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Request for Applications For Local CSOs in Ankole Sub-region

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The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) has received a 5-year transition award from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to provide technical support to Public health facilities in Ankole sub-region of South Western Uganda. The overall goal is to support the achievement of the Government of Uganda and PEPFAR goals of reaching and maintaining HIV epidemic control by 2020 through attainment of 95-95-95 UNAIDS targets and ending AIDS by 2030 through the following result areas; Quality facility-based HIV and TB prevention services provided at scale; Quality, targeted, high yield, facility-based HIV testing and counselling services provided at scale; All diagnosed people living with HIV and TB are promptly initiated on treatment; All diagnosed people living with HIV and TB on treatment achieve viral suppression; Target districts have the institutional capacity to sustain epidemic control and maintain the response. The project covers 12 districts of Buhweju, Bushenyi, Ibanda, Isingiro, Kazo, Kiruhura, Mbarara, Mitooma, Ntungamo, Rubirizi, Rwampara and Sheema in Ankole Sub-region.

TASO shall support the Public Health Facilities and 12 Districts in Ankole sub-region to achieve the following strategic objectives;

1. To support the implementation of a district-based package of quality integrated HIV/AIDS and TB services to contribute to significant, measurable, and sustainable impact on beneficiary populations in Ankole sub-region in Southwestern Uganda.
2. To support the provision of comprehensive technical support, mentorship, and facilitate targeted service delivery at both community and facility level.

It is recognized that CSOs, if linked to and supported to work closely with Expert Clients, PLHIV Networks, Peer Leaders, Mentor Mothers, Cough Monitors and Village Health Teams (VHTs) as well as other community structures, Community Development Officers (CDOs), Parish Chiefs, political leaders and health workers contribute (through sensitization, mobilization and referral and linkages of individuals, families and communities) to increased demand, access to, and utilization of health services.

In pursuit of such intentions, TASO/USAID RHITES SW seeks

applications from interested and capable local CSOs to implement activities/interventions that will contribute to increased demand, access to and utilization of health interventions in the 12 districts of Ankole sub-region in South Western Uganda.

CSOs are expected to utilize available data and information related to the stipulated scope of work to identify and implement evidence-based, innovative interventions/activities that contribute to community systems strengthening in the 12 districts supported by USAID RHITES-SW i.e. Buhweju, Bushenyi, Ibanda, Isingiro, Kazo, Kiruhura, Mbarara, Mitooma, Ntungamo, Rubirizi, Rwampara and Sheema. Sub-grants of One year in duration with possibility of renewal based on performance and availability of funds, will be awarded to 5 successful applicant(s) who respond to this request for applications.

USAID RHITES-SW Transition Award to TASO will accept applications that will address one or multiple areas highlighted in section 2.3. Specific instructions on the application requirements follow.

Applicants must submit questions by email only to isikos@tasouganda.org by **5:00 PM (EAT), November, 6th, 2020**.

Applications must be received by the closing date and time indicated at the top of this cover letter. Applications should be submitted in one electronic copy (1). Applications received after the above date and time will not be considered. Detailed submission instructions are provided below in this document.

Details of this funding opportunity can be found on TASO's website under "Join Us – Call for Interest": www.tasouganda.org. We urge interested applicants to continue to interface with this site for up-to-date information since the Technical Review committee (TRC) will from time to time update the requirements under this funding opportunity.

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