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Subject:	**Request for Applications Number: 72067418RFA00008**
Program Title:	**Community-Based Violence Prevention and Linkages to Response in South Africa**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for cooperative agreements from qualified organizations to fund a program entitled *"**Community-Based Violence Prevention and Linkages to Response in South Africa**".*

There are no restrictions on eligibility for this Request for Applications (RFA). Qualified applicants may be any U.S. or non U.S. non-governmental organization [including, but not limited to, Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), Public International Organizations (PIOs), local nongovernmental organizations, faith-based organizations (FBOs), or for-profit organizations willing to forgo profit] are eligible to apply under this RFA. See Section C of this (RFA) for eligibility requirements.

Subject to the availability of funds award(s) will be made to the responsible applicant(s) whose application(s) best meets the objectives of this funding opportunity and the selection criteria contained herein. While multiple award(s) are anticipated as a result of this RFA, USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

For the purposes of this RFA the term "Grant" is synonymous with "Cooperative Agreement"; "Grantee" is synonymous with "Recipient"; and "Grant Officer" is synonymous with "Agreement Officer". Eligible organizations interested in submitting an application are encouraged to read this funding opportunity thoroughly to understand the type of program sought, application submission requirements and evaluation process. Applicants will submit an application in accordance with the instructions provided in Section D of this RFA. Applications are due at the date and time stated above and will be evaluated against the selection criteria as stated in Section E of this RFA.

To be eligible for award, the applicant must provide all information as required in this RFA and meet eligibility standards in Section C of this RFA. This funding opportunity is posted on www.grants.gov, and may be amended. Potential applicants should regularly check the website to ensure they have the latest information pertaining to this notice of funding opportunity. Applicants will need to have available or download Adobe program to their computers in order to view and save the Adobe forms properly. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the entire RFA has been received from the internet in its entirety and USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from the transmission or conversion process. If you have difficulty registering on www.grants.gov or accessing the RFA, please contact the Grants.gov Helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 or via email at support@grants.gov for technical assistance.

The successful Applicant(s) will be responsible for ensuring the achievement of the program objectives. Please read each section of the RFA.

Please send any questions related to this RFA to the point(s) of contact identified in section D. The deadline for questions is shown above. Responses to questions received prior to the deadline will be furnished to all potential applicants through an amendment to this notice posted to www.grants.gov. Questions submitted after the deadline will not receive responses.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government nor does it commit the Government to pay for any costs incurred in preparation or submission of comments/suggestions or an application. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant. All preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

Thank you for your interest in USAID programs.

Sincerely,

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AO	Agreement Officer
AOR	Agreement Officer’s Representative
APACE	Accelerating Program Achievements to Control the Epidemic 2018-2023
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
CBCT	Community-Based Counseling and Testing
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CDC	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DATIM	Data for Accountability Transparency and Impact Monitoring
DBE	Department of Basic Education
DHMO	District Health Management Office
DHP	District Health Plan
DIP	District Implementation Plan
DOH	Department of Health
DREAMS	Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe
DSD	Department of Social Development
DSP	District Support Partner
eMTCT	Elimination of mother to child transmission
FBO	Faith-Based Organizations
GBV	Gender Based Violence

GoSA	Government of South Africa
HAST	HIV/AIDS, STIs, and TB (Directorate)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HTC	HIV Testing and Counseling
HTS	HIV Testing Services
IPV	Intimate Partner Violence
KP	Key Populations
MER	Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting
MERL	Monitoring Evaluation, Reporting & Learning
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSM	Men who have sex with men
NACS	Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Support
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NICRA	Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
NSP	South Africa National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB, and Sexually Transmitted Infections, 2017-2022
OGAC	Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator/Washington
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
OVCY	Orphans, Vulnerable Children and Youth
OVCA&Y	Orphans, Vulnerable Children, Adolescents and Youth
PEP	Post Exposure HIV Prophylaxis
PEPFAR	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
PrEP	Pre Exposure Prophylaxis

PSS	Psychosocial Support
SW	Sex Workers
SGB	School Governing Bodies
SMT	School Management Team
SNU	Sub National Unit
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SRH	Sexual Reproductive Health
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
TB	Tuberculosis
TG	Transgender
TCC	Thuthuzela Care Center
VAC	Violence Against Children
XDR	Extensively Drug Resistance

SECTION A - PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

I. Background

A. Current Statistics & Epidemiology

South Africa's population is estimated at 55.9 million, with approximately 51% (28.5 million) being female. Life expectancy at birth is estimated to be 62.4 years (65.1 years for females; 57.7 years for males) while the infant mortality rate is 33.7 per 1,000 live births.[1] In 2016, the HIV disease burden was at 7,104,706 people living with HIV (PLHIV). The majority (55-60%) of HIV-infected adults are women. Black women aged 25-34 years have the highest prevalence, at 31.6%, and highest incidence, at 4.54 percent.[2] The number of new HIV infections remains high, with an estimated 266,618 new HIV infections in 2016, with these new infections disproportionately higher among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW). As many as 2,363 new infections per week are estimated to occur among AGYW age 15-24 years. HIV prevalence and incidence vary significantly across geographic areas (54% of PLHIV are concentrated in the Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal provinces). The nexus with the tuberculosis (TB) epidemic continues to drive high morbidity and mortality, with the legacy of apartheid and significant income inequality posing additional challenges to the TB and HIV response.

With respect to OVC, four million children in South Africa have lost one or both parents to AIDS.[3] Millions of additional children reside with a parent who is living with HIV.[4] These OVC are at elevated risk of HIV infection due to perinatal transmission and a higher prevalence of sexual risk behaviors in adolescence and young adulthood.[5] OVC and adolescents are more likely to experience abuse (including GBV), psychological distress, reduced educational opportunities, stigma, and greater sexual risk behaviors, all of which contribute to elevated HIV risk.[6]

AGYW are acutely vulnerable to HIV infection, which requires well-targeted, age-appropriate intervention packages that address key risk factors such as sexual coercion and violence, age-disparate sexual relations, high rates of teen pregnancy, and low levels of HIV transmission knowledge and condom use. In addition, a coordinated response is key, one that strengthens support systems for AGYW at multiple contact points such as family, school, and health facility; expands opportunities for education regarding sexuality and HIV risk reduction; and promotes healthy decision-making.

Violence continues to be a driver of the HIV epidemic in South Africa. Almost 55,000 adults and children report sexual assault every year; 60% are children less than 18 years. The Optimus Study on Sexual Victimization of Children (May 2016) found that among young people interviewed in South African schools, 35.4% had experienced some form of sexual abuse at some point in their lives. Per the Optimus household survey, 26.3% of 15-17 year olds reported having experienced some form of sexual abuse. It is believed that there is widespread underreporting of sexual violence.

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[1] Statistics South Africa [StatsSA], Mid-year population estimates, 2016. Statistical Release P0302, Statistics, South Africa: Pretoria.
[2] Shisana, O, Rehle, T, Simbayi LC, Zuma, K, Jooste, S, Zungu N, Labadarios, D, Onoya, D et al. (2014) South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence and Behaviour Survey, 2012. Cape Town, HSRC Press.
[3] Proudlock, Dutschke, Jamieson, Monson, & Smith, 2008
[4] Short and Goldberg, 2015
[5] Gregson et al., 2005; Newell et al., 2004; Operio, Underhill, Chuong, & Cluver, 2011
[6] Operio, 2011, Thurman, 2006; Sherr, 2014a, Thurman, 2014; Guo, 2012, Sherr 2014b; Birdthistle, 2011

Mobility and migration are other critical drivers of the HIV epidemic in South Africa. Although the number of cross-border seasonal workers on farms is reducing in the country, provinces and districts that border neighboring countries (e.g., Limpopo and Mpumalanga) still employ high numbers of cross border migrants in the commercial agriculture sector to perform seasonal work. Undocumented migrants face numerous vulnerabilities to HIV, including lack of access to health care and social protection; social marginalization and exclusion; high levels of mobility; and multiple sexual networks. The risks associated with mobility affect communities that are left behind and those that host migrants; this includes the high prevalence of sex work which contributes to “communities of the mobile” experiencing higher rates of HIV infection. Internal migrants and their families are also vulnerable. In urban settings, migration was identified as an independent risk factor for HIV infection, with female migrants 1.6 times more likely to be HIV-positive than non-migrants in select cities in South Africa[7].

B. Government of South Africa Response

South Africa continues to benefit from high levels of political commitment from multiple Government of South Africa (GoSA) departments, including, but not limited to, the departments of Social Development (DSD), Basic Education (DBE), and Health (DOH). The new 2017-2022 South Africa National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB, and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), hereafter referred to as the NSP, officially launched on March 30, 2017, outlines South Africa’s strategic framework for a multi-sectoral partnership to accelerate progress in reducing the morbidity and mortality associated with HIV, TB, and STIs and serves as the principle “blueprint” to operationalize the HIV response at the provincial, district, municipal, and local levels. The new NSP sets forth the goals, objectives, and the strategic approaches to be used over the next five years in order to achieve HIV epidemic control in South Africa. The NSP notes key achievements of the GoSA in HIV, TB, OVC, adolescents and youth, GBV, and prevention programming some of which are highlighted below.

