



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (GENDER BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTIONS -LOCAL PARTNER/SUBAWARDEE)

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS-USAID FAHARI YA JAMII PROGRAM, ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT – UON/FYJ/CA/1/2021.**

The Project

The University of Nairobi has received funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support implementation of the Kenya Health Partnerships for Quality Services (HIV, FP/RMNCAH, Nutrition and WASH) in Nairobi and Kajiado Counties through the USAID Fahari ya Jamii Project.

University of Nairobi/Fahari Ya Jamii Project is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) to provide technical system strengthening support for the FYJ project under USAID Contract No.:72061521CA00014. The Fahari Ya Jamii project is seeking applications from parties interested in implementing grant-funded project activities, based on the terms of references contained in the herein.

This Request for Applications (RFA) seeks applicants interested in proposing grant-funded activities to support program goals. Specifically, the program is seeking to fund GBV interventions in Fahari Ya Jamii supported facilities.

FYJ Program Request for Applications.

1. Scope of Work for Gender Based Violence (GBV).

This document describes the scope of work for local partner/sub-awardee in supporting facility-based GBV interventions in Fahari Ya Jamii supported facilities in selected sub counties in Nairobi and Kajiado.

2. Background:

Violence or the fear of violence can pose formidable barriers to HIV prevention, care, and treatment, limiting individuals' ability to learn their status and adopt and maintain protective measures ranging from negotiating safer sex to getting and staying on treatment to remaining in school (Gardsbane 2010; World Health Organization [WHO] and the Joint U.N. Programme on HIV/AIDS [UNAIDS] 2010). Similarly, violence can impede access to basic health information and services, including HIV treatment, care, and support. Conversely, a positive test result can lead to stigma, discrimination, isolation, and violence in the home and community, magnifying the vulnerabilities that women, girls, orphans and vulnerable children (OVC).

Like HIV, GBV has implications for almost every aspect of health and development from access to and use of health services to educational attainment, economic empowerment, and full enjoyment of human rights. The similarities between these two mutually reinforcing pandemics do not end there. Women, girls, and other at-risk populations' distinct vulnerability to HIV and GBV are rooted in structural inequalities—i.e., unequal power relationships based on biological sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation—that are codified via cultural beliefs and societal norms and are reinforced in political and economic systems. Linking GBV and HIV efforts is both a necessary and a potentially powerful strategy for eliminating the structural drivers of each and achieving lasting results in the fight against HIV. Both require a comprehensive response: one that simultaneously addresses the biomedical, behavioral, and social risk factors and implications for affected populations. Both require well-coordinated, multi-sectoral efforts that address the multiple dimensions in which violence and HIV infection can affect peoples' lives, including their health, education, social interactions, economic opportunities, safety, legal protections, and human rights. And both must be addressed on a continuous basis throughout the lifecycle to ensure lasting results.

Moving forward, to reverse the above trends, there is need to integrate basic response to GBV within existing HIV programs and to establish linkages with other efforts that are addressing GBV.

3. Objective of the SOW

The Main objective of this proposal is to support facility-based GBV interventions that are cross-cutting from Prevention, and across the HIV cascade of 95:95:95. The partner will work the health facility supported staff and the NMS staff to integrate GBV screening and case identification in all departments.

4. Description of activities

Specifically, the program is seeking to fund the following activities within the grant period:

Community based actions

- Include GBV in HIV prevention curricula and peer education programs and provide information about and access to GBV support services
- Mobilize communities on GBV and HIV, specifically, the links between the two and how harmful gender norms, beliefs, and practices contribute to both

Health facility-based actions

- Raise awareness among all cadres of health care workers about GBV as a risk factor for HIV infection
- Train and support health care providers to screen for violence where counseling and referral services exist
- Link GBV and HIV prevention and awareness programs with voluntary medical adult male circumcision services
- Support GBV survivors in negotiating risk reduction behaviors such as condom use
- Ensure timely access to minimum package of care for post GBV survivors
- Ensure access to female condoms

Structural actions:

- Ensure protective laws and policies are in place and enforced to prevent GBV
- Challenge harmful gender norms, roles, and behaviors, and reduce acceptance of GBV through stakeholder engagements at community, subcounty and county levels
- Ensure policies are in place that promote linkages between GBV and HIV, and support programs that address harmful gender norms, beliefs, and practices that contribute to GBV and HIV

5. Reporting and Monitoring Process:

- Develop and submit a comprehensive work plan, including detailed Gantt charts, and performance monitoring plan.
- Submit monthly update reports to *Fahari Ya Jamii* on the current status of implementation activities.
- Reports will include age disaggregation where possible.
- Submit a final report to *Fahari Ya Jamii* that includes the overall successes of the grant, challenges, lessons learned, and final performance monitoring plan that demonstrates outcomes achieved.
- Participate in planning meetings as needed.
- Develop success stories on lessons learned and results of the work

County	Subcounty	Name of Facility
Nairobi	Ruaraka	Mathare North
		Kahawa West
		Korogocho
	Kasarani	Dandora
		Kariobangi North
		Kasarani
	Embakasi West&East	Mukuru H/C
		Kayole II
		Mama Lucy
	Langata	Mbagathi
Kajiado	Kajiado East	Kitengela
	Kajiado North	Rongai
	Kajiado North	Ngong
	Kajiado South	Loitoktok
	Kajiado South	Kimana

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements to participate in the request for applications. All applications will undergo an initial eligibility screening to ensure they comply with the eligibility criteria.

1. This call for applications is **ONLY** open to locally registered for-profit companies and non-profit organizations who have a local presence in Nairobi and/or Kajiado. Applications are encouraged from local organizations that have previously worked with USAID.
2. The Applicant should have worked/is currently working on the intervention or a related area.
3. The applicant should demonstrate innovative GBV interventions approaches.
4. Applicants must have a DUNS number and be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) as a pre-requisite to receive USAID funds.

Applicants fully meeting the Eligibility Criteria will undergo a responsibility determination prior to award to ensure that they have the technical and organizational capacity to manage a USAID-funded award.

Application and Submission Information.

To apply please submit your application/proposal and the following documentation ((scanned copies) to the underlisted address:

- a) Organization Registration Certificate
- b) Valid Tax Compliance Certificate/Exemption Certificate where applicable
- c) Audited Accounts for the last 2 years
- d) Organization Constitution/Memorandum/Articles of Association
- e) Contact Person and Address

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So as to reach not later than 10th January 2022 by 5:00 PM.