

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AT ASSOCIATION FOR REPRODUCTIVE AND FAMILY HEALTH

To: Civil Society Organizations/Community Based Organizations for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in Lagos State.

Background:

Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH) is a leading indigenous not-for-profit, non-governmental organization established in Nigeria in 1989 in response to the health and social needs of the disadvantaged groups in rural and urban communities. ARFH is committed to improving the quality of the life of the people in Nigeria and elsewhere in sub-Sahara Africa. Since its inception, ARFH has consistently responded to the public health challenges including HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, maternal mortality and morbidity and sexual and reproductive health problems in Nigeria.

ARFH has just been awarded a USAID grant to implement a 5-year (December, 2019 – December, 2024) project titled “Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award” in Lagos State. The project aims at expanding access to sustainable care and support services to 53,197 OVCs and 13.301 Households over 5 years.

ARFH is delighted to announce the release of this call for Expression of Interest for local Nigerian Civil Society Organisations/Community Based Organizations to implement interventions for Vulnerable Children (OVC) in 10 local governments in Lagos State under this project, Notes of Expression of Interest is being solicited for sub-grants from CSO/CBOs who have the capacity, drive and hands on experience to provide comprehensive, coordinated care for vulnerable children, while building household capacity to care for their own children as frontline providers of care and support. The Local Governments are Agege, Ajeromi, Apapa, Badagry, Kosofe, Ojo, Lagos Island, Lagos Mainland, Somolu and Surulere.

Successful organisations will be contributing to the overall project goal of improving the quality of life of OVCs, their caregivers and their households. Successful CBOs will be funded by USASD through a Grants Mechanism managed by ARFH.

Successful organisations are expected to work in collaboration with State and Local government structures as well as the private sector.

GUIDELINES FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Applicants should submit expressions of interest no longer than 5 pages, including the following details:

- (1) Their current level of experience in implementing OVC programs in the State for which they are applying.
- (2) The main issues faced by vulnerable children in Lagos State.
- (3) Art understanding of the existing mechanisms for responding to OVC in Lagos State.

- (4) A description of how they would work with the government, other civil society partners and the Private Sector to deliver comprehensive and coordinated support for OVC.
- (5) Their current organizational structure (Organogram)

Successful applicants to the ICHSSA Project will be invited to submit a comprehensive proposal

KEY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- (1) Demonstrated familiarity with the status of the national OVC response in Lagos state and its critical gaps
- (2) Demonstrated knowledge of the communities in the LGAs where the most need exist (HIV prevalence, high numbers of highly vulnerable children).
- (3) Demonstrated awareness of State/Local government OVC interventions in the State.
- (4) Demonstrated prioritization of essential gaps that need to be addressed for OVC.
- (5) Proposed realistic and achievable solutions to the identified problems.
- (6) Demonstrated clear linkages with other sectors including the private sector, government and other civil society organizations

OTHER CRITERIA:

- (1) Applicants must be legally registered in Nigeria with CAC certificate.
- (2) Applicants must be working in Lagos State presently.
- (3) Applicants must have at least Five (5) years of experience in OVC service delivery
- (4) Applicants must be able to provide their most recent audited financial statement or certified annual financial report

ARFH anticipates making up to 10 awards in the State, for an initial one year period beginning **February, 2020**,

Awards are based on selected partner's capacity verified by an institutional capacity assessment. Grants are renewable based on performance for up to 5 years.

Kindly send your application and covering letter with the title "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST **on or before 20 January, 2020** explaining why you are suitable to: programs@arfh-ng.org or as a mail package and addressed to:

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