

## **Save the Children**

### **Call for Expression of Interest**

#### **Civil Society Organizations for Vulnerable Children in Kaduna, Bauchi, Sokoto, Plateau and Kano**

Save the Children, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD) are pleased to announce the release of its call for Expressions of Interest for Nigerian Civil Society Organizations for Vulnerable Children (OVC). With this RFA, SC and MWASD are soliciting applications from civil society organizations to provide comprehensive, coordinated care for vulnerable children and youth in Kaduna, Bauchi, Sokoto, Plateau and Kano, 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.

### **Guidelines for Expression of Interest**

Applicants should submit expressions of interest no longer than 5 pages and detail

- 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 packet. 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

SC and MWASD are soliciting applications from civil society organizations that meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must have been legally registered in Nigeria before 01 January 2010
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

SC anticipates making up to 5-10 awards per state, for an initial one year period beginning November 2013. Awards are based on selected partner's capacity verified by 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.

Kindly send your application and covering letter with the title “**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**” on or before 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 explaining why you are suitable to: [Nigeriavacancy@savethechildren.org](mailto:Nigeriavacancy@savethechildren.org) or as a mail package and addressed to:

**The Project Director**

**Save the Children**

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**Wuse11, Abuja**

Please state Title clearly in the subject field as applications without appropriate subject will be disqualified. Please note that applications will be treated as they are received and only shortlisted organization will be contacted.

Applications are due by 3PM, Friday, September 13, 2013 at Save the Children’s offices in Abuja.