

Call for Expression of interest- December 2012

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is inviting expressions of interest from Nigerian Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Sokoto, Jigawa and FCT that would like to participate in a USAID-funded program for increasing incomes for vulnerable households. This holistic program will include interventions as diverse as:

- Identifying vulnerable households.
- Improving agriculture productivity and identifying off-farm economic opportunities for the poor-especially women and youth;
- Assisting households in savings and accessing credit and in developing small enterprises and other income generation activities.
- Improving water and sanitation, nutrition and food security of households and communities; and
- Strengthening the capacity of local governments to create a more enabling environment for poverty reduction.

CRS will consider CSO partners with organizational profiles and capacities that include a strategic combination of the following:

- Operations in final focal states of the program.
- Demonstrated experience and success in the focus programming areas as above.
- Innovative methods to improve vulnerable household income and food security.
- Proven commitment to gender responsive and conflict sensitive programming
- Demonstrated experience in working with women and girls
- Proposed cost share

If you are interested, we invite you to submit the attached Expression of Interest form completed by 22nd December 2012. Please email patience.ejidke@crs.org with copy to julie.ideh@crs.org to request the EOI template and submit completed EOIs to the same email addresses.

CRS is an international non-governmental organization supporting relief and development work in over 99 countries around the world. CRS programs assist persons on the basis of need, regardless of creed, ethnicity or nationality. CRS works through local church and non-church partners to implement its programs. Strengthening the capacity of these partner organizations is fundamental to our approach in every country where we operate. CRS re-established its presence in Nigeria in 2000 and currently focuses on agriculture, governance, peacebuilding and Health/HIV programming.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and will contact CSOs deemed to meet the criteria above.