Key achievements of the DSD include:

- Supported hundreds of thousands of OVC, including the provision of nutritional support/food parcels, home support, educational support, child support grants and foster care grants;

- Set a target of employing 10,000 child and youth care workers, which is on track;

- Provided supplemental support for child-headed households;

- Established an award winning call center for GBV; provided White Door services and places of safety for abused women; provided support to Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCCs) and rape survivors presenting to police stations, health clinics, and hospitals;

- Implemented the “You Only Live Once” program for young women in all nine provinces;

- Provided temporary disability grants for those with advanced HIV or TB; general disability grants, support for people with disabilities, and mainstreamed disability policies; and
- Implemented programs in schools to address alcohol and substance abuse.

As noted in the NSP, key achievements of the DBE include:

[7] The Global AIDS Program Report 2014 Migrants

- Conducted a major overhaul of the life skills program in schools, including scripted lesson plans and enhanced teacher training;

- Collaborated with NGOs to improve peer education programs in schools such as the Rise Clubs, Soul Buddyz, SkillZ and loveLIFE initiatives; and

- Provided school-based nutritional support for undernourished learners as well as for adolescents on ART and TB treatment.

Key GoSA policy and technical documents are referenced in Section H of this solicitation.

C. U.S. Government Response

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, commonly known as PEPFAR, focuses resources and efforts to achieve greater impact globally on the HIV epidemic. PEPFAR embraces the UNAIDS' "90-90-90" targets and places a strong emphasis on linkages in program planning between prevention and treatment at both the community and facility levels. In 2014, PEPFAR launched the DREAMS Initiative – "Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe: Preventing HIV in Adolescent Girls and Young Women" – to aggressively target PEPFAR resources to reduce new HIV infections among AGYW.

In South Africa, PEPFAR implements a broad portfolio of activities toward the goal of epidemic control in 27 focus districts. These represent the highest HIV burden districts in South Africa, and encompass 82 percent of PLHIV in the country. Disrupting the HIV epidemic requires reaching "90-90-90" with a particular focus on the populations in which high HIV transmission is taking place (i.e., Females 20-29 and Men 25-34). PEPFAR aims to scale up testing, treatment, and interventions to improve viral suppression across six priority age and sex bands, and work to achieve full attainment in six of the 27 focus districts and saturation of 90-90-90 in the remaining 21 districts by September 2018. Attainment is defined as sub national units (districts) that have achieved >/= 81% Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) coverage among both males, and females in the following age bands: (1) <15 years, (2) 15-24 years, and (3) ≥25 years. Saturation is defined as sub-national units (districts) that have achieved the >/= 81% ART coverage for the PLHIV population overall.

PEPFAR supports the acceleration of specific prevention interventions related to OVC, AGYW and key populations aimed to reduce new HIV and TB infections and STIs, as well as addresses the social and structural drivers of the HIV and TB epidemic, which includes addressing gender based violence.

Relevant USG program and technical reports are referenced in Section H of this solicitation.

Community –Based Violence Prevention and Linkages to Response in South Africa

The goal of USAID's " Community-Based Violence Prevention and Linkages to Response in South Africa" hereinafter referred to as the Activity is to reduce GBV and intimate partner violence (IPV), which is essential to achieving epidemic control in South Africa. Addressing the spectrum of violence against children, including sexual, physical, and emotional abuse and neglect, the Activity aims to reduce the incidence of violence against children, adolescents, and young women. Under this Activity, USAID envisions an evidence-based and ecological approach to providing support at the individual, family, and community levels. This should encourage positive parenting practices, protective family and community socio-cultural norms, changing harmful cultural beliefs and attitudes, and address gender norms and inequalities.

The **geographic focus** has nine high-burden priority districts (listed below) with an aim to reach a minimum of 60% of the population. The specific sub districts are in italics.

Target Area 1 - Gauteng Province
City of Johannesburg (*Region A,D,E & G*)
Sedibeng (*Emfuleni sub district*)
City of Tshwane (*Health sub district 1, 3 & 6*)

Target Area 2 - Mpumalanga Province
Ehlanzeni (*Mbombela, Nkomazi, Bushbuckridge sub districts*)
Gert Sibande (*Govan Mbeki, Msukaligwa, Albert Luthuli & Mkhondo & Pixley ka Seme sub districts*)
Nkangala (*Emalahleni, Steve Tshwete, Dr. JS Moroka sub districts*)

Target Area 3 - KwaZulu Natal Province
eThekwini (*South, West & North sub districts*),
uMgugundlovu (*Msunduzi & Richmond sub districts*)

Target Area 4 - Western Cape Province
City of Cape Town (*Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain sub districts*)

Examples of areas that USAID is interested in supporting under this Activity:

- Comprehensive training in and operationalization of Child Safeguarding policies, procedures and protocols among community caregivers/case managers conducting routine home visits;
- Community led approaches to prevent and respond to child abuse;
- Child protection case management via skills-building for case managers (e.g. Child and Youth Care Workers, Social Auxiliary Workers, etc.), which includes assessments of family violence risks, identification of cases of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect, referrals for specialized services and support including medical, legal, and social and case resolution in coordination and collaboration with Social Workers and other stakeholders;
- Survivor advocate training for case managers;
- Positive parenting knowledge and skills building with a focus on violence prevention and the use of positive discipline using evidence-based curricula (e.g. Let's Talk), as well as reinforcement of positive practices via case management/routine home visits;
- Structured/multi-session, group-based GBV prevention interventions using evidence-based curricula (e.g. Stepping Stones) to scale up community level GBV prevention;
- Safe schools for violence prevention and school-based positive parenting skills-building;
- Protocols linking clinical and community-based social services for children and adolescents who have experienced sexual violence;
- Linkages to comprehensive care centers (e.g., TCC) for survivors of sexual violence;
- Specialized psychological support, including psychological assessment and therapeutic counseling for children and adolescents who have experienced sexual violence with a focus on including support for family-centered therapy;
- Increased access to comprehensive health care including family planning counseling and contraceptive mix, emergency contraception, post-exposure HIV prophylaxis (PEP) and tracking of PEP adherence;

- Develop PEP adherence community systems;
- Distribution of information about available sexual violence services for families and communities; and
- Innovative sustainable emergency funds to improve survivor's access to sexual violence services , engaging relevant community, civil society, and private sector stakeholders to increase investments and community support for survivors of violence.

B. Coordination, Complementary Programming & Other Considerations

In order to improve efficiencies and maximize resource utilization, leveraging of other USAID investments and programming across its health and HIV portfolio will be critical, as well as coordinating with other USG partners and bilateral and multilateral development partners, as applicable.

The implementer will closely coordinate and implement activities and technical assistance among Recipients as well as with other new and ongoing USAID/SA HIV Activities, as applicable. The following summarizes each of the current and prospective USAID Activities, where several opportunities exist to collaborate with on-going USAID activities in the prevention, care and treatment, OVC, and GBV.

New USAID Care and Treatment Program 2018- 2023: The goal of USAID/SA's Care and Treatment Program *"APACE: Accelerating Program Achievements to Control the Epidemic"*, 2018-2023 (anticipated award date 2018) is to improve upon and expand comprehensive clinical and non-clinical differentiated HIV care and treatment services, which will accelerate and sustain HIV epidemic control in South Africa in support of the achievement of the South Africa NSP 2017-2022 goals and the "90-90-90" targets. APACE proposes a patient-centered approach to primarily reach those identified as the most in need of HIV services, and/or the most at risk for HIV with high impact, high yield, high quality, comprehensive HIV services.

New USAID Preventing HIV/AIDS in Vulnerable Populations in South Africa 2018-2023:

The goal of USAID/SA's "Preventing HIV/AIDS in Vulnerable Populations (PHVP) 2018-2023," is to accelerate and sustain HIV epidemic control in South Africa through the delivery of high-impact HIV prevention, care and support services. This Activity supports evidence-based interventions proven to mitigate the impact of HIV on children, adolescents and their families and prevent new infections among AGYW, including those who have experienced violence, as well as among migrant and mobile populations.

New USAID New Key Populations (KP) Activity 2018-2023: The World Health Organization defines key populations as groups who, due to specific higher-risk behaviors, are at increased risk of HIV irrespective of the epidemic type or local context. The new KP Activity will have a tailored focus on three key population groups: SW, MSM, and TG. The focus on SW (including female, MSM, and TG sex workers) and MSM will build on current investments made by USAID, and the Activity will also incorporate an explicit focus on TG. The new KP Activity is currently undergoing a competitive procurement process with an anticipated award in 2018 calendar year.

New USAID Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Activity 2018-2023: The new GBV Activity aims to strengthen capacity of South African structures to lead, coordinate and manage a community response to GBV prevention and mitigation. The goal of the Activity is to improve the community response to GBV. The Activity will maximize impact of USAID and PEPFAR activities by supporting communities in five districts in South Africa to respond to GBV with tailored and coordinated prevention and mitigation strategies. The Activity is only partially PEPFAR-funded and is currently undergoing a competitive procurement process, with an anticipated award in 2018.

New USAID Health Information System Activity 2018-2023: The new Health Information System Activity will provide technical assistance to improve data quality, implement advanced data analytics, and optimize health information systems enterprise architecture and interoperability. The Activity will leverage industry approaches and leading practices in support of South African government's current and next eHealth Strategy with an overall aim of strengthening South African health information systems and capacity to optimize its use.

