



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (TRANSGENDER GROUPS -LOCAL PARTNER/SUB AWARDEE)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS-USAID FAHARI YA JAMII PROGRAM, ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT ~ UON/FYJ/CA/4/2021 (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

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/RMNCAL, 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.

Applicants who had submitted their applications in the previous advertisement are advised to reapply.

This Request for Applications (RFA) seeks applicants interested in proposing grant-funded activities to support program goals. Specifically, the program is seeking to fund organization that will influence policy and facilitate provision of quality health services, human rights awareness, legal services and economic empowerment for the transgender groups using interventions and standards that are internationally recognized.

FYJ Program Request for Applications.

1. Scope of Work for Transgender groups - Key population

This document describes the scope of work for local partner/subawardee in supporting Transgender in increasing access to and utilization of health services for Transgender groups as a key population group.

2. Background:

Key populations including men having sex with men (MSM); injection drug users (IDUs), sex workers, male and female, (SW/MSW/FSW) and **transgender groups** and are at high risk of HIV infection, alcohol and substance and abuse, discrimination, gender-based violence (GBV), human rights abuses and overall low health indicators. Members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex (LGBTQI) communities report very high levels of violence due to their sexual orientation and they note that the police forces frequently abuse them rather than offering assistance. Perpetrators of violence against this community are rarely prosecuted and actual

figures for GBV are not known. One of the major barriers to access of health services for these groups is the attitude of health service providers. Sensitization training for health service providers on Transgender servicing will be a major component toward increasing access to and utilization of health services. USAID FAHARI YA JAMII will use existing curricula and guidelines to implement evidence based behavioral interventions and in-service trainings to sensitize health workers on the needs and rights of transgender in health service delivery.

In Kenya, HIV is concentrated among key populations such as male and female sex workers, men who have sex with men, injection drug users and transgenders accounting for one-third of all new infections. Key populations in Kenya are affected by punitive laws, regulations and policies, human rights abuses, alcohol and substance abuse, gender-based violence and widespread discrimination. The resulting stigmatization and marginalization lead to low uptake of HIV services leading to overall low health indicators for these populations. The disproportionate effect of HIV among key populations that include transgenders is largely related to the risky nature of sex work, relying on sex as a means to address economic wants and needs, the high risk of sexual activities such as unprotected anal sex, and limited access to information and health services due to stigma and criminalization.

3. Objective of the Scope Of Work

The Main objective of this proposal is to influence policy and facilitate provision of quality health services, human rights awareness, legal services and economic empowerment for the transgender groups using interventions and standards that are internationally recognised. The sub awardee will be expected to provide HIV/AIDS prevention services, care and support, gender and human rights awareness, advocacy and economic empowerment.

USAID FAHARI YA JAMII will seek to work with Transgender led organization to increase access to and uptake of HIV services by **Transgender** through support of evidence-based risk reduction approaches. It will cooperate with the Nairobi metropolitan services (NMS), other development partners and civil society stakeholders to reduce the vulnerability of transgender by addressing major barriers to access HIV health services, including the continuance and adherence to ARVs, and by desensitizing health service providers to the specific needs and rights of transgender to access friendly health services and support. The Sub awardee will strengthen work with LGBTQI communities and their representatives in order to find improved methods of targeting, collaborating with, and supporting these transgender groups.

4. Geographic Focus: *informal settlements and all regions of sub counties of Nairobi metropolitan.*

5. Target Outcome of sub grant Activity:

The project will be measured for success on an ongoing basis and the expected outcomes as follows:

- Reach **targeted transgender** with minimum of one of each of the combination prevention packages designed for Key population.
- Provide effective and reliable and care and support to ITGNC including safe spaces, psycho-social support, and ITGNC- friendly counselling services.
- provides access to competent psycho-social support for gender minorities and ITGNC persons living in Nairobi
- creates and shares knowledge on ITGNC people to empower the community we serve and to help providers, professionals, families and the public to better understand and advocate for ITGNC 's people's need

- Increase access to a prevention package – Reach a Total of **targeted transgender** with pre-exposure prophylaxis (**Prep**) and provide Post Exposure prophylaxis (**PEP**) for Exposed transgenders
- Tuberculosis prevention services – Ensure community screening and information /Education on TB prevention and treatment
- Expanded implementation of HIV self-testing, index testing and social network testing strategies reaching 95% of targeted transgender with HTS
- Ensure 95% linkage of Positive transgender clients identified during testing at the community and facility.
- Improved treatment literacy, including transformative undetectable = untransmutable messages
- Wider range of differentiated and key-population-competent health services, including violence prevention and response
- Support better access to new first-line antiretroviral therapy and viral-load testing services
- Support Increased use of online platforms to engage previously unreachable individuals and connect them to HIV services

The sub awardee will be expected to support the delivery of the defined minimum package for key populations that includes at a minimum one of each of the behavioral, biomedical and structural interventions as outlined below.

Behavioral Components of the HIV/STI Package of Services

- Evidence informed Peer Education and Outreach system
- Work with **Fahari ya Jamii supported facilities** (List in Table below) for referral and linkage of Transgender for Various Health services.
- Risk Assessment, Risk Reduction Counselling and Skills Building for transgenders.
- Promotion, Demonstration and Distribution of Male and Female Condoms and
- Water-Based Lubricants
- Harm reduction, Screening and Treatment for Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Integrated community referrals and bio psychosocial support for GBV/IPV and safety nets.

Biomedical Components of the HIV/STI Package of Services

- HIV Testing and Counselling
- STI Screening and Treatment
- TB Screening and Referral to Treatment
- HIV Care and Treatment
- Reproductive Health Services
- Family Planning
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Emergency Contraception

- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
- Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
- GBV & IPV screening, LIVES counselling and PM+

Structural Interventions

- 100% Condom Use Program
- Services to Mitigate Security around Sexual Violence
- Support to Expand Choices beyond Sex Work (Safety nets and livelihoods linkage)
- Data reviews and consumption for strategic decision Making

4. 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.

Sub County	USAID Fahari ya Jamii Supported facilities
Embakasi East	Mukuru HC, Ruben medical center, Mukuru
Embakasi West	Kayole 2 SDH, Mama Lucy Kibaki hospital,
Westlands	Kangemi Health Center Westlands Health Centre
Dagoretti	Ngong Road Health Centre
Starehe	Special Treatment clinic - Casino
Langata	Mbagathi Hospital St. Mary's Mission Hospital
Makadara	Lunga Lunga Health Center Makadara Health Center
Kasarani	Kasarani Health Centre Mathare North Health Center

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. 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 approaches in increasing access to and utilization of health services for transgender groups as a key population group.
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 4th February 2022 by 5:00 PM.