

Request for Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for the Conduct of the Final Evaluation of GECHAAN/TNTP Project on HIV&AIDS Prevention and Care and Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

Background:

The New Tomorrow Project (TNTP) implemented by Gembu Center for HIV/AIDS Advocacy Nigeria (GECHAAN), is a six-year USAID funded project with award No.620-A-00-08-0007-00, signed on the 15th January 2008 for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care & Support for OVC. The project is being implemented in 8 Local Government Areas in Taraba State, Nigeria.

The current end date is 14 July 2014.

Through this award, USAID positively demonstrated its increasingly vital role in impacting positively on HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria, focusing on HIV Prevention, mobile HTC, provision of Comprehensive Care and Support for OVC and strengthening the organizations capacity to implement the project.

Project Objectives:

To achieve the goals of the support from USAID, GECHAAN developed the following project objectives to guide the implementation of “The New Tomorrow Project”.

- To internally strengthen the organization’s capacity to implement the planned HIV prevention then care and support programs.
- Educate the population in the program area on Abstinence and Be Faithful HIV prevention, the value of pre-marital abstinence and marital faithfulness will be promoted in schools, youth dubs and communities.
- Provision of comprehensive quality care and support for OVC, ensuring their protection and provision of basic needs.
- To strengthen the capacity of care-givers to provide the basic needs of their children.

Coverage of Project:

The TNTP project is being implemented in Sardauna, Gashaka, Bali, Kurmi, Takum, Dunga, Ardo-Kola and Gassol LGAs of Taraba State.

Program Elements:

- Prevention of HIV transmission among young people and couples through Abstinence and Behavior Change strategies among In-& Out-of-School Youths and promoting fidelity among couples through focused Be-faithful program.
- Mobile HTC by taking HTC to the communities.
- OVC programming through the provision of health care services, educational support, shelter and care, food & nutrition, psychosocial support, protection and household economic strengthening.
- M&E process cuts across all program elements

The project uses a standard set of training modules and data collection tools for its activities.

Available documents for Reviewers:

The evaluation team will have available to it on demand, useful data that it may need to consult to have comprehensive background information for its work. This will include among others:

- Project Work plans
- Project quarterly reports
- Project annual reports
- M&E quarterly reports
- M&E plan
- Previous USAID programmatic evaluations on the project.

Purpose and Scope:

The purpose of this final evaluation is to assess the process, effectiveness, achievements, impact and challenges of the TNTP project implemented by GECHAAN under the U.S Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program. The evaluation will review and analyze the technical strategies used to provide comprehensive qualitative HIV/AIDS prevention, HTC and OVC Care and Support programs as well as the overall management of the Project.

Key findings and recommendations are expected to provide GECHAAN/TNTP and USAID/Nigeria's office with sufficient information regarding the project's impact. The

evaluation will outline opportunities, challenges and critical areas to address and make recommendations on the most effective and efficient way forward.

Through this evaluation GECHAAN/TNTP hopes to contribute to advancing the state-of-the-art thinking on technical programming for the care and support for OVC and HIV/AIDS prevention in Taraba State and Nigeria in general. The final evaluation report will be disseminated internally within GECHAAN as well as externally to USAID Nigeria, other US government agencies, PEPFAR partners, the Government of Nigeria and other stakeholders.

The evaluators are expected to design and use methods that are acceptable to PEPFAR during the different stages of the assessment, design and implementation. The methodology could include Literature Review, observations and field visits to beneficiaries, checklist or questionnaires to interview various target beneficiaries. The evaluators will be provided with detailed/desirable methodology, but which they are free to modify or expand and execute as they see meaningful and appropriate after discussion with the GECHAAN Team.

GECHAAN is inviting interested consultants/institutes or organizations to submit detailed proposals outlining among others the following:

- Methodology plan
- Work-plan and time-line
- Evaluation questions on strategies, outcomes, etc
- Delivery schedules
- Sampling and data collections methods
- Survey instruments/Evaluation design
- Data Analysis techniques
- Reporting format and delivery details
- Evaluation team composition (Team leader, expected function and expertise of team members +CVs)
- Budget estimate for the evaluation which responds well to the statement of work and country realities.

In addition, application must include brief background of the Team/Institute or Consortium on previous experiences and stated expertise in implementation on evaluation of programming intervention on HIV prevention strategies, OVC work, care and support, participatory process of project design and evaluation.

Shortlisted candidate(s) will be provided with a detailed scope of work (SOW) which would be discussed and agreed on or before January 31, 2014 (commencement date of the evaluation activities).

Applications should be sent to: openings23@yahoo.com or by post to:

GECHAAN

PMB17, Gembu Sardauna LGA,

Taraba State,

On or before CoB 21st January, 2014