USAID Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision Activity 2017-2022: The new VMMC Activity aims to increase awareness for and uptake of VMMC as a key HIV prevention intervention among males 15-34 years. As part of the VMMC Activity, referrals to HIV testing services are an integral part of VMMC service delivery and provide linkages to treatment for HIV-positive men. The activity is implemented by University Research Co, Ltd, in 14 districts in 6 provinces: KZN (eThekwini, Umkhanyakude, Ugu, Zululand); Gauteng (Tshwane, Ekurhuleni, Sedibeng, Johannesburg Health District); Mpumalanga (Ehlanzeni, Gert Sibande); Free State (Lejweleputswa); Northwest (Bojanala); Limpopo (Capricorn, Mopani).

USAID TB South Africa Program (TBSAP) 2016-2021: USAID/SA's TBSAP focuses on: strengthening government systems at the facility and community levels and supports the integration of TB and HIV service delivery; TB diagnosis, case finding, prevention and treatment; improving MDR and extensively drug resistant (XDR) TB management by expanding decentralization of treatment of drug-resistant TB; and expanding capacity for TB laboratory diagnosis, including roll-out of GeneXpert and other new diagnostic tools. TBSAP is implemented by University Research Co, Ltd.

Aligning Community-Level Interventions with GoSA's 90-90-90 and Prevention Goals
The Activity should ensure coordination with and contribute to the goals and priorities of the NSP and aligning with relevant national plans and policies of the GoSA, in particular the DSD, DBE, and DOH.

C. Management Considerations

The following are cross-cutting themes that are essential to successful implementation of activities:

Integration of clinical, community and social service platforms and service delivery models: Operationalizing systematic collaboration between community-based and facility-based partners is critical to optimizing health/HIV and social service delivery as well as beneficiary outcomes. Key to successful implementation is the establishment of clear roles and responsibilities, ideally formalized through Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with PEPFAR clinical partners in target districts. Also of critical importance is to establish or strengthen existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for routine client identification and enrollment; family HIV care based on index case; bi-directional referral protocols for health/HIV and social service delivery; referral tracking; child and youth friendly services; HIV case conferencing; client monitoring and support; and quality assurance and improvement.

Innovations and Use of Technology: USAID anticipates that the successful implementation will apply innovative approaches and interventions that will increase demand for and acceptability and uptake of services among beneficiaries. This may include expanded use of technology that increases efficiency and service delivery quality as well as advances program monitoring, evaluation, and research. In addition, the implementer is expected to analyze and assess the effectiveness of innovations in improving client satisfaction and outcomes which will inform the evidence base for high-impact interventions and potential scalability.

Local Ownership and Sustainability: USAID anticipates that the successful implementation will include strengthening the capacity of South African organizations to lead, implement and sustain an effective OVCA&Y and prevention response. While there is a focus on service delivery at the community level, successful implementation will also promote substantive participation of parents/caregivers, government agencies, traditional authorities, faith-based leaders, PLHIV, OVCA&Y, AGYW and other stakeholders to enable broad-based local ownership, program buy-in, and longer-term sustainability.

Gender: Gender integration should be a core element in all activities. A major focus at community level will be on raising awareness of and addressing the detrimental impact of negative gender norms upon women, girls, men and boys. The implementer should analyze and incorporate gender-related considerations and clearly outline how such considerations will be addressed, as well as respond to USAID's Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy (http://auslnxapvweb01.usaid.gov/ADS/200/205.pdf).

The following are key considerations for management of activities:

- Implementation through the rigorous application of management science both internally and externally;
- Rigorously employ effective strategies to optimize the use of data and strategic information to continuously improve results;
- Cost containment;
- Maximize inclusion of South African technical, program and support staff;
- Maximize use of South African organizations as the sub partners; and
- Employ a smooth, effective, time efficient mobilization strategy upon award that mitigates risks and avoids disruption of service delivery.

D. Key Personnel

USAID will designate the following five positions as key personnel.

1. Chief of Party
2. Project Manager
3. Community Services & Linkage Manager
4. Strategic Information Manager
5. Finance and Operations Manager

Required qualifications for each key position are outlined below.

1. Chief of Party: S/he will have overall responsibility for administration, program management, performance monitoring and technical implementation and oversight of all aspects of the Activity. S/he will serve as the principal institutional liaison to USAID/SA and should be expected to have regular and transparent communication with the USAID/SA Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR). The following are the minimum qualifications required for a proposed Chief of Party.

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Health Administration, Management, Social Work, or Business Administration with a focus on public health, social sciences, or related field;

- A minimum of ten years of experience with progressively increasing responsibility designing, implementing, managing and leading large development involving multiple partners, stakeholders, and geographic target areas in a developing country;
- A minimum of five years prior experience as a Chief of Party or similar leadership role of a large program or activity funded by PEPFAR;
- Demonstrated ability through previous experience leading a technical activity through evidence and data driven decision making;
- Demonstrated ability through previous experience to establish and maintain productive working relationships with a wide network of partners and stakeholders;
- Demonstrated ability through previous experience to liaise with senior government officials, dignitaries, executives of NGOs, FBOs, CBOs, and the for-profit business community, and senior members of the donor community; and
- Excellent interpersonal, writing and oral presentation skills in English.

2. Project Manager: S/he will have responsibility for all aspects of technical and operational program management in order to optimize program performance and outcomes. This includes systematic monitoring of program results against targets and work plans, operationalization of program standards, and employing data for decision-making and course correction. S/he will ensure effective coordination with key stakeholders including government, CBOs, and private sector as well as robust sub-partner management. The Project Manager will ensure program effectiveness and cost efficiency through appropriate human and financial resource management. The following are the minimum qualifications required for the position.

- A minimum of Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Health Administration, Management Social Work, or Business Administration with a focus on public health, social sciences, or related field;
- A minimum of 8 years of progressively responsible experience in technical and operational program management of large-scale complex development activities in developing countries;
- A minimum of 5 years of experience in management of a PEPFAR-funded activity, including program planning, implementation, data use, monitoring and reporting;
- Demonstrated ability to manage large teams and effectively coordinate with a range of stakeholders including government, community and other civil society organizations, and the private sector;
- Demonstrated working knowledge of U.S. Government program management regulations; and
- Demonstrated written, presentation, communication and organizational skills in English.

3. Community Services & Linkage Manager: S/he will be the lead technical expert for integration of community and clinical service delivery with a focus on improving results towards "90-90-90". This includes strengthening linkages and coordination between social service and health workforces as well as strengthening bi-directional referral systems to improve both health/HIV and social service delivery. The Community Services & Linkage Manager will strengthen implementation of comprehensive, HIV-inclusive case management with a focus on improving pediatric HIV case identification; strengthening HIV prevention focus, linkage to HTS, care, and treatment; retention among both children and their caregivers; and violence prevention and response. The following are the minimum qualifications required for the position.

- A minimum of Bachelor's degree in Social Work or Public Health with a focus on public health, social sciences, or related field;
- A minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible experience in a technical advisory role for large-scale family and community-based programs;

- A minimum of 3 years of experience serving in a technical advisory role for PEPFAR-funded activity, with a focus on improving the wellbeing of OVCA and HIV prevention among AGYW;
- Demonstrated role in strengthening coordination and linkages between clinical and community stakeholders, health and social service workforces; and operationalizing integrated service delivery models;
- Demonstrated working knowledge of PEPFAR Technical Guidance for OVC and Prevention; and
- Demonstrated written, presentation, communication and organizational skills in English.

4. Strategic Information Manager: S/he will be the lead technical expert responsible for all strategic information responsibilities related to the program, including all monitoring, evaluation, analytics, and reporting of performance and results. S/he will lead Activity efforts to strengthen monitoring and evaluation, and performance reporting within the geographic area of Activity, which may include overseeing support to community organizations to monitor, document and analyze the performance of their HIV services and activities and ensure data quality. S/he will liaise with relevant technical advisers and counterparts responsible for district and provincial level strategic information and monitoring and evaluation and support coordination with national management information system. The following are the minimum qualifications required for position:

- A Bachelor's degree in public health, epidemiology, social work, monitoring & evaluation, demography, biostatistics, statistics, analytics or a related field is required. A Master's degree is preferred;
- Minimum of 8 years of work experience in designing, establishing, and managing monitoring and evaluation systems, ensuring data quality, and managing data intensive, performance-based programs funded by PEPFAR;
- Demonstrated ability to be the senior technical specialist and as a senior subject matter expert in data analytics;
- Demonstrated ability to perform robust data extraction from internal and external information systems;
- Demonstrated ability to perform complex data analytics utilizing Microsoft Excel, STATA, and/or Business Intelligence tools;
- Demonstrated ability to prepare expert quality data visualizations;
- Demonstrated ability to perform complex data quality analyses and make recommendations based on findings;
- Demonstrated ability to portray complex data sets in easy to understand formats including visualizations;
- Demonstrated working knowledge of South Africa's health and social service information systems and monitoring and evaluation processes as it relates to data collection for performance-based reporting;
- Demonstrated knowledge and working experience in the use of mapping and other similar tools (including computer software programs) to target program interventions and resources; and
- Demonstrated written, presentation, communication and organizational skills in English.

