

Management Sciences for Health

Expression of Interest

Subject: Expression of Interest to strengthen organisational System for improve HIV/AIDS and Maternal and Child Services to Selected Communities

To: Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Faith Based Organizations (FBO) working in one or more of the following states: **FCT Abuja, Gombe or/and Akwa Ibom**

Program Objective:

Management Sciences for Health (MSH); PLAN Health Project is a USAID-financed program to strengthen the leadership and management capacity of the Government of Nigeria and Civil Society Organisations to provide improve HIV/AIDS and associated health services. To achieve this goal PLAN-Health has two broad, out related strategic goals:

1. Provide support and technical assistance to government agencies actively involved in the development and implementation of health policies and their respective frameworks; and
2. Develop local expertise to improve HIV/AIDS and other health services through strengthened institutional capacity in Nigeria,

Rational for the grant: PLAN Health project is awarding grants to CSOs that will be committed to strengthening organizational systems; and whose mission includes providing maternal and child services to women of child bearing age in local communities in Akwa Ibom or FCT or/and Gombe. Successful organizations will be expected to utilize the strengthened systems in creating demand for PMTCT and other maternal and child health services in the local communities. This grant will be a contribution towards the total cost needed to provide PMTCT and ANC in those communities.

PLAN Health is looking for five organizations that will receive \$10,000 each. Only successful organizations will be invited to the next phase of selection. The grant cannot be utilized in funding any administrative cost or salary. The period of performance will be from October 2012 to September 2013.

Eligibility Criteria:

This opportunity is open to only non-governmental organizations, faith based organizations and community based organizations in the locations indicated above.

Essential Requirements:

- Duly registered and provide services in Nigeria as indigenous organizations
- Available to benefit from a mandatory 3-month system strengthening intervention that will focus on finance, M & E and board governance prior to receiving the grant.
- Have a registered board that is willing to provide governance oversight.
- Willing to be mentored on how to adhere to generally accepted accounting principles.

Desirable Requirements:

- The mission of the organization includes services to women and children (40%)
- Have over three years demonstrated commitment to addressing Key challenges of the HIV/AIDS epidemic especially PMTCT and ANC services for women (40%)
- Are willing to commit resources including time towards the process of their institutional development (20%).

Selection Process and Criteria:

The selection process will conform to the **USG** procurement Integrity Standard of transparency and fairness. Selection will be based on the eligibility criteria and responsiveness to the guidelines for submission.

Interested organizations should kindly:

Download a Prequalification questionnaire from

<http://mshinnigeria.org/index.php/plan-health-small-grant-application>

- Fill the questionnaire and submit to bids_nigeria@msh.org.
- Deadline for expression of interest and submission of Prequalification questionnaire is 10th July 2012.