

## **Request for Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services to Conduct Final Evaluation of NECAIN Projects on HIV Prevention Care and Support and OVC**

### **Background**

The Network on Ethics, Human Rights, law HIV/AIDS, Prevention, Support and Care (NELA) is the recipient of USAID/PEPFAR Nigeria Award No 620-A-00-07-00211-00 signed on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2007 for the “Strengthening of Civil Society and Faith-Based Organizations, Capacity for effective response and HIV/AIDS, service delivery in Nigeria”. The project is titled NELA Consortium AIDS

Initiative in Nigeria (NECAIN).

NELA as the Prime Recipient (PR) works in partnership with 3 other Multiplier organizations:- Society for Women and AIDS in Africa Nigeria (SWAAN), Civil Society for HIV/AIDS in Nigeria (CisHAN North Central) and Federation of

Muslims Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN) to implement this project in all the 6 Geo-political zones in Nigeria

The states where the project is being implemented are: Osun, Edo, Ebonyi, Nasarawa, Kebbi, Jigawa, Borno, and Adamawa.

The current end-date is February 15,2011, Through this award, the USAID positively demonstrated its increasing vital role in impacting positively on HIV/AIDS epidemics in Nigeria, focusing on HIV Prevention, Mitigation of impact of HIV/AIDS and Strengthening the capacity of local organization to deliver quality services. A designated representative of the USAID was appointed by the USAID to provide technical and administrative oversight to the award.

### **2. Project Objectives**

To achieve the goals of the USAID’s support, NELA developed the following project objectives to guide the implementation of the NECAIN project.

- To build the capacity of Multiplier Organizations (MOs), to provide management, technical and financial support to their local chapters NGOs/CBOs/FBOs, on HIV programing and service delivery.
- To increase coverage and enhance the quality of civil society responses to HIV/AIDS at community levels.
- To prevent HIV transmission among young people and couples.
- To provide comprehensive and compassionate care and prevention services for orphans and vulnerable children.

- To provide technical back stopping for the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs (FMWA) through familiarization of the State Ministries of Women Affairs (SMWA) in Borno, Nasarawa, Kebbi and Adamawa States and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with national level policies on OVC.
- To provide technical support to SMWAs, and LGAs in the selected states for building their capacity to plan, manage, supervise, monitor, evaluate and strengthening of OVC service provision in their states,
- To facilitate referral linkages of OVC identified in the states to ensure comprehensive services.
- To improve the quality of life of people living with HIV, their families and communities.

3. The project philosophy is guided by the principle that strengthening the capacity of the local organizations is necessary if they are to increase the coverage and the enhance the quality of their effectiveness in program delivery and therefore contribute to the desired impacts in the communities they serve in prevention, of HIV and care and support to those infected and affected by HIV, including children.

#### **4. Coverage of Project to be Evaluated**

The NECAIN project is called out in 8 states viz Osun, Edo, Ebonyi, Nasarawa, Kebbi, Jigawa, Borno, and Adamawa, working with 24 NGOs/FBOs across the targeted states.

#### **5. Programmatic Structure**

The program model provides organizational, programmatic and financial support through the NELA Project Coordinating Office (PCO) based in Ibadan to 3 Multiplier organizations, which in turn support 24 NGO/CBOs and FBOs based in the communities, to strengthen their internal organizational capacities so that they can improve services to target communities and beneficiaries,

The MOs are supported financially and technically as organizational development agents and capacity building support organizations by the PCO, to apply their expertise both with their NGOs/CBOs and within their own organizations, to make the desired impact in the communities.

#### **6. Organization Structure**

Organizational development structure support to the MOs ensures that they meet international standards and best practices for Governance, policies and procedures, internal control system, accounting system, financial and grant management systems, and technical support delivery.

#### **7. Program Approach**

Strengthening the capacity of the consortium members is a major component of the project. This is done through capacity building activities at the start of the project and through continuous technical support to the MOs throughout the life of the project, based on needs assessment carried out at the beginning of the project.

The MOs with support from the PCO provide support to their community and faith based organizations through trainings and one on one technical support visi