

**Bayelsa State Agency for the Control of Aids (BYSACA)
HIV & AIDS Programme Development Project – II (HPDP II)
(World Bank Assisted) IDA Credit No IDA-46343-NG**

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Requests for Expression of Interest (REOI)

This is an advertisement for interested Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including Non-Governmental Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Private Sector Organizations and Umbrella Organizations to provide HIV/AIDS Related Services.

Bayelsa State Agency for the Control of AIDS (BYSACA) coordinates the response for HIV/AIDS epidemic in the state. It has received financing from the World Bank to coordinate the HIV/AIDS Program Development Project II (HPDP II) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

(1) Assignment Description and Services Requested (Scope of Work)

This is a call for Expression of Interest from qualified and reputable Organizations (Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including Non Governmental Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Private Sector Organizations and Umbrella Organizations) to provide support to Bayelsa State Agency for the Control AIDS in implementing the HIV/AIDS Fund (HAF). The areas of focus are on prevention of new HIV infections, and Care and Support and are for an initial two years period. Organizations are expected to identify and work with any or all specified target populations within the specified geographic coverage areas based on competence to deliver evidence based HIV intervention packages in line with National and International standard and best practices.

Prevention of New Infections

(A) Most at risk population (MARPs). The target group are: –

(i) Female Sex Workers (FSW)

- Target population: 3,000
- Geographical Areas Brass, Ekeremor, Kolokuma/Opokuma, Nembe, Ogbia, Sagbama, Southern Ijaw and Yenagoa Local Government Areas.

(ii) Men having Sex with Men (MSM)

- Target population: 155
- Geographical Areas: Brass, Ogbia, Sagbama and Southern Ijaw Local Government Areas

(iii) Injecting Drug Users (IDUs)

- Target population: 210
- Geographical Areas: Brass, Nembe, Sagbama, Southern Ijaw and Yenagoa Local Government Areas

The intervention package for the above group:

- Health Communication, Peer Education including community outreach.
- HCT
- PMTCT
- Condom and Lubricant Programming
- STI Control & Treatment
- Harm reduction intervention for IDUs
- Structural intervention to address policy-Socio cultural issues

(B) Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV.

(iv) Pregnant Women

Target population: 111, 214 (pregnant women, traditional Birth Attendance (TBA), health care providers, traditional and Religious Leaders)

Geographical Areas: Brass, Ekeremor, Kolokuma/Opokuma, Nembe, Ogbia, Sagbama, Southern Ijaw and Yenagoa Local Government Areas.

The intervention package for the above group:

Educating, sensitizing, creating awareness and mobilizing communities on PMTCT services and also linking them up with the PMTGT Sites across all the LGAs

Interpersonal Communication and Peer outreach will be used

(C) Other Vulnerable Groups: The target population are:

(v) In-School Youths

- Target population: 2,200
- Geographical Areas: Ekeremor, Kolokuma/Opokuma, Nembe, Ogbia Sagbama, Southern Ijaw and Yenagoa Local Government Areas.

(vi) Out of School Youths

- Target population: 1,850
- Geographical Areas: Ekeremor, Kolokuma/Opokuma, Nembe, Ogbia Sagbama, Southern Ijaw and Yenagoa Local Government Areas.

The intervention **package** for the above group:

Health Communication, Peer Education including community outreach. Biomedical: HGT, condom and lubricants programming

Linkages to State Ministry of Youth Development and State Skills Acquisition Centre for skill acquisition

Behavioral: education, community dialogue

Care and Support:

Attention will also be focused on Care and Support to help reduce stigma and improve the livelihood of the Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) in all the 8 LGAs of the State

(vii) Care and Support for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)

- Target population; 430
- Geographical Areas: Ekeremor, Kolokuma/Opokuma, Nembe, Ogbia, Sagbama, Southern Ijaw and Yenagoa Local Government Areas.

The intervention package for the group:

(a) Peer education outreach for PLWHA on positive living

(b) Referral services for HIV/AIDS and STI related conditions

- (c) Establishment and strengthening of support groups
- (d) Adherence support
- (e) Advocacy and support for PLWA services
- (f) Linkages and referrals throughout the continuum of care, between care and support services provided at the home, within the community and health care facilities
- (g) Structural: interventions to address stigma and discrimination, gender issues

(viii) Care and Support for OVCs

- Target population: 160
- Geographical Areas: Ekeremor, Kolokuma/Opokuma, Nembe, Ogbia, Sagbama, Southern Ijaw and Yenagoa Local Government Areas.

The Intervention package for the above group:

- (a) Psychosocial Support: Kids Club, Kids Camping, Counseling, Tour & Home visits
- (b) Education: Scholastic materials
- (c) Health: provision of comprehensive (promotion, preventive, curative and rehabilitative), qualitative, accessible and affordable health care services for the wellbeing of children in an enabling environment as well as strengthening on linkages and referrals for services for OVC
- (d) Food & Nutrition: Production, promotion and distribution of MIMAGROW, food demonstration, Body Mass Index monitoring – BMI.

(2) Duration

The assignment is to be carried out over the duration of nine months.

(3) Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, an NGO, Umbrella CSOs, FBOs, Professional Association/Unions, Community Based Organization (CBOs) should be currently working in Bayelsa State. Such Organization(s) should have been in existence for at least (3) years and registered

with the Corporate Affairs Commission for at least one (1) year. For those, who are registered at the state level they should have been in existence for three (3) years and must have been registered in the State for at least two (2) years.

Interested organizations must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services effectively. These include:

- (i) Detailed organisation profile containing areas of expertise, experience in implementing similar projects, logistic and infrastructure capacity to deliver the intended results with minimum of at least three (3) years experience. This information should include background with profile and area of expertise, description of similar assignments with verifiable letters from supporting organization/donor, spelt out professional capacity of staff as well as appropriate resources to carry out the assignment
- (ii) The activities shall also be implemented in at least two (2) LGAs spread across at least two senatorial districts
- (iii) Legal requirement: Provide evidence of Organization registration certificate(s) & other relevant documents.
- (iv) The organization must be among those mapped by BYSACA in the last mapping exercise.

(4) General Terms and Conditions

Organization will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Expression of Interest must be in English Language only and submitted in two (2) copies (one original and one copy) sealed in envelopes and submitted in the tender box provided at BYSACA office at the Address (6) below on or before **11th February, 2015, 4.00pm**. Only organization shortlisted for the next stage would be contacted and required to submit a detailed proposal based on the Request for Proposal (RFP) that would be issued to them.

Interested Organization may obtain further information at the same address from 9:00am to 4:00pm local time Mondays through Fridays (except Public Holidays). EOI must be delivered to the same address below.

(5) Sealing and Marking of EOIs

The respondents shall place the original and one photocopy of their Expression of Interest in a sealed outer envelope containing two sealed envelopes one marked “Original and one marked copy” addressed to the Project Manager, Attention Community Mobilization Officer HPDP -II.

Respondent address must be stated very clear on the reverse side of the outer envelope please.

(6) Contact Information

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