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Request for Information (RFI) Number: 72061724RFI00001

Purpose: Seeking engagement with Uganda Local Organizations.

Issuance Date: March 27, 2024

Closing Date: Refer to the table below for specific dates.

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In an effort to deepen its commitment to locally led development, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission to Uganda seeks to understand the local partner landscape and is therefore soliciting information from potential new local partners. These should be locally registered organizations, as either private/commercial entities, social enterprises, faith based, non-governmental or civil society, and community-based organizations in Uganda. Additionally, these organizations should currently be working or anticipating to work and potentially provide services in one or more of the following technical areas:

- Agriculture and Market Systems Development
- Anti-corruption, Human Rights, and Governance
- Revenue Mobilization
- Basic Education
- Orphans, and Vulnerable Children, and Youth programming
- Tourism, Environment and Natural Resource Management
- Private Sector Development
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH)
- Health including maternal and child health, family planning, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, epidemic and pandemic threats, Supply Chain, etc.
- Digital Development and Innovations
- Humanitarian response/disaster relief
- Research/academia
- Organizational development/capacity building
- Communications

As a result of this RFI, USAID/Uganda will have a better and more complete understanding of the pool and composition of local organizations that could potentially contribute to USAID's in-country programs.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Interested local organizations must complete Section 1 and, optionally, Section 2 in a separate document. To submit, participants must send an email to the Office of Acquisition and Assistance mailbox at kampalausaid solicita@usaid.gov, including the attachment with answers to Section 1 and, optionally, Section 2. Allowable attachment types include: DOCX, DOC, XLS, XLSX, and PDF. Other attachment types will not be accepted. Respondents must have good knowledge in one or more technical areas listed in this

RFI.

Refer to the Stakeholder Engagement, Request for Information sections below; as well as USAID Uganda's Mission Development Objectives in ATTACHMENT 1 for context. The email transmitting this information must reference **"RFI No. 72061724RFI00001"** in the subject line. There are rolling deadlines for the submission of RFI. **Responses must be submitted by 4:45pm Kampala Time on the respective dates in the Stakeholder Engagement Schedule table on page 2.**

Stakeholder Engagement Notification

To foster greater collaborative and inclusive activity design for optimal use of local resources, USAID/Uganda is requesting information from local organizations who could potentially contribute to its programming by providing information about their organizational profiles. The information will inform USAID of the local partner landscape and facilitate the invitation of organizations to planned stakeholder engagements over the next 6 months as indicated in the table below. Participating organizations will gather information about how to work with USAID. Similar information can be found on <https://www.workwithusaid.gov/>

Stakeholder Engagement Schedule

Region	Location	Tentative Schedule	Deadline for Submission of Responses
Eastern	Mbale	May 2024	April 12, 2024
Northern	TBD	June 2024	May 10, 2024
East Central	Jinja	TBD	June 7, 2024
South Western	TBD	August 2024	July 5, 2024
Karamoja	TBD	September 2024	July 5, 2024

To participate in the Request for Information, interested local organizations must send their responses via email to the Office of Acquisition and Assistance mailbox at kampalausaidsolicita@usaid.gov. In the email, include an attachment with the answers to questions provided below. **Allowable attachment types include: DOCX, DOC, XLS, XLSX, and PDF. Other attachment types will not be accepted.** Respondents must have good technical knowledge in one or more of the above listed technical areas. The email transmitting responses to this RFI must reference **"RFI No. 72061724RFI00001"** in the subject line.

Request for Information

This is a Request for Information about local organizations having sufficient technical and management capacity to effectively contribute to USAID's programs in Uganda. This notice is issued SOLELY for information and planning purposes. It does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Application (RFA) or a promise to issue an RFP/RFA in the future. This Request for Information does not commit the U.S. Government to contract for any supply or service whatsoever.

Further, USAID/Uganda is not at this time seeking proposals and will not accept unsolicited proposals. Submission is strictly voluntary. USAID will not provide feedback or responses to questions submitted in response to this RFI and no applications or resumes will be accepted or considered. Respondents are not required to respond to all questions but may choose to do so. Only the information requested will be considered. Not responding to this notice does not preclude participation in any future requests for application or for proposals, if any is issued.

