to address the climate crisis globally.

To address such data gaps, a group of philanthropies and data scientists created [Lacuna Fund](#). Lacuna Fund is the world's first collaborative effort to provide data scientists, researchers, and social entrepreneurs in low- and middle-income contexts globally with the resources they need to produce training and evaluation datasets that address urgent problems in their communities.

Lacuna Fund just launched its two most recent Requests for Proposals focused on open and accessible machine learning datasets that will improve **Sexual Reproductive & Maternal Health and Rights (SRMHR)** and illuminate the relationship between **Climate & Forests**. *SRMHR proposals are due on 19 April 2023 (Round 1) and 20 June 2023 (Round 2). Climate & Forests proposals are due on 1 June 2023. See the full announcement, with more details on eligibility and selection, on the Lacuna Fund [Apply page](#).*

You can learn more about Lacuna Fund at lacunafund.org. Feel free to reach out to the Secretariat at secretariat@lacunafund.org with questions or to get involved in the Fund!

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