

Sokoto State Agency for the Control of Aids & TBL (SOSACAT)

HIV/AIDS Programme Development Project II (HPDP II)

(World Bank- Assisted)

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Request for Expression of Interest

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Sokoto State Agency for the Control of AIDS & TBL (SOSACAT) request for the Expression of Interest from Non Governmental Organizations for the implementation of activities in response to HIV/AIDS epidemic in the state within the State HIV strategic framework. The Agency 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 the delivery of the services outlined below:

Assignment Description & Services Requested (Scope of Work)

This is a call for Expression of Interest from qualified and competent organizations to respond to (i) HIV Prevention of New Infections and (ii) Care and Support.

Under the two service categories mentioned above, organizations are expected to work with any or all specified target populations within the specified geographic coverage areas to deliver, evidence based HIV intervention packages in line with international standard and best practices.

A) Prevention of new HIV infections

1) Most at Risk Population (MARPs)

i. Target population – Female Sex Workers (FSWs) and Injection Drug Users (IDUs)

- Geographical Areas (FSWs) – Silame, Gudu, kebbe, Yabo, Shagari, Rabah, Isa, Sabon-Bimi, Gwadabawa,, Wurno, Bodinga, Tureta Dange Shuni and Tangaza.

- Geographical Areas (IDUs) – Sokoto North, Sokoto South, Illela, Tambuwal, Dange Shuni, Goronyo Yabo, Wamakko and Shagari.

- ii. Prevention Intervention packages (for the two groups)
 - HIV Counseling and Testing Services
 - Condom programming
 - HIV treatment referral and follow-up
 - STI prevention/treatment services
 - Community Mobilization, Peer outreach and Education for HIV (with emphasis on Behavior Change Communication)

2) Other Vulnerable Groups

- i. Target population – Clients of FSWs, Food Vendors, Long Distance Drivers, in/out of school youths and Uniform Men.
- ii. Geographical Area – Sokoto North, Sokoto South, Illela, Tambuwal, Dange Shuni, Yabo, Dange Shuni, Wamakko, Wurno, Tureta, Rabah and Shagari.
- iii. Intervention as follows
 - HIV Counseling and Testing Services Condom programming and distribution
 - HIV treatment referral and follow-up
 - STI prevention/treatment services
 - Community Mobilization, Peer outreach and Education for HIV (with emphasis on Behavior Change Communication)

3) General Population (All age and sex groups)

- i. Target population – neighboring towns of Niger Republic and major Inter – States boundaries of Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara.
- ii. Geographical Areas – Illela, Tambuwal, Gada, Gudu, Isa, Jabo, Tureta, S/Birni, Rabah and Sanyinna
- iii. Intervention packages:

- HIV Counseling and Testing Services
- Condom programming
- HIV treatment referral and follow-up
- STI prevention/treatment services
- Community Mobilization, Peer outreach and Education for HIV (with emphasis on Behavior Change Communication)

4) Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT)

ii. Geographical Area – Silame, Gudu, Tangaza, Kebbe, Isa, Gada, Kebbe, Bodinga, Kucci, Shagari, Achida and S/Birni

iii. Specific interventions:

- Demand creation activities (advocacy, community dialogue/mobilization), referral and support for PMTCT services
- Referral of HIV positive pregnant women for management/treatment services
- Counseling for exclusive breast feeding/breast feeding options and infant follow up
- Identification/Training of TBAs on Blood/Injection safety/Universal precaution, PMTCT, referral and infant feeding/ breast feeding options

A) Care and Support

i) People Living with HIV (PLWHIV) with specific interventions as follows:

- Community advocacy and sensitizations on stigma & discrimination targeting heads of households and community gatekeepers
- Peer education outreach, home based care and adherence counseling Referral for HIV and STI services

2) Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) with specific interventions as follows:

- Support to education and school enrollment
- Support to health care and nutrition

Eligibility for Selection

Sokoto SACA wishes to invite eligible organizations to express their interest in providing any of the above mentioned services. Interested organization(s) must provide adequate information indicating they are qualified to perform the services. The requirements include:

- Evidence of CAC registration of not less than One year old.
- NGO's brochure or profile indicating area of expertise
- Demonstrable record of working with the community especially in the area of HIV/AIDS.
- Infrastructural capacity to deliver.
- Availability of adequate staff with appropriate skills
- Office Accommodation in the state.
- Operational Organogram
- Understanding the language, Cultural values and norms of the project areas.
- Evidence of satisfactory project and financial Management

General Terms and Conditions

Organizations will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition).

- All Expression of Interest must be submitted in triplicates (three hard copies), one CD -Rom and delivered to SOSACAT on or before 30th April 2013.

- The sealed envelope must be clearly marked 'SOSACAT- Expression of Interest for HAF.
- Only qualified Organizations would be shortlisted and contacted to submit proposals.

Interested organizations may obtain further information at the address below from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday- Friday (Except public holidays).

Expression of Interest through email or fax will not be entertained.

The expression of interest should be addressed and delivered on or before 1st May 2013 to the address below:

The Executive Secretary,

Sokoto State Agency for the Control of AIDS, Tuberculosis and Leprosy,

No. 6, Isau Road,

Off Sama Road, Sokoto