5. Finance & Operations Manager: S/he will be the lead expert for financial operations and management. This includes being responsible for efficient resource deployment and use, program accounting and financial reporting systems, cost-share and related reporting and ensuring compliance with USAID financial and accounting rules and regulations. The following are the minimum qualifications required for position:

- A minimum of Bachelor's degree in finance, business administration or a closely related field. A Master's degree is preferred;

- A minimum of 8 years of progressively responsible experience in overseeing financial operations and management of large-scale, complex development activities in developing countries;
- A minimum of 5 years of experience overseeing the procurement administration and financial management and reporting of a PEPFAR-funded activity;
- Demonstrated working knowledge of U.S. Government financial and procurement rules and regulations; and
- Demonstrated written, presentation, communication and organizational skills in English.

[End of Section A]

SECTION B - FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

1. Estimate of Funds Available and Number of Awards Contemplated

Subject to funding availability, USAID intends to provide up to $19,800,000 million in total USAID funding over a five year period. Actual funding amounts are subject to availability of funds.

USAID anticipates awarding one (1) Cooperative Agreement as a result of this notice of funding opportunity.

USAID reserves the right to determine the most technically appropriate approach to structuring the award based on the applications received and the outcome of the review process. USAID reserves the right to adjust proposed funding levels and not fund any of the applications submitted.

2. Start Date and Period of Performance:

It is anticipated that award will be made in approximately September 2018, with reporting of achievement of results expected to begin as of December 2018. The estimated period of the award made as a result of this funding opportunity is five (5) years.

3. Substantial Involvement

USAID plans to award Cooperative agreement(s) pursuant to this RFA. A Cooperative Agreement allows USAID to exercise 'substantial involvement'. USAID anticipates that it will be substantially involved in the following areas:

- Approval of the Recipient's Implementation Plans (i.e., annual work plans).
- Approval of Specified Key Personnel.
- Agency and Recipient Collaboration or Joint Participation
    - Approval of the recipient's monitoring and evaluation plans (annually).
    - Monitor to authorize specified kinds of direction or redirection because of inter-relationships with other projects.

4. Title to Property

Property title under the resultant agreement shall rest with the Recipient**.**

5. Authorized Geographic Code

The authorized geographic code for this program is 935.

6. Purpose of the Award

The principal purpose of the relationship with the Recipient and under the subject program is to transfer funds to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation of the "*Community-Based Violence Prevention and Linkages to Response in South Africa 2018-2023*" Activity, which is authorized by Federal statute.

The successful Recipient will be responsible for ensuring the achievement of the program objectives and the efficient and effective administration of the award through the application of sound management practices. The Recipient will assume responsibility for administering Federal funds in a manner consistent with underlying agreements, program objectives, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. The

Recipient using its own unique combination of staff, facilities, and experience, has the primary responsibility for employing whatever form of sound organization and management techniques may be necessary in order to assure proper and efficient administration of the resulting award.

[End of Section B]

SECTION C - ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. Eligible Applicants

Qualified applicants may be U.S. or non-U.S. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private voluntary organizations (PVOs), for-profit companies willing to forego profit, and Public International Organizations. Faith-based and community organizations that fit the criteria above are also eligible to apply. In support of the Agency's interest in fostering a larger assistance base and expanding the number and sustainability of development partners, USAID encourages applications from potential new implementing partners that have not received financial assistance from USAID.

Applicants must have established financial management, monitoring and evaluation processes, internal control systems, and policies and procedures that comply with established U.S. Government standards, laws, and regulations. The successful applicant(s) may be subject to a responsibility determination assessment (Pre-award Survey) by the Agreement Officer (AO).

The Recipient must be a responsible entity. The AO may determine a pre-award survey is required to conduct an examination that will determine whether the prospective recipient has the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills – or ability to obtain them – in order to achieve the objectives of the program and comply with the terms and conditions of the award.

2. Cost Share or Matching

Cost sharing is an important element of the USAID-recipient relationship. In addition to USAID funds, applicants are required to contribute resources from their own, or other sources for the implementation of this Activity.

USAID has established a required cost share contribution of at least ten percent (10%) of the USAID funding amount. Such funds may be mobilized from the recipient; other multilateral, bilateral, and foundation donors; host governments; and local organizations, communities and private businesses. For guidance on cost sharing in cooperative agreements, please consult 2 CFR 200 (US Organizations) or Cost Share Standard Provision (Non-US Organizations).

[End of Section C]

SECTION D - APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. Agency Point of Contact(s)

Name:	Nompumelelo Mangqalaza
Title:	Acquisition and Assistance Specialists
Email:	**PretoriaApplications@usaid.gov**
Phone:	+27 (12) 452-2000

Questions and Answers:

All questions regarding this RFA must be submitted in writing to **PretoriaApplications@usaid.gov**Attention: Nompumelelo Mangqalaza and Martha Zhou by no later than the date and time stated on the cover letter of this notice of funding opportunity. This is intended to provide sufficient time to address the questions and incorporate the questions and answers as an amendment to this solicitation. Any information given to a prospective Applicant concerning this RFA will be furnished promptly to all other prospective Applicants as an amendment, if that information is necessary in submitting applications or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective Applicant. Questions submitted after the deadline for questions will not receive responses.

2. Content and Form of Application Submissions

Applicants are expected to review, understand, and comply with all aspects of the RFA.

Each Applicant shall furnish all information required by this RFA. Applications will be submitted in two separate parts: (1) Technical Application and (2) Cost/Business Application.

Applicants who include data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose or used by the U.S. Government except for evaluation purpose, should mark the title page with the following legend:

"This application includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the U.S. Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed – in whole or in part – for any purpose other than to evaluate this application. If, however, a grant is awarded to this Applicant as a result of – or in connection with – the submission of this data, the U.S. Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting grant. This restriction does not limit the U.S. Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets {insert sheet numbers} and, mark each sheet of data it wished to restrict with the following legend:

"Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this application."

Applicants should retain for their records one (1) copy of the application and all enclosures which accompany it.

3. Application Submission Instructions

It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that all necessary documentation is complete and received on time. All submissions must be sent electronically to PretoriaApplications@usaid.gov by the deadline stated on the cover page of this RFA and must strictly comply with the specific requirements. Late submissions will not be accepted. Applicants are expected to review, understand, and comply with all aspects of the RFA. Submissions that do not strictly comply with all of the instructions and requirements outlined within this RFA or as requested by USAID face the risk of being eliminated from consideration.

Applications must be submitted by no later than the closing date and time indicated in the cover letter accompanying this RFA. All applications received by the submission deadline will be reviewed for responsiveness to the RFA and the application format. No additions or modifications will be accepted after the submission date. Applicants are responsible for all costs related to the preparation and submission of Applications.

Applicants are required to follow the instructions provided in this section and below. If a submission is sent by multiple emails, please indicate in the subject line of the email whether the email relates to the Technical or Cost application, and the desired sequence of multiple emails (if more than one is sent) and of attachments (e.g. "No. 1 of 4", etc.). For example, if your cost application is being sent in two emails, the first email should have a subject line which says: "[organization name], Cost Application, Part 1 of 2".

A. Instructions for Preparation of the Technical Application

All text must be in Times New Roman 12-point font, with a minimum of 1-inch margins on all sides. The Technical Application must be submitted in .pdf format <u>and</u> in unlocked MS Word format. Tables, graphs, and charts may use smaller font, but not less than 8-point may be used for any text. All documentation must be written in English, and pages must be numbered, including numbered Annexes (e.g. Annex 1). Technical applications must strictly follow the format prescribed below.

Main Body:

1. Cover page
2. Table of Contents
3. Acronym List
4. Executive Summary
5. Technical Understanding and Proposed Program
6. Management Approach
7. Institutional Capability
8. Past Performance

Annexes:

Annex A – Technical Approach Supporting Data, Graphs, Charts
Annex B – Draft Work Plan
Annex C – Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan
Annex D – Organizational Chart
Annex E – Key Personnel CVs and Letters of Commitment
Annex F – Mobilization Plan
Annex G – Past Performance Relevant to this RFA

Detailed descriptions of each required section of the Technical Application follows. The body of the Technical Application must follow the page limits as indicated in each section. A maximum of 25 pages are allowed per Technical Application Body, and a maximum of 40 pages for allowable annexes.

1. Cover Page – Up to 1 Page

This is a single page that includes: the program title, the Request for Applications number, name and DUNS number of prime Applicant organization, names of any proposed sub-awardee organizations, the organization's contact person, including his/her title a telephone number, mailing address, email address. Also state whether the contact person is the person with authority to contract for the applicant, and if not, that person should also be listed. The cover page must be signed by these individuals.

2. Table of Contents – Up to 2 Pages

This section is limited to two pages, and must at a minimum include the page numbers for the main section of the Technical Application, including: the Acronym List, the Executive Summary, the Technical Understanding and Proposed Program, Management Approach, Institutional Capabilities, Past Performance, and the Technical Annexes. The specific headings for each of the Annexes must be listed.

3. Acronym List – Up to 2 Pages

This section is limited to two pages, and must spell out any acronyms that are utilized in the Technical Application. A table format is acceptable.

4. Executive Summary – Up to 2 Pages

A two-page maximum brief description of the proposed activities, goals, purposes, and anticipated results, technical and managerial resources of the applicant's organization, and how the overall Activity will be managed. This should give the reader of the application a "snapshot" of what is contained in the application.

