



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CALL NETWORKS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV TO APPLY AS IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS IN LAMU, GARISSA, TANA RIVER, TAITA TAVETA, MANDERA AND WAJIR COUNTIES IN KENYA

This Call for Proposals is an open tender for networks of people living with HIV interested in implementing community interventions that supports the achievement of 90.90.90 cascade in HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for People Living with HIV (PLHIV). The Networks of PLHIV will be expected to implement community interventions that support HIV treatment cascade and reduce human rights-related barriers to HIV services in selected five (5) counties in Kenya. The small grant project will provide funding to support such organizations within the Global Fund HIV grant under the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) in selected counties namely Lamu, Garissa, Tana River, Tana River, Mandera and Wajir.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in Kenya. Its mission is as auxiliary to the National and County Governments we will work with our communities, volunteers and partners to ensure we prepare for and respond to our humanitarian and development needs. KRCS was appointed by the Kenya Country Coordinating Mechanism (KCM) as the Non State Principal Recipient (PR) to manage resources under the Country's Global Fund HIV grant. The KRCS seeks interested organizations/networks of people living with HIV to apply for funding in selected counties namely Lamu, Garissa, Tana River, Tana River, Mandera and Wajir.

SCOPE OF WORK

The successful applicants will contribute to the achievement of Vision 2030 through implementing strategies, interventions and activities to help the country accelerate and achieve a drastic reduction in new HIV infections among PLHIV in a manner which is evidence-informed, rights-based and gender sensitive.

The goal of the project is to contribute to the reduction of new HIV infections amongst PLHIV by 75% and AIDS related mortality by 25% in the targeted counties by providing goal comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment and care in line with the Kenya Aids Strategic Framework (KASF).

The key result areas are:

1. Improved access to care to PLHIVs with emphasis to vulnerable groups (newly diagnosed people living with HIV, defaulters, HIV TB co-infected and Pregnant and lactating PLHIV mothers, Men, Adolescents and Youth including girls with tailored services and strategies to ensure that they are retained in care)
2. Reduction of the barrier of discrimination and stigma among the PLHIVs and in the communities they live through counseling and psychosocial support.
3. Increased participation of beneficiaries through working with PLHIV network and support groups of PLHIVs for children caregiver, women and men that are supported with Counseling and psychosocial support and treatment and care support
4. Ensure that at least 90% of PLHIVs under the program are adhering to care and treatment
5. Ensure that at least 90% of PLHIVs under the program are viral load suppressed

The key interventions are:

1. Support Community based HTS and Facility based testing services; link those who test positive to treatment and support them in the care cascade.
2. Identify and support PLHIVs with emphasis to vulnerable groups (newly diagnosed people living with HIV, defaulters, HIV TB co-infected, PLHIV living with Co-morbidities and Pregnant and Lactating PLHIV mothers, Men, Adolescents and Youth including girls with tailored services and strategies to ensure that they are retained in care
3. Stigma and discrimination reduction through:
 - a) Sensitization of PLHIV and community leaders (including awareness days in the community)
 - b) Integrating HIV/TB and human rights issues in faith sector messages
 - c) Building the capacity of unions and private sector leaders in addressing stigma and discrimination.
 - d) Gender based violence prevention and response
 - e) Capacity building and promoting human rights champions (e.g. SGBV survivors) in communities to advocate for human rights
4. Legal literacy by:
 - a) Building the capacity of 2 community based organizations in each county to screen and report human rights violations
 - b) Conducting know your rights campaigns through PLHIV networks.
 - c) Awareness on the HIV tribunal role will be raised to improve access to its services.

5. Training of health care providers and other leaders on human rights to establish an enabling environment and promote “friendly” services that meet the needs of the key and vulnerable groups.
6. Advocacy among law enforcers and county government on the punitive legislations and municipal by-laws that inhibit key populations from accessing health services.

Target beneficiaries

The targeted beneficiaries are PLHIVs including children and adolescents living with HIV in Lamu, Garissa, Tana River, Tana River Mandera and Wajir counties.

KRCS seeks to recruit at least one organization to implement these interventions in each of these five (5) target counties.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicant will be a legal entity registered in Kenya with the right to enter a contractual agreement with the KRCS. The applicant must have the mandate to work in the county applied for with no history of legal proceedings related to fraud, corruption or any other criminal matter.

The applicant can be a Civil Society Organization (FBO, CBO, NGO, etc.) or a consortium of organizations that meets the criteria. Organizations that apply as a consortium, must provide a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with clear mandate, work plan and budget for each partner.

Mandatory Requirements

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

- i. Is registered with the relevant authorities’ e.g. social development office as a community based organization (CBO), self-help group.
- ii. Has a set of rules governing the organization (The Constitution / by laws).
- iii. Has been in existence and active in HIV related activities for at least one year.
- iv. Has local presence in the County. Provide recommendation letter from the County / sub-County government structures e.g. the county department of health especially CASCO/SCASCO, health facility, social development office, CACC/SCACC.
- v. Has people living with HIV as members with two thirds of the senior leadership of the network being PLHIV. **This should be evidenced by a recommendation letter from any of the national PLHIV networks e.g. NEPHAK, WOFAK, KENEPOTE, MAC, ICWK, ITPC, KENERELA.**
- vi. Has a bank account.
- vii. Has a KRA PIN Certificate.

KINDLY NOTE that special consideration will be provided for;

- *PLHIV led organization with experience of working with people with disabilities.*
- *Organizations that have at least a third of their composition as adolescent and young people.*

Organizations meeting these special consideration are particularly encouraged to apply

The application reference documents including technical and financial proposal format for applicants, the criteria for evaluation are available from the County department of health office, the Kenya Red Cross Society county office. The documents can also be downloaded from the following websites: www.redcross.or.ke, www.nacc.or.ke, www.globalfundkcm.or.ke, www.cog.go.ke.

The technical proposal together with all mandatory requirements should be put in one plain envelope clearly marked, enclosed and sealed. The proposals should be dropped in the tender box at the respective **Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS)** county office addressed to:

Retender No. **GF/EOI/0205/2018**

The Chairman

Tender Committee

Kenya Red Cross Society

P.O Box 40712-00100 Nairobi

The applications should be submitted not later than **Friday 4th January 2019 at 4.00 PM Kenyan Time**. All applications will be transported by courier services on the same day from the county offices to the Kenya Red Cross Society Head Office in Nairobi.

Applicants are invited to attend the tender opening on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at the **Kenya Red Cross Society Headquarters in South C, at 12.00 noon**.

Expressions of Interest that are not clearly marked on the envelope or are not delivered at the stipulated place and time will not be considered.