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Civil Society Organizations for Vulnerable Children in Kaduna, Sokoto, Kano, Bauchi and Plateau States Save the Children International (SCI) and Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MW&SD) are pleased to announce the release of Expressions of Interest for its Batch 2 round of grants for Nigerian Civil Society Organizations for Vulnerable Children (OVC). With this RFA, SCI and MWASD are soliciting applications from civil society organizations to provide comprehensive, coordinated care for vulnerable children and youth in Kaduna, Sokoto, Kano, Bauchi and Plateau States. Successful organizations will work in collaboration with state and local government structures to deliver comprehensive and coordinated support to vulnerable children while building household capacity to care for their own children. Successful organizations will be contributing to the overall project goal of improving the quality of life for highly vulnerable children and their caregivers through interventions designed to increase household capacity to serve as frontline providers of care and support. The programs will contribute to the USAID funded Umbrella Grants Mechanism managed by Save the Children, Systems Transformed for Enabling and Empowering Responses for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (STEER Project).

Guidelines for Expression of Interest:

Applicants should submit expressions of interest in a hard copy A4 paper no longer than 5 pages and a readable CD with the following details:

- Their current level of experience in vulnerable children programs in the state for which they would apply
- The main issues faced by vulnerable children in the state for which they are applying

- Demonstrate understanding of the mechanisms existing in the state and with which they would work
- Describe how they would work with government and other civil society partners to deliver comprehensive and coordinated support
- Demonstrate support from the LGA and state in which they propose to work
- LGAs where they work
- Their current organizational structure (organogram)

Successful applicants to the umbrella grants mechanism will be invited to a bidder's conference at which time they will receive the full request for application package.

Successful applicants will

- Demonstrate familiarity with the status of the national OVC response in the proposed state and its critical gaps
- Demonstrate knowledge of LGAs where the most need exist (high HIV prevalence. High numbers of highly vulnerable children)
- Demonstrate prioritization of essential gaps for OVC in the state that need to be addressed
- Demonstrate awareness of state and local government capabilities in the proposed zone
- Demonstrate prioritization of the gaps in state/local government that need to be addressed
- Propose realistic and achievable solutions to the identified problems
- Show clear linkages with other sectors including the private sector, government and other civil society organizations

SCI and MW&SD are soliciting applications from civil society organizations that meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must have been legally registered in Nigeria before 01 January 2008.
2. Applicants must be working in the state where they propose to work
3. Applicants must have at least three 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

SCI anticipates making up to 5 awards per state, for an initial one year period beginning June 2014. Awards are expected to be in the range of \$80,000 to \$100,000 depending on selected partner's capacity based on an institutional capacity assessment.

Grants are renewable based on performance for up to 5 years. Applicants seeking to support multiple states must submit separate and complete applications for each proposed state. No more than two applications (i.e. two states) will be accepted per applicant.

Applications are due by **5PM, Tuesday, April 22nd 2014** at the following address:
**Save The Children International, STEER Project Office,
N0.9B Dan Mama Road,
Ungwan Rimi, Kaduna,
Kaduna State, Nigeria**