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Request for Applications

The Uganda Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Uganda, has positioned itself for a dramatic surge in Basic Education (BE) capacity and success. The five-year USAID/Uganda Literacy Achievement and Retention Activity (LARA), implemented by the MoES and RTI International, is designed to build upon and contribute to this momentum by expanding the early grade reading program and establish positive and supportive schools in 28 districts. The activity is designed to support the Government of Uganda, through the MoES, in its efforts to improve the literacy and retention of early primary grade learners by establishing a positive and supportive school climate for learning and reducing incidents of school-related gender-based violence (SRGBV) in participating districts. The focus districts for this call are: **Mbarara, Sheema, Mitooma, Rakai, Lwengo, Kiboga, Nakaseke, Hoima, Mukono, Buvuma, Kayunga, Mpigi and Butambala**. Individual awards will range from UGX 96,000,000 to UGX 416,000,000 for an 18 month period of performance.

Eligibility: This RFA is open to all non-government organizations that 1) are legal entities, registered at district or national level; 2) headquarters based in Uganda; 3) have operated in proposed district; 4) directly responsible for the preparation and management of the project;

and 5) have a proven record of implementing programs related to child protection, prevention of violence against children and or experience in implementing behavior change communication campaigns.

Interested applicants should refer to the link below for the full application guidelines; http://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1433404/rti-international Completed applications must be submitted no later than 04:00 PM on 26th September, 2016 to the address stated in the guidelines. Applications submitted after this deadline will NOT be accepted.

Grants Information sessions for all interested applicants will be held in Mbarara, Masaka, Kampala and Hoima from 9.00am-12.00 noon on the dates indicated in the guidelines mentioned earlier. No transport refund, allowances or meals will be given to those attending.

Issuance of this RFA in no way obligates the RTI International to issue any awards. However, the RTI International reserves the right to make fewer or more awards than expected. RTI International will not be liable for any costs incurred in an applicant's preparation of its response to this RFA. Furthermore, RTI International may issue written amendments/addendums to this solicitation at any time before the deadline.