5. Technical Understanding and Proposed Program – Up to 6 Pages

This section, together with related supporting technical data in the annex, must include information sufficient to evaluate the application under the Technical Understanding and Proposed Program criteria and demonstrate how the proposed activities are likely to achieve results as articulated in the RFA. The proposed Program should be based on evidence and sound theories of change that illustrate how the proposed activities will lead to the desired outputs, outcomes, and results addressing areas that USAID desires to fund. This section shall reflect an understanding of the HIV epidemiological context as it relates to the Activity to which the Application relates, the challenges associated with delivering a sustained program, and how these challenges will be overcome to achieve results. The Technical Understanding and Proposed Program section includes the broad technical approaches for the Activity. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use evidence-based approaches and modalities that align with national priorities and the current evidence that exists.

6. Management Approach - Up to 6 Pages

This Section should convincingly demonstrate how the proposed management approach will lead to effective and efficient implementation of the proposed program, achieve the Activity's purpose and results, address cross-cutting issues/themes, and allow flexibility to be responsive to the South African context. Applicants should describe the effective application of management science in both internal project/staff management and in management of engagement with partners including GoSA. Applicants should also describe their proposed plan to manage and optimize use of data as well as how they envision coordinating with other Recipients of this Activity to avoid duplication of effort, share lessons learned and best practices.

a. Management and Administrative Structure: Describe the proposed effective, efficient management and administrative structure, including important partnership relationships. If proposing any type of teaming arrangement, whether through a formal legal consortium or a sub/prime structure, this

Section should include an outline of the anticipated management arrangements between partners that indicates clear lines of communication; how the prime will assure the effective implementation of all program activities (implemented by both consortium and local partners), and mechanisms by which coordination and knowledge flow across partners will be assured.

b. Staffing Plan and Key Personnel: The staffing plan should describe the Key Personnel proposed to manage the Activity, together with their proposed levels of effort. The roles and responsibilities for key personnel and other critical staff proposed under the staffing plan and levels of effort should be clearly addressed. Activity staffing should be responsive to the management, administration and technical requirements of the Applicant's approach, with an optimal configuration for cost containment. The applicant should include local, South African technical, program and support staff, and if proposing partners (e.g. sub-awards), use local South African organizations to implement areas of the activity for which they have expertise and experience. Teaming arrangements are acceptable, whether through a formal legal consortium or a sub/prime structure, with clear management arrangements and lines of communication between local partners, and clarity of how the prime will assure the effective implementation of all program activities.

c. Application of Management Science: Describe the effective application of management science in both internal project/staff management and in management of engagement with partners including GoSA (all levels), other Recipients of this Activity award, and other USAID/SA implementing partners, as applicable.

d. Data Management and Utilization: Describe the proposed data systems and data management plan, including collection, quality assurance, compilation and reporting. Include management structure, staffing, and systems. Describe the management approach to proactively utilize PEPFAR data.

7. Institutional Capability - Up to 3 Pages

Applicants shall provide a brief summary of the institutional capabilities and technical strengths, including unique or specialty areas of technical expertise. This should include the capacity to mount effective and efficient field operations and quickly initiate and maintain quality programs.

8. Past Performance - Up to 3 Pages

The application shall include detailed information of past performance demonstrating evidence of relevant technical and managerial expertise to design and implement this Activity. Applicants should include information demonstrating their ability to work with key stakeholders (e.g., government, NGO sector, CBOs, civil society and informal groups and networks). The application should include an Annex listing of all relevant contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements involving similar or related programs during the past five years. The reference information for these awards shall include the activity location, award number (if available), a brief description of the work performed, and a point of contact with current telephone numbers and email addresses. USAID reserves the right to obtain past performance information from other sources including those not named in the applications.

Technical Annexes

Annex A - Supporting Data (up to 7 pages total)
This section is optional, and may include any detailed graphs, maps, tables and other related technical information that support the Applicant's technical approach. All supporting data must

be clearly referenced in Technical Application and referred to in Annex A (e.g. 'See Annex A, Figure 1).

Annex B – Draft Work Plan (up to 3 pages)
This section will include a draft first year work plan. Table format is acceptable.

Annex C - Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan (up to 3 pages)
This section will include a draft five-year MEL Plan using at a minimum the PEPFAR MER 2.0 indicators. The draft MEL Plan will show the proposed progression of annual targets to achieve end-of-activity results. Table format is acceptable.

Annex D - Organizational chart (up to 2 pages)
This section will include a pictorial organigram that demonstrates the organization of staff including reporting relationships and locations.

Annex E - Key Personnel CVs and Letters of Commitment (up to 20 pages)
This section must include CVs and letters of commitment for each proposed key personnel candidate. Each key personnel CV may be up to 3 pages in length. Each proposed candidate must sign a letter stating that s/he is committed to serving in the position for which s/he is being proposed, and will include the date s/he is available to begin working on the program.

Annex F - Mobilization Plan (up to 3 pages)
This section will demonstrate the applicant's proposed mobilization plan describing the steps it will take to initiate all activities, such as hiring staff, renting office space, liaising with sub-awardees, engaging national, provincial and district counterparts, etc.

Annex G – Past Performance Relevant to this RFA (up to 2 pages)
This section will provide detailed list of all relevant contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements involving similar or related programs during the past five years. The reference information for these awards shall include the activity location, award number (if available), a brief description of the work performed, and a point of contact with current telephone numbers and email addresses. A table format is acceptable.

B. Instructions for the Preparation of the Cost/Business Application

The Cost/Business Application must be submitted separately from the technical application. The overall budget must be presented in US dollars, must provide the types of costs broken down by years, organized in the cost categories in the SF-424 budget, and using the attached budget template/format. The exchange rate for budget preparation is US$1 to R13.00. While there is no page limit for the cost application, the applicant is encouraged to be concise as an extensive cost analysis will be performed for the apparently successful Applicant. In order for USAID to accomplish this cost analysis, the information provided by the Applicant in the detailed budget and budget narrative must be complete and in enough detail to determine whether the proposed costs for the Applicant's program are realistic, allocable, allowable and reasonable.

Applicants are required to provide the following items:

1) **SF-424 and SF-424A -** The Applicant must sign and submit the cost application standard form number SF-424 and SF-424A. Standard Forms can be accessed electronically at www.grants.gov.

2) **Detailed Budget** – The applicant must provide a detailed budget utilizing the required template provided as an attachment to this RFA. The detailed budget must include a breakdown of all anticipated costs, by cost element, by year for the entire period of 60 months or five years. The template includes a summary budget, a tab for detailed information about the Prime Applicant's costs, and a tab for the detailed costs that are specific to each proposed sub-awardee, as well as the breakdown of the financial and in-kind contributions of all such organizations. Applicants must provide a breakdown of the cost share (financial and in-kind contributions) of all organizations involved in implementing the resulting Cooperative Agreement. The budget must be provided in electronic form in unprotected Microsoft Excel format with unlocked formulas utilizing the mandatory budget template provided as part of the RFA.

3) **Budget Narrative (not to exceed 40 pages)** – A detailed budget narrative and justification that explains the total program amount for implementation of the program is required. The budget narrative should provide information regarding the basis for each line item, including reference to sources used to substantiate the cost estimate (e.g. organization's policy, payroll document, and vendor quotes, etc.), as well as costs associated with headquarters and regional or country offices. The budget narrative must clearly identify the basis of all costs (e.g. market surveys, price quotations, current salaries, historical experience). It must discuss any assumptions made by the Applicant in formulating its Cost/Business Application. A detailed budget narrative must also be provided for each proposed sub-awardee.

   Cost Sharing - USAID has established a required cost share of ten percent (10%) of the Award's projected value of for the recipient of the award. The Applicant must propose cost share resources to fulfill this requirement and estimate the amount of cost-sharing to be mobilized over the life of the agreement as well as specify the sources of such resources, and the basis of calculation in the budget narrative. USAID shall make the final determination and assess whether or not the Applicant's cost share contributions (e.g. categories or items) meet the standards set in 2 CFR 200 (US Organizations) or Cost Share Standard Provision (Non-US Organizations).

4) **Other Supporting Documentation -** If the Applicant has established a consortium or legal relationship among its partners, the Cost/Business application must include a copy of the legal relationship between the parties.

   In the case of an application where the entity receiving the award is a joint venture, partnership or some other type of group where the proposed applicant is not a legal entity, the Cost/Business Application must include a copy of the legal relationship between the prime applicant and its partners. The application document should include a full discussion of the relationship between the applicant and its partners, including identification of the applicant with which USAID will directly engage for purposes of Agreement administration, the identity of the applicant which will have accounting responsibility, how Agreement effort will be allocated and the express Agreement of the principals thereof to be held jointly and severally liable for the acts or omissions of the other.

   The cost/business application must include letters of commitments from proposed partners which state that the organization is committed to implementing the activities for which it is being proposed and the proposed costs have been discussed.