You are encouraged to submit an organizational profile (See Section #1). Note, you are not required to submit an organizational profile to participate in future funding opportunities. USAID will review all responses received and may seek additional information based on your submission through an email or request for an in-depth interview. However, USAID will not individually acknowledge your submission and will not respond to questions regarding your submission.

This RFI can be downloaded from www.SAM.gov and www.grants.gov. All responses (feedback and other submissions) regarding this announcement will ONLY be accepted in writing and via email to kampalausaidsolicita@usaid.gov.

Responses include those under the following technical areas:

- Agriculture and Market Systems Development
- Anti-corruption, Human Rights, Revenue Mobilization and Governance
- Basic Education
- Orphans, and Vulnerable Children, and Youth programming
- Tourism, Environment and Natural Resource Management
- Private Sector Development
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH)
- Health including maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, epidemic and pandemic threats, and Supply Chain etc.
- Digital Development and Innovations
- Humanitarian response/disaster relief
- Research/academia.
- Organizational development/capacity building
- Communications

Organizations that responded to the prior Request for Information (August/ September 2023) or participated in the Health Office Industry Day (November 2023) do not need to respond to RFI.

Section #1:

You are requested to submit (via email attachment) your organizational profile answering the following questions. Do not exceed the character limits.

No.	Question and Instructions	Answers
1	What is the name of the organization? Include the full name and acronym, if applicable. (MAXIMUM 50 CHARACTERS)	
2	Please provide contact information for your organization.	Contact name: Contact title: Email address: Phone number:

No.	Question and Instructions	Answers
2	What is the type of organization? Choose one answer option.	A. Non-governmental, not for profit B. Governmental C. Social enterprise D. Civil society organization E. Private/ Commercial entities F. Academic Institution
3	What is the organization's current registration status? Choose one answer option.	A. Ugandan (local) B. East African (regional) C. Global/international
4	When was the organization first registered? Write the year as YYYY. (Numerical only)	
5	How many employees does the organization currently have? Write the total number. (Numerical only)	
6	Where is the organization's headquarters located? Include the City/Town name, District, Region, and Country (MAXIMUM 200 CHARACTERS)	
7	What is the primary location of operations of the organization? Choose one answer option.	A. Urban/peri-urban (Kampala, Wakiso, and/or Mukono only) B. Within one region of Uganda C. Within multiple regions of Uganda D. Nationally in Uganda E. In Uganda and other East African countries (regionally) F. Globally
8	Which Roadshow event would your organization prefer to attend? Choose one answer option.	A. Eastern B. Northern C. Karamoja D. South - Western E. East-Central F. Other (Specify)

No.	Question and Instructions	Answers
9	What is the technical scope(s) of the organization? Select all that apply.	1. Agriculture and Market Systems Development 2. Anti-corruption, Human Rights, Revenue Mobilization and Governance 3. Basic Education 4. Orphans, and Vulnerable Children, and Youth programming 5. Tourism, Environment and Natural Resource Management 6. Private Sector Development 7. Health including maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Epidemic and Pandemic Threats, and Supply Chain etc. 8. Humanitarian response/disaster relief 9. Digital Development and Innovations 10. Research/academia. 11. Organizational development/capacity building 12. Communications 13. Other
9a	Specify other: If you selected option 9, "other," for question 8, specify the other technical scope(s). (MAXIMUM 50 CHARACTERS)	
10	If you choose answer option 7, "Health" for question 9, please specify the health-specific technical scopes of the organization. Select all that apply.	1. HIV/AIDS 2. Tuberculosis 3. Malaria 4. Maternal/newborn health 5. Child health/vaccines 6. Family planning 7. Health systems strengthening (including human resources for health, community health systems, public financial management, health information systems, etc.) 8. Supply chain/commodities 9. Nutrition/food security 10. Global health security/surveillance/outbreak response/One Health 11. Water, sanitation, and hygiene - Social behavior change/health education

