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Request for Applications (RFA) # RFA-620-13-000004

Local Partners for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project

The United States Government, represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Nigeria, is seeking applications from eligible Nigerian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), to carry out activities in support of the Local Partners for Orphans and Vulnerable Children project.

Over the years, USAID has occupied a niche for providing quality orphans and vulnerable children programming support to the people and Government of Nigeria (GON).

The purpose of the Local Partners for Orphans and Vulnerable Children project is to support local Nigerian civil society partners to improve the accessibility and quality of services for children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS in Nigeria through: the improvement of the systems and structures at communities, local government authorities and states for providing responsive quality care, protection and support services for vulnerable children and their households in selected Nigerian states; improvement of the organizational and technical capacity of local Nigerian partners and other local providers to offer services to vulnerable children and families; and facilitating local Nigerian civil society partners to engage more effectively with local government and private partners. The proposed activity will constitute a key component of USAID/Nigeria's program for vulnerable children, and work closely with existing PEFPAR partners, other HIV programs and the Nigerian Government to address gaps in programming for this population using evidence-based practices and approaches.

Only Nigerian non-governmental organizations are eligible to apply.

Interested applicants may download the complete Request for Application (RFA)/Solicitation and any future amendments from <http://www.grants.gov>. To access the RFA document, from the website, select "Find Grant Opportunities," click on "Browse by Agency," select "Agency for International Development," and search for the RFA. Organizations that are unable to retrieve the RFA from the Internet can request an electronic copy (as attachment via e-mail) by contacting USAID at abujasolicitations@usaid.gov. The RFA contains all relevant information and instructions for preparation and submission of an application.

While for-profit firms may participate, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments such as cooperative agreements. However, all reasonable, allocable and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the agreement program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards for non-profit organizations, may be paid under the agreement.

Questions concerning the RFA should be submitted in writing to USAID at the above e-mail address. The deadline for receipt of questions is **July 4th, 2013 at 4:00pm.**

Applications in response to the RFA must be submitted to USAID no later than **August 2nd, 2013 at 2:00pm.**

Thank you for your consideration of this USAID initiative.