   The Applicant must submit a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) if the organization has such an agreement with an agency or department of the U.S. Government. If the organization does not have a current NICRA, the Applicant may be requested to submit the following:

Reviewed Financial Statements Report: a report issued by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) documenting the review of the financial statements was performed in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services; that management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation. In addition, the applicant must state that the organization/firm is not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements; or

Audited Financial Statements Report: An auditor issues a report documenting the audit was conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS), the financial statements are the responsibility of management, provides an opinion that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the company and the results of operations are in conformity with the applicable financial reporting framework (or issues a qualified opinion if the financial statements are not in conformity with the applicable financial reporting framework.

[Reviewed Financial Statements Report and Audited Financial Statements Report need not be submitted initially. USAID will request them if and when they are needed.]

5) **Certifications, Assurances, and Other Statements of the Recipient**
Successful applicants will be requested to submit signed copies of the Certifications, Assurances, and Other Statements of the Recipient. The documentation can be found in ADS 303mav at https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/303mav.pdf.

[Do not submit the Certifications, Assurances, and Other Statements unless USAID requests you to do so.]

6) **Evidence of Responsibility**

The Applicant must submit information to demonstrate that it:

- Has adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources, as required during the performance of the award.

- Has the ability to meet the award terms and conditions, considering all existing prospective recipient commitments, both nongovernmental and governmental.

- Has a satisfactory record of performance. Generally, relevant unsatisfactory performance in the past is enough to justify a finding of non-responsibility, unless there is clear evidence of subsequent satisfactory performance or the applicant has taken adequate corrective measures to assure that it will be able to perform its functions satisfactorily.

- Has a satisfactory record of business integrity.

- Is otherwise qualified to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

7) **Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management -** USAID may not award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements.

All applicants must provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number. DUNS number is a nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by internet at www.dnb.com.

All Applicants must comply with the requirement to register in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov. Each applicant is required to be registered in SAM before submitting its application, and continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal awarding agency.

4. Funding Restrictions

USAID's policy is not to award profit under assistance instruments. 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 principle under 2 CFR 200 Subpart E. of the Uniform Administrative Requirements may be paid under the anticipated award.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the U.S. Government, nor does it commit the Government to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, USAID reserves the right to reject any or all applications received. In addition, final award of any resultant Cooperative Agreement(s) will not be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated, and committed through internal USAID procedures. While it is anticipated that these procedures will be successfully completed, potential applicants are hereby notified of these requirements and conditions for award. All application preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's own expense. USAID will not cover costs incurred for application preparation or any costs prior to making an award.

[End of Section D]

SECTION E - APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. Review Criteria for the Technical Application

USAID will conduct a merit review of received applications that comply with the instructions in this RFA. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated utilizing a numeric rating system in accordance with the following criteria:.

Criteria 1: Technical Understanding and Proposed Program (25 Points)
The extent to which the proposed technical program, including the proposed monitoring and evaluation approach, demonstrate a clear understanding of the objectives of the program and a sustainable approach to achieving the desired results with rapid results reached in Year One and a steady increase in subsequent years.

Criteria 2: Management Approach (35 Points)
The extent to which the proposed Management Approach (including its proposed key personnel) is realistic and positioned to effectively and successfully implement the proposed program to achieve results.

Criteria 3 - Institutional Capability (30 Points)
The extent to which the existing capabilities of the applicant and its major sub-partners demonstrates the ability to successfully implement the proposed program to achieve results.

Criteria 4 - Past Performance (10 Points)
Extent to which the applicant and any sub-partners demonstrate *successful* performance in achieving results on similar programs.

2. Review Criteria for the Cost Application

Cost Applications will be evaluated for realism, reasonableness, allowability and allocability in accordance with applicable cost principles. USAID will also consider the level of proposed cost share. Other considerations are the completeness of the application, adequacy of budget detail and consistency addressing elements of the technical application. In addition, the organization must demonstrate adequate financial management capability.

3. Cost Sharing

USAID has established a required cost share of ten percent (10%) of the Award's projected value of for the recipient of the award. Leveraged non-USAID resources from private firms and institutions (such as equipment, training, level of effort and any in-kind contributions) may be considered part of cost share. Cost sharing may be also demonstrated either through direct funding, beneficiary contributions, in-kind assistance, or a combination thereof. USAID shall make the final determination and assess whether or not the Applicant's cost share contributions meet the standards set in 2 CFR 200.

4. Selection Decision

Technical merit is considerably more important than cost factors. However, estimated cost is an important factor and the estimated cost to the Government increases in importance as competing applications approach equivalence and may become the deciding factor when technical applications are approximately equivalent in merit.

5. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates

It is anticipated that award(s) will be made in approximately September 2018, with the achievement of results expected to be reported as of December 2018.

[End of Section E]

SECTION F - FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Federal Award Notices

The Agreement Officer is the only individual authorized to commit the U.S. Government to the expenditure of public funds. The Agreement Officer will notify successful applicant(s) of its selection for an award or a cooperative agreement(s). USAID will provide this notification electronically to the person designated to receive this information in the application. Notification will also be made electronically to unsuccessful applicants.

An award of an agreement under this RFA cannot be made until funds have been appropriated, allocated and committed through internal USAID procedures. While USAID anticipates that these procedures will be successfully completed, potential applicants are hereby notified of these requirements and conditions for the award. The Agreement Officer is the only individual who may legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds. No costs chargeable to the proposed Agreement may be incurred before receipt of either a fully executed Agreement or a specific, written authorization from the Agreement Officer.

2. Administrative & National Policy Requirements

For Non-U.S., Non-Governmental organizations, the USAID Standard Provisions for Non-U.S., Non-Governmental recipients and the applicable cost principles in 2 CFR 200 for non-profit organizations will apply. The Standard Provisions for Non-U.S., Non-Governmental recipients can be accessed through the following URL: http://www.usaid.gov/ads/policy/300/303mab

For US organizations (as sub-recipients), 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 700, and the USAID Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental recipients will be applicable. The Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental recipients can be accessed through following URL: http://www.usaid.gov/ads/policy/300/303maa

3. Reporting Requirements

The following reports and related requirements will be included in the Cooperative Agreement(s) issued as a result of this RFA. Applicants are reminded to budget prudent and adequate resources for completing the required reporting. All reports shall be in the English language, unless otherwise specified by the AOR. Electronic submissions will be preferred. It is not necessary to submit any of these documents with the application, but submission will be required under any resultant cooperative agreement(s).

The reporting formats, a detailed time line, and instructions for the monitoring and evaluation plan, annual work plan, progress reports, success stories and any other USAID and PEPFAR related reporting requirements will be provided to the Recipient upon award.

A. Financial Reporting

Financial reporting requirements will be in accordance with the Standard Provisions for Non-U.S Organizations. The recipient must submit an electronic version of the SF 425 Financial Report to the Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR) on a quarterly basis. Electronic copies of the SF-425 can be found at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_forms

In addition, the Recipient must submit quarterly financial reports to USAID/SA within 30 days after the end of each quarter of the fiscal year during the performance period. The Recipient will use the form PEPFAR Program Expenditures (DS-4213 OMB 1405-0208), the PROMIS information system and subsequently approved information systems as a part of completing the PEPFAR Expenditure Analysis at the end of each USG fiscal year (September 30). Copies of all required financial reports will be submitted to the USAID/Southern Africa Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR).

B. Program Reporting

The recipient will submit reports to the USAID AOR as described below:

1. Annual Work Plan

The Recipient shall submit annual work plans per USAID/SA and PEPFAR guidance. Annual work plans begin on October 1 of each year and are submitted along with a work plan budget in writing and presented orally during Work Plan Peer Reviews to the USAID Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR) and other USAID staff for discussion, review and approval. A standardized template for annual work plans is used by USAID partners and will be provided to the Recipient(s) upon award.

2. Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

A rigorous monitoring and evaluation system for the Activity, including adequate staffing, technical support and information systems for routine data collection and analytics, is required.

PEPFAR indicators will be used to report performance. A complete list of the indicators used by PEPFAR will be provided to the Awardees. PEPFAR indicators can also be found in PEPFAR's Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting (MER) Indicators Reference Guide at www.pepfar.gov. In addition, Site Improvement through Monitoring System (SIMS) data will also be reported.

The Recipient will work closely with USAID to finalize indicators and set performance targets based on USAID and PEPFAR guidance and requirements. The Recipient will be responsible for data collection, analysis, and performance reporting required by USAID and PEPFAR per defined monthly, quarterly and annual results reporting cycle. Data will be used to evaluate Recipient performance, drive decisions, guide course corrections as needed, and determine future funding. Data are reported to USAID/South Africa and the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator/Washington (OGAC) office using the Data for Accountability Transparency and Impact (DATIM) system.

3. Performance Reporting

The Recipient will at a minimum submit quarterly and annual performance reports to the AOR within 30 days after the end of the performance period. At the request of the AOR, the Recipient will also submit performance reports at the end of each month to track performance and mitigation plans.

The quarterly performance reports shall include the following information:

i) a summary of activities and key achievements;
ii) a description of progress made during the reporting period and actual achievements; and
iii) an assessment of overall progress to date against performance indicators agreed upon, and the planned outputs for the reporting period in the annual implementation plan.

The reports should also highlight key accomplishments and any issues that are affecting the timing of activities, steps being taken or proposals being made to resolve issues, plans and intended outputs for the following quarter.

Performance reports will also report on the number of beneficiaries, disaggregated by age and sex bands, supported during the quarter.