11	Briefly describe the organization's reach in terms of populations served. Write a brief response. (MAXIMUM 200 CHARACTERS)	
12	What grant management capacity does the organization have? Write a brief response. (MAXIMUM 500 CHARACTERS)	
13	Describe your organization's subcontractor management capacity. Write a brief response. (MAXIMUM 500 CHARACTERS)	
14	Which institutional donors or development partners has your organization received funding from over the last 10 years? <i>Including but not limited to USAID, the US Centers for Disease Control (US CDC), other US government sources, or from other international donors, organizations, or private foundations.</i> Write a brief response. (MAXIMUM 500 CHARACTERS)	
15	Please share other useful insights about your organizational profile. Write a brief response. (MAXIMUM 500 CHARACTERS)	

Section #2 (OPTIONAL):

If you wish to provide additional information on program areas, you may submit additional responses (via email attachment) based on the information below. You are not required to complete all questions. Please recall that USAID will not individually acknowledge your submission.

See the following table and describe the organization's programming in one or more areas:

Activity Area	Response (Maximum 500 Characters Per Area)
Agriculture and Market Systems Development	

Activity Area	Response (Maximum 500 Characters Per Area)
Anti-corruption, Human Rights, and Governance	
Basic Education and Higher Education	
Orphans, and Vulnerable Children, and Youth programming	
Private Sector Engagement and Development	
Digital Development and Innovations	
Health (including HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Maternal/newborn health, Child health/vaccines, Family planning, Health systems strengthening (including human resources for health, community health systems, public financial management, health information systems, etc.), Supply chain/commodities, Nutrition/food security, Global health security/surveillance/outbreak response/One Health, Water, sanitation, and hygiene, social behavior change/health education)	
Tourism development, Environment and Natural Resource Management	
Organizational / Institutional Strengthening and Development	
Domestic Revenue Mobilization	
Humanitarian response/disaster relief	

Activity Area	Response (Maximum 500 Characters Per Area)
Research/academia	
Organizational development/capacity building	
Communications	

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Sincerely,

Andreea Surdu
Agreements/Contracting Officer

ATTACHMENT 1: BACKGROUND

USAID Uganda's five-year goal is "A partnership with the Ugandan people to put Uganda on a path to achieve its Vision 2040." In advancing this goal, USAID is committed to working toward ensuring that all Ugandans and refugees participate in and reap the benefits of Uganda's growth on its quest to become a more modern and prosperous society. It's development assistance as outlined in the current [Country Development Cooperation Strategy](#) (2022- 2027) supports three key Development Objectives (DOs):

DO1. Health security increased.

DO2. Resilient growth enhanced.

DO3. Accountability strengthened.

DO 1: Health Security Increased

DO 1 is critical to ensuring that the people of Uganda have access to high-quality care so that they can be healthier and more productive. USAID will partner with the Ministry of Health (MOH), public and private health facilities and pharmacies, and the community-level actors that serve as the first point of contact to the health system for most Ugandans. This DO will work to ensure that access to care is equitable and that the unique needs of key and marginalized populations, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) people and people with disabilities (PWDs), are met, including through interventions to address human rights. Activities under DO 1 will integrate GESI principles to better include marginalized voices and strengthen reporting on GESI impact. DO 1 will be accomplished through three Intermediate Results (IRs).

Under IR 1.1, USAID will build on its decades of success in scaling up the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB, and other infectious diseases, including COVID-19. Programming will also focus on the early detection and prevention of future epidemics, using lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For IR 1.2, DO 1 is strengthening the health systems, by supporting stronger governance within the health sector and advancing human resources for health initiatives to better staff health posts. Work will have an eye toward rural, hard to reach areas that are traditionally underserved and that cater to indigenous and marginalized populations, and also include nutrition-specific interventions. USAID will also strengthen health information systems, including at the community-level, so that information is more effectively captured, analyzed, disseminated, and used for decision-making.

Under IR 1.3, USAID focus is on improving the quality of family health care services, most notably services that focus on children under the age of five, maternal health care, maternal and child nutrition, reproductive health care, and family planning initiatives.

