

Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)

Expression of Interest: Invitation to Conduct Midline Evaluation of the Zinc and ORS Scale-up Program in Lagos, Rivers and Kano States

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Introduction;

Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI); is seeking expression of interest from reputable organisations with proven experience in conducting household and health provider surveys, to conduct a midline evaluation of the Zinc and ORS Scale-up program in Lagos, Kano and Rivers states.

Back Ground:

(A) Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)

CHAI is a global health organization committed to strengthening integrated health systems in the developing world and expanding access to care and treatment for HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

(B) The Program: ORS and Zinc Scale-Up in Nigeria

Every year, diarrhea-related illnesses claim the lives of thousands of children under five globally. Nigeria accounts for almost 13% of these deaths globally with approximately - 100,000 Nigerian children dying each year due to diarrheal illnesses. In order to alleviate the problem, CHAI is working with the Federal Ministry of Health, NPHCDA and other partners in the rapid implementation of the National Essential Medicines Scale-up plan. The plan aims to reach 80% coverage of recommended treatments for childhood diarrhea, pneumonia, and malaria by 2015 through a series of concrete interventions thereby preventing an estimated 169,000 deaths for diarrhea alone. As part of the program evaluation, CHAI will be conducting a rigorous midline evaluation of the zinc and ORS scale up program to quantitatively measure how well the program's strategy is being executed and whether the program has achieved its objectives.

OBJECTIVE- the purpose of the study is to assess:

- (1) ORS and zinc coverage for the treatment of diarrhea in children under age five in each study state:

- (2) Availability and price of ORS and zinc in private sector healthcare clinics and medicine retail outlets in each study state;
- (3) Treatment practices of public and private sector healthcare providers and medicine retailers for childhood diarrhea in each study state.
- (4) Drivers of care seeking and treatments choices by caregivers of children under five with diarrhea in each study state

(D) Scope of Work:

- (1) Household Surveys: measures Knowledge, preferences, and use of zinc and ORS as treatment for diarrhea
- (2) Healthcare Provider Surveys: measures practices related to prescription of zinc and ORS
- (3) Retail audits: measures availability and price of zinc and ORS.

(E) Expression of Interest:

Consequently, CHAI is inviting organisations to express their interest in conducting the midline survey. Interested organisations are required to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI)

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The format of the EOI will be:

A written Expression of Interest on the letterhead of the organisation.

Name and physical address of organization

Organizational Profile,

Evidence of having carried out similar work

Key contacts person and contact details

Interested organisations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- (1) Organisational Profile
- (2) Experience in conducting similar work
- (3) Experience in working in Project States

Expressions of interest received will be reviewed in line with CHAI's values and principles after which pre-qualified organisations will be identified and contacted to apply to conduct the survey.

Closing Date

Only expressions of interest received **on or before 26th January, 2015** will be considered.

Additional Information

This advertisement shall neither be construed as any form of commitment on the part of CHAI to award any contract to any company and or associated companies, subcontractors or agents. CHAI will communicate only with authorized officers of an interested company and NOT through individuals or agents. Universities research teams are also welcome to apply.