4. Ad Hoc Reports

The Recipient will fulfill ad hoc requirements for specific deliverables, reports and other documentation in support of activities specified in the work plan. Those reports will be due based on the schedule established in the work plan, or any modifications thereof. Ad hoc reports may be requested by the AOR as authorized in 2 CFR 200 and the PEPFAR Reauthorization ACT (PL 110-293).

4. Development Experience Clearinghouse Requirements

The recipient must submit to the Development Experience Clearinghouse reports in accordance with Mandatory standard provision M.8 Submissions to the Development Experience Clearinghouse and Data Rights (2012).

5. Program Income

If program income is anticipated to be generated under the award, program income will be added to total program amount in accordance with the standard provision RAA15. Program Income (December 2014).

6. Branding & Marking

It is a federal statutory and regulatory requirement that all USAID programs, projects, activities, public communications, and commodities that USAID partially or fully funds under a USAID grant or cooperative agreement or sub award must be marked appropriately overseas with the USAID Identity. In addition, the successful applicant(s) will be required to comply with USAID and PEPFAR policy on marking and branding. See the USAID standard provisions below and “Marking and Public Communications under USAID-funded Assistance (December 2014)”

USAID will request and evaluate a branding strategy and marking plan from the apparently successful Applicant(s), except in cases where an existing waiver applies; this evaluation will not be part of the competitive evaluation set forth in this section. The apparently successful applicant’s proposed Marking Plan may include a request for approval of one or more exceptions to marking requirements. The Agreement Officer is responsible for evaluating and approving the Branding Strategy and a Marking Plan (including any request for exceptions) of the apparently successful applicant(s), consistent with the provisions “Branding Strategy,” and USAID and PEPFAR policy on branding and marking. Please note that in contrast to “exceptions” to marking requirements, waivers based on circumstances in the host country must be approved by Mission Directors or other USAID Principal Officers.

No award will be made without USAID approved Branding Strategy and Marking Plan. The following provisions apply under this RFA:

Branding Strategy – Assistance (June 2012)

a. Applicants recommended for an assistance award must submit and negotiate a "Branding Strategy," describing how the program, project, or activity is named and positioned, and how it is promoted and communicated to beneficiaries and host country citizens.

b. The request for a Branding Strategy, by the Agreement Officer from the applicant, confers no rights to the applicant and constitutes no USAID commitment to an award.

c. Failure to submit and negotiate a Branding Strategy within the time frame specified by the Agreement Officer will make the applicant ineligible for an award.

d. The applicant must include all estimated costs associated with branding and marking USAID programs, such as plaques, stickers, banners, press events, materials, and so forth, in the budget portion of the application. These costs are subject to the revision and negotiation with the Agreement Officer and will be incorporated into the Total Estimated Amount of the grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance instrument.

e. The Branding Strategy must include, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) All estimated costs associated with branding and marking USAID programs, such as plaques, stickers, banners, press events, materials, and so forth.

(2) The intended name of the program, project, or activity.

(i) USAID requires the applicant to use the “USAID Identity,” comprised of the USAID logo and brand mark, with the tagline “from the American people” as found on the USAID Web site at http://www.usaid.gov/branding, unless Section VI of the RFA or APS states that the USAID Administrator has approved the use of an additional or substitute logo, seal, or tagline.

(ii) USAID prefers local language translations of the phrase “made possible by (or with) the generous support of the American People” next to the USAID Identity when acknowledging contributions.

(iii) It is acceptable to co-brand the title with the USAID Identity and the applicant's identity.

(iv) If branding in the above manner is inappropriate or not possible, the applicant must explain how USAID's involvement will be showcased during publicity for the program or project.

(v) USAID prefers to fund projects that do not have a separate logo or identity that competes with the USAID Identity. If there is a plan to develop a separate logo to consistently identify this program, the applicant must attach a copy of the proposed logos. Section VI of the RFA or APS will state if an Administrator approved the use of an additional or substitute logo, seal, or tagline.

(3) The intended primary and secondary audiences for this project or program, including direct beneficiaries and any special target segments.

(4) Planned communication or program materials used to explain or market the program to beneficiaries.

(i) Describe the main program message.

(ii) Provide plans for training materials, posters, pamphlets, public service announcement, billboards, Web sites, and so forth, as appropriate.

(iii) Provide any plans to announce and promote publicly this program or project to host country citizens, such as media releases, press conferences, public events, and so forth. Applicant must incorporate the USAID Identity and the message, "USAID is from the American People."

(iv) Provide any additional ideas to increase awareness that the American people support this project or program.

(5) Information on any direct involvement from host-country government or ministry, including any planned acknowledgement of the host-country government.

(6) Any other groups whose logo or identity the applicant will use on program materials and related materials. Indicate if they are a donor or why they will be visibly acknowledged, and if they will receive the same prominence as USAID.

e. The Agreement Officer will review the Branding Strategy to ensure the above information is adequately included and consistent with the stated objectives of the award, the applicant's cost data submissions, and the performance plan.

f. If the applicant receives an assistance award, the Branding Strategy will be included in and made part of the resulting grant or cooperative agreement.

(END OF PROVISION)

Marking Plan – Assistance (June 2012)

a. Applicants recommended for an assistance award must submit and negotiate a "Marking Plan," detailing the public communications, commodities, and program materials, and other items that will visibly bear the "USAID Identity," which comprises of the USAID logo and brand mark, with the tagline "from the American people." The USAID Identity is the official marking for the Agency, and is found on the USAID Web site at http://www.usaid.gov/branding. Section VI of the RFA or APS will state if an Administrator approved the use of an additional or substitute logo, seal, or tagline.

b. The request for a Marking Plan, by the Agreement Officer from the applicant, confers no rights to the applicant and constitutes no USAID commitment to an award.

c. Failure to submit and negotiate a Marking Plan within the time frame specified by the Agreement Officer will make the applicant ineligible for an award.

d. The applicant must include all estimated costs associated with branding and marking USAID programs, such as plaques, stickers, banners, press events, materials, and so forth, in the budget portion of the application. These costs are subject to the revision and negotiation with the Agreement Officer and will be incorporated into the Total Estimated Amount of the grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance instrument.

e. The Marking Plan must include all of the following:

(1) A description of the public communications, commodities, and program materials that the applicant plans to produce and which will bear the USAID and PEPFAR Identities as part of the award, including:

(i) Program, project, or activity sites funded by USAID and PEPFAR, including visible infrastructure projects or other sites physical in nature;

(ii) Technical assistance, studies, reports, papers, publications, audio-visual productions, public service announcements, web sites/Internet activities, promotional, informational, media, or communications products funded by USAID and PEPFAR;

(iii) Commodities, equipment, supplies, and other materials funded by USAID and PEPFAR, including commodities or equipment provided under humanitarian assistance or disaster relief
programs; and

(iv) It is acceptable to co-brand the title with the USAID and PEPFAR Identities and the applicant's identity.

(v) Events financed by USAID and PEPFAR, such as training courses, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, fairs, workshops, press conferences and other public activities. If the USAID and PEPFAR Identities cannot be displayed, the recipient is encouraged to otherwise acknowledge USAID and PEPFAR and the support of the American people.

(2) A table on the program deliverables with the following details:

(i) The program deliverables that the applicant plans to mark with the USAID and PEPFAR Identities;

(ii) The type of marking and what materials the applicant will use to mark the program deliverables;

(iii) When in the performance period the applicant will mark the program deliverables, and where the applicant will place the marking;

(iv) What program deliverables the applicant does not plan to mark with the USAID and PEPFAR Identities, and

(v) The rationale for not marking program deliverables.

(3) Any requests for an exemption from USAID and PEPFAR marking requirements, and an explanation of why the exemption would apply. The applicant may request an exemption if USAID and PEPFAR marking requirements would:

(i) Compromise the intrinsic independence or neutrality of a program or materials where independence or neutrality is an inherent aspect of the program and materials. The applicant must identify the USAID Development Objective, Interim Result, or program goal furthered by an appearance of neutrality, or state why an aspect of the award is presumptively neutral. Identify by category or deliverable item, examples of material for which an exemption is sought.

(ii) Diminish the credibility of audits, reports, analyses, studies, or policy recommendations whose data or findings must be seen as independent. The applicant must explain why each particular deliverable must be seen as credible.

(iii) Undercut host-country government “ownership” of constitutions, laws, regulations, policies, studies, assessments, reports, publications, surveys or audits, public service announcements, or other communications. The applicant must explain why each particular item or product is better positioned as host-country government item or product.

(iv) Impair the functionality of an item. The applicant must explain how marking the item or commodity would impair its functionality.

(v) Incur substantial costs or be impractical. The applicant must explain why marking would not be cost beneficial or practical.

(vi) Offend local cultural or social norms, or be considered inappropriate. The applicant must identify the relevant norm, and explain why marking would violate that norm or otherwise be inappropriate.

(vii) Conflict with international law. The applicant must identify the applicable international law violated by the marking.

f. The Agreement Officer will consider the Marking Plan's adequacy and reasonableness and will approve or disapprove any exemption requests. The Marking Plan will be reviewed to ensure the above information is adequately included and consistent with the stated objectives of the award, the applicant's cost data submissions, and the performance plan.

g. If the applicant receives an assistance award, the Marking Plan, including any approved exemptions, will be included in and made part of the resulting grant or cooperative agreement, and will apply for the term of the award unless provided otherwise.

