



4th International Photo Contest 2026

Terms of Use

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Eligibility

- The contest is open worldwide to individuals aged 18 years or older.
- We welcome submissions from individuals of all backgrounds and strongly encourage participation from people from historically underrepresented or marginalized communities.
- Employees of the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and contest jurors are not eligible to participate.
- Participation in the contest is free of charge.

Prizes

- Winners of the contest will be selected by a jury from a shortlist of eligible entries prepared by IVI.
- The contest prizes are as follows:
 - Grand Prize (1 winner): US\$2,000
 - Gold Prize (1 winner): US\$1,000
 - Silver Prize (2 winners): US\$500 each
 - Bronze Prize (6 winners): US\$200 each
 - Honorable mentions
- Prize payments will be made via bank or wire transfer in U.S. dollars. Winners will be required to provide the necessary banking information to facilitate the transfer and must ensure that they are able to receive U.S. dollar payments. IVI is not responsible for any currency conversion fees, bank charges, or exchange rate differences.
- Winners are solely responsible for any taxes, duties, or reporting obligations arising from the receipt of the prize payment in accordance with the laws of their respective jurisdictions.

Submission Guidelines

- Entrants must submit their photographs using the designated entry form on Submittable.com, ensuring that all required fields are accurately completed.
- Each entrant may submit up to five photographs. Each photograph must be submitted as a separate submission.
- Entries must be the work of a single entrant and may not have multiple authors or owners.
- Photographs must have been taken on or after 1 January 2022.
- Accepted image formats: JPG, JPEG, PNG, TIF, TIFF
- Minimum image size: 4,000 × 3,000 pixels

Judging

- All eligible entries will first be screened by IVI to verify compliance with the contest rules and submission requirements.
- A shortlist of entries will be reviewed by a jury composed of professionals from the fields of

- photography, communications, and global health.
- Photographs will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Technical quality.
 - Narrative impact and storytelling.
 - Relevance to the contest theme and selected category.
- The jury will select winners based on the overall merit of the submissions.

Winner Notification

- Selected winners will be notified using the contact information provided at the time of entry.
- All prize winners must respond within 14 business days of receiving the winner notification to confirm acceptance of the prize.
- If a selected winner does not respond within 14 business days of notification, IVI reserves the right to withdraw the award and select an alternative winner.

Image Authenticity

- All photographs must be the original work of the entrant.
- The following are not permitted:
 - Images generated wholly or partially using artificial intelligence (AI) tools.
 - Composite images created by combining multiple photographs.
- Basic editing such as cropping, exposure adjustment, contrast adjustment, and color correction is permitted, provided that such edits do not alter the factual content of the photograph.
- IVI reserves the right to verify the eligibility and authenticity of submissions and to request additional information and/or the original, unedited image file from entrants when necessary.

Consent and Releases

- Entrants are responsible for obtaining, prior to submission, any necessary written permissions, releases, or informed consent from identifiable individuals appearing in the photograph, or from relevant rights holders where applicable.
- By submitting an entry, entrants represent and warrant that they have secured all required permissions allowing IVI to reproduce, publish, distribute, and display the photograph and in accordance with these rules.
- IVI shall not be responsible for any claims arising from the failure to obtain such permissions, and entries may be disqualified if required releases cannot be provided.
- Entrants may be asked to provide copies of signed releases upon request.
- Entrants are responsible for ensuring that their submissions do not infringe any third-party rights and shall indemnify and hold harmless IVI against any claims arising from such infringement.

Copyright and Usage

- Entrants will retain copyright to their photographs.
- By submitting an entry, entrants grant IVI a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, distribute, and display the submitted images for communication and awareness purposes related to IVI's mission.
- This may include use in:
 - IVI publications
 - Websites and digital platforms
 - Social media channels
 - Exhibitions, displays in IVI offices, or educational materials

- Whenever possible, photographers will be credited as: IVI/[Photographer's Name]
- By accepting a prize, winners consent to the use of their name for promotional and communication purposes related to the contest, in accordance with applicable data protection laws.
- Images may be cropped or resized for formatting purposes.

Disqualification

- IVI reserves the right to remove or disqualify any entry that:
 - Does not comply with the contest rules or submission process.
 - Contains false, inaccurate, or misleading information.
 - Infringes on intellectual property, third-party, or privacy rights.
 - Includes unlawful, offensive, defamatory, discriminatory, or otherwise inappropriate content.
 - Is suspected of plagiarism, manipulation, or unauthorized use of third-party material.
- Entries obtained through fraud, theft, or misrepresentation are not permitted.

Technical Disclaimer

- IVI is not responsible for any lost, late, incomplete, corrupted, or misdirected submissions, or for any technical, hardware, software, network, or other malfunctions that may affect participation in the contest.
- IVI reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the contest and its terms if circumstances beyond its control make such action necessary.

Contact

- For questions regarding the contest, please contact: photo-contest@ivi.int

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