DO 2: Resilient Growth Enhanced

For DO 2, USAID is helping households and communities build the foundation necessary for improved resilience and economic growth. USAID's activities for IRs 2.1 and 2.2 focus on areas with the most critical food security and nutrition needs, including Karamoja, refugee-hosting districts, and disaster-prone areas. These activities are aimed at increasing household incomes and assets (IR 2.1) by diversifying livelihoods, increasing the use of improved climate-sensitive agricultural technologies, and increasing access to and participation in markets.

Activities in this DO aim to improve the food and nutrition security of vulnerable households (IR 2.2) through nutrition-sensitive approaches and improved access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and strengthened dispute resolution and disaster preparedness and management mechanisms. The activities take into consideration conflict-related shocks and stresses that reduce households' and communities' ability to cope and will put first the principle of doing no harm so that activities do not inadvertently and unintentionally increase

tensions, grievances, or advantage certain groups over others. In refugee-hosting districts, USAID will strengthen its efforts to work within the humanitarian-development nexus to support refugees unlikely to return to their home countries to establish secure and resilient livelihoods.

Programming under IR 2.3 is geared towards promoting natural resource management and biodiversity through implementing best practices in flora and fauna preservation and seeking to reduce incidents of wildlife crime. IR 2.4 will better prepare children to harness their future opportunities through stronger educational foundations and development of social skills and emotional learning. This includes improving the quality of education, increasing access to skills training, and making sure that children live in safer and healthier environments.

Activities under DO 2 have a specific focus on how women and other marginalized groups perceive their own development challenges and will intentionally include these voices in designs and adaptations to ensure that gender equality and female empowerment principles are at the forefront of livelihoods and economic empowerment.

DO 3: Accountability Strengthened

DO's 1 and 2 cannot be attained or sustained without concerted efforts to advance accountability. Result areas in DO 3 touch upon all aspects of the portfolio regardless of sector. Increased accountability helps to improve direct service delivery in education, health, and agriculture, and promote protection of the rights of all Ugandans. Activities in this DO improve citizens' ability to more actively participate in civic life and improve the GOU's ability to respond to the dynamic needs of Ugandans and refugees. Activities under IR 3.1 work to maintain civic space by protecting civil society activists, promoting engagement in political processes, and supporting civil society organizations (CSOs) to advocate for improved human rights. Their efforts support marginalized groups who face heavy persecution, as well as others whose ability to organize and participate civically is constantly challenged. IR 3.2 helps to combat corruption by strengthening institutional frameworks and increasing citizens' engagement in holding the GOU accountable for planning, funding, and delivering social services. USAID is also working to increase domestic revenue to better fund public services (IR 3.3) and seeks to proactively partner with the private sector to help build a broader revenue base. All activities under DO 3 employ a gender equality and female empowerment lens to highlight the different needs of women and girls and to better integrate their specific wants and needs into activities.

LOCAL CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

USAID is committed to supporting local ownership and locally-led development through a "localization" approach. (more information on localization can be found [here](#)). In brief, localization is USAID's strategy to involve and work with local actors, and use local resources to solve local problems.

One tenet of localization is local capacity strengthening for organizations and institutions. USAID defines local capacity strengthening as "a strategic and intentional investment in the process of partnering with local actors—individuals, organizations, and networks—to jointly improve the performance of a local system to produce locally valued and sustainable development outcomes."

Organizational development is key to overall local capacity strengthening, as it helps to build up Ugandan organizations that can deliver the necessary services to ensure a healthy and prosperous population. Strong organizational support structures are essential for successful programming and interventions. USAID/Uganda will intentionally support local partners through joint capacity strengthening including organizational development under the following domains:

1. Human resources
2. Governance and leadership
3. Legal structures
4. Financial management
5. Information technology and security

6. Procurement, logistics, and administration
7. Risk mitigation, compliance, and accountability.
8. Grant and sub-grant management
9. Program management.
10. Organizational management and sustainability

SUMMARY

This RFI SOLELY seeks to identify locally registered non-state organizations that can provide services in one or more of the technical areas of USAID programming listed in the description below. The information provided in the RFI is subject to change and is not binding on the Government. USAID/Uganda has not made a commitment to procure any of the items discussed, and release of this RFI should not be construed as such a commitment or as authorization to incur cost for which reimbursement would be required or sought. All submissions become U.S. Government property and will not be returned.

[END OF RFI]