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| Principal Investigator and Institutional affiliation | | | | |
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| CO-Investigator(s) and institutional affiliation | | | | |
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| ADVISOR(s) and institutional affiliation, IF PI IS A GRADUATE STUDENT | | | | |
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| Partner(s) | | Contact (Name, Email, Phone) | | |
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| Co-Funder(s) | | FUNDED AWARD (PI, Project Title, Amount) | | |
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| **Have you submitted this or a related proposal to any other J-PAL research initiative?** | | | | |
| Yes  No | | If yes, which initiative and when?   1. (dd-mm-yyy) 2. (dd-mm-yyy) | | |
| Funding Request *(Check the additional box for off-cycle review)*  ***Full Scale RCT*** ***Pilot study***  ***Request for off-cycle review***   ***Proposal/Project Development*** | | | | |
| Requested | **USD $** | TotalCo-funded | | **USD $** |
| Grant Period | | | | |
| Start Date: (dd-mm-yyyy) |  | End Date: (dd-mm-yyyy) | |  |

**J-PAL SEA Innovation in MSME Development Initiative (IMDI)**

**Proposal Coversheet**

**PROPOSAL NARRATIVE TEMPLATE**

**Instructions:** Proposals for IMDI funding consist of (i) an application form, which includes a narrative and a cover sheet; (ii) a budget form; and (iii) letters of support (if applicable). Please send proposals to imdi@povertyactionlab.org.

The narrative (not to exceed 5 pages for project development/pilot study, between 5-10 pages for a full scale RCT and should be written in Century Gothic size 10 pt and single spaced) should clearly describe the proposed partnership. It should include:

1. A 100-150 word abstract of the proposed pilot or full-scale RCT study.
2. For all proposals, please include a short description of the following:

* **Background.** Include the relevance and potential contribution of the study to address critical questions in Indonesia. Demonstrate knowledge on economic actors that are already engaging in the practices, the potential for others to engage, and their current barriers to doing so.
* ***(If applicable)* Cost-sharing.** If the proposal is submitted for an ongoing study for which other sources of funding are active, include the percentage of research budget being covered by IMDI and for which specific activities.
* **Research Question.** Include the main research question(s) and how they will be measured.
* **Methodology.** For a full RCT, include a description of the study design, main outcomes, a description of the intervention, target population, power calculations with rationale of key assumptions when relevant, and implementing partners.
* **Relevance for Women and Marginalized Groups.** Provide a plan on how the research will address gender and inclusivity issues, or if you plan to disaggregate the analysis by gender, and how heterogenous impacts are adequately accounted for in the technical design.
* **Policy Relevance and Potential for Scale-ups.** Elaborate if results from the intervention aim to have broader implications. In what way can the lessons learned/information gathered from the pilot or RCT can inform partners or policymakers working in this landscape. List out the partner that will be involved and their role in the project.
* **Partners and capacity development.** Explain how the research activity can be a part of capacity building for government agencies, private sector, NGOs, and local researcher through hands-on participation in evaluation design and analysis.
* **Estimated Timeline.** Provide a general timeline of pilot/full scale RCT which will be covered by the grant.