(END OF PROVISION)

7. Environmental Compliance

1a) The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, Section 117 requires that the impact of USAID’s activities on the environment be considered and that USAID include environmental sustainability as a central consideration in designing and carrying out its development programs. This mandate is codified in Federal Regulations (22 CFR 216) and in USAID’s Automated Directives System (ADS) Part 204 (http://www.usaid.gov/policy/ADS/200/), which, in part, require that the potential environmental impacts of USAID-financed activities are identified prior to a final decision to proceed and that appropriate environmental safeguards are adopted for all activities.

1b) In addition, the Recipient must comply with host country environmental regulations unless otherwise directed in writing by USAID. In case of conflict between host country and USAID regulations, the latter shall govern.

1c) No activity funded under this Cooperative Agreement will be implemented unless an environmental threshold determination, as defined by 22 CFR 216, has been reached for that activity, as documented in a Request for Categorical Exclusion (RCE), Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), or Environmental Assessment (EA) duly signed by the Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO). (Hereinafter, such documents are described as “approved Regulation 216 environmental documentation.”)

2) An Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) XXX-008 has been approved for the Health Program funding this Cooperative Agreement. The IEE covers activities expected to be implemented under this Cooperative Agreement. USAID has determined that a Negative Determination with conditions applies to one or more of the proposed activities. This indicates that if these activities are implemented subject to the specified conditions, they are expected to have no significant adverse effect on the environment. The recipient shall be responsible for implementing all IEE conditions pertaining to activities to be funded under this award.

3) Reserved

4a) As part of its initial Work Plan, and all Annual Work Plans thereafter, the Recipient in collaboration with the USAID AOR and Mission Environmental Officer or Bureau Environmental Officer, as appropriate, shall review all ongoing and planned activities under this Cooperative Agreement to determine if they are within the scope of the approved Regulation 216 environmental documentation.

4b) If the Recipient plans any new activities outside the scope of the approved Regulation 216 environmental documentation, it shall prepare an amendment to the documentation for USAID review and approval. No such new activities shall be undertaken prior to receiving written USAID approval of environmental documentation amendments.

4c) Any ongoing activities found to be outside the scope of the approved Regulation 216 environmental documentation shall be halted until an amendment to the documentation is submitted and written approval is received from USAID.

When the approved Regulation 216 documentation is (1) an IEE that contains one or more Negative Determinations with conditions and/or (2) an EA, the recipient shall:

5a) Unless the approved Regulation 216 documentation contains a complete environmental mitigation and monitoring plan (EMMP) or a project mitigation and monitoring (M&M) plan, the recipient shall prepare an EMMP or M&M Plan describing how the recipient will, in specific terms, implement all IEE and/or EA conditions that apply to proposed project activities within the scope of the award. The EMMP or M&M Plan shall include monitoring the implementation of the conditions and their effectiveness.

5b) Integrate a completed EMMP or M&M Plan into the initial work plan.

5c) Integrate an EMMP or M&M Plan into subsequent Annual Work Plans, making any necessary adjustments to activity implementation in order to minimize adverse impacts to the environment.

8. CONSCIENCE CLAUSE IMPLEMENTATION (ASSISTANCE) – (February 2012)

(a) An organization, including a faith-based organization, that is otherwise eligible to receive funds under this agreement for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, or care—

1) Shall not be required, as a condition of receiving such assistance—

(i) to endorse or utilize a multisectoral or comprehensive approach to combating HIV/AIDS; or

(ii) to endorse, utilize, make a referral to, become integrated with, or otherwise participate in any program or activity to which the organization has a religious or moral objection;

and

2) Shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or issuance of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements for refusing to meet any requirement described in paragraph (a)(1) above.

(b) An applicant who believes that this solicitation contains provisions or requirements that would require it to endorse or use an approach or participate in an activity to which it has a religious or moral objection must so notify the cognizant Agreement Officer in accordance with the Mandatory Standard Provision titled "Notices" as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 15 calendar days before the deadline for submission of applications under this solicitation. The applicant must advise which activity(ies) it could not implement and the nature of the religious or moral objection.

(c) In responding to the solicitation, an applicant with a religious or moral objection may compete for any funding opportunity as a prime partner, or as a leader or member of a consortium that comes together to compete for an award. Alternatively, such applicant may limit its application to those activities it can undertake and must indicate in its submission the activity(ies) it has excluded based on religious or moral objection. The offeror's proposal will be evaluated based on the activities for which a proposal is submitted, and will not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably due to the absence of a proposal addressing the activity(ies) to which it objected and which it thus omitted. In addition to the notification in paragraph (b) above, the applicant must meet the submission date provided for in the solicitation.

(END OF PROVISION)

9. PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO ENTITIES THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS – REPRESENTATION (MAY 2017)

(a) Definitions.

"Contract" has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200.

"Contractor" means an entity that receives a contract as defined in 2 CFR Part 200.

"Internal confidentiality agreement or statement" means a confidentiality agreement or any other written statement that the recipient requires any of its employees or sub recipients to sign regarding nondisclosure of recipient information, except that it does not include confidentiality agreements arising out of civil litigation or confidentiality agreements that recipient employees or sub recipients sign at the behest of a Federal agency.

“Sub award” has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200.

“Sub recipient” has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200.

(b) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use funds appropriated (or otherwise made available) for federal assistance to a non-Federal entity that requires its employees, sub recipients, or contractors seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict its employees, sub recipients, or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(c) The prohibition in paragraph (b) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(d) Representation. By submission of its application, the prospective recipient represents that it will not require its employees, sub recipients, or contractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting its employees, sub recipients, or contractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Federal award to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (for example, the Agency Office of the Inspector General).

(End of Provision)

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SECTION G - FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY CONTACTS

The Agreement Office for this award is: USAID/Southern Africa Regional Office of Acquisition and Assistance

The Financial Management Office for this award is: USAID/Southern Africa Regional Financial Management Office

The Technical Office for this Award is: USAID/South Africa (bilateral) Health Office

[END OF SECTION G]

SECTION H - OTHER INFORMATION

KEY DOCUMENTS

The following is a list of key documents that provide additional background information related to this RFA that may be useful to applicants. The majority of these documents are publicly available; documents not accessible are included in the package of materials provided on www.grants.gov.

GoSA Background Documents & Resources

- South Africa National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB and STIs 2017-2022.
- South Africa National Adherence Guidelines for Chronic Diseases (HIV, TB and NCDs)
- South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence and Behavior Household Survey 2012 by Human Sciences Resource Council (HSRC).
- Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) Mid-year population estimates 2015. Statistical Release P0302, Statistics South Africa: Pretoria.
- Progress report on the National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB and STIs (2012-2016). South Africa National AIDS Council: Pretoria.
- Enhanced Progress Report: National Strategic Plan on HIV, STIs and TB (2012-2016). 2016, South African National AIDS Council: Pretoria.
- South African HIV and TB Investment Case: Reference Report. 2016, South African National AIDS Council: Pretoria.
- Ministerial Commitment on comprehensive sexuality education and reproductive health services for adolescents and young people in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA). 2013; Available from: http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/HIV-AIDS/pdf/ESACommitmentFINALAffirmedon7thDecember.pdf.
- National Antenatal Sentinel HIV Prevalence Survey. 2015, National Department of Health: Pretoria.
- Implementation of the Universal Test and Treat Strategy for HIV Positive Patients and Differentiated Care for Stable Patients. 2016, National Department of Health: Pretoria.
- National Adolescent and Youth Policy (DOH August 2017)
- National Policy on HIV, STI & TB (DBE August 2017)
- The Integrated School Health Policy and Program (2012)

USG Background Documents & Resources

- 2017 PEPFAR Country Operational Plan for South Africa
- PEPFAR Fiscal Year 2017 Country/Regional Operational Plan (COP/ROP) Guidance
- PEPFAR/SA COP17 Strategic Direction Summary
- PEPFAR/SA COP17 Data Pack
- U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Strategy for Accelerating HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control (2017–2020)
- PEPFAR DREAMS Final Guidance
- PEPFAR Strategies for Identifying and Linking HIV-infected Infants, Children, and Adolescents to HIV Care and Treatment
- PEPFAR 3.0 – Controlling the Epidemic: Delivering on the Promise of an AIDS-free Generation, 2014
- USAID Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy, 2012
- USAID Local Systems: A Framework for Supporting Sustainable Development, 2013

- USAID Sustainable Service Delivery in an Increasingly Urbanized World, 2013
- USAID Youth in Development Policy, 2013
- USAID Assist Project: Lessons Learned From Applying Collaborative Improvement Methodologies To Strengthen The Performance And Productivity Of HIV Human Resources (December 2016) (https://www.usaidassist.org/resources/lessons-learned-applying-collaborative-improvement-methodologies ; https://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/publications/tr-17-166/)
- http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2017/global-social-work-responds-to-HIV Chapter 1
- Clinical Management of Children and Adolescent that have experienced Sexual Violence (https://aidsfree.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/prc_english.pdf)
- Strengthening Linkages between clinical and social services for Children and Adolescents who have experienced sexual violence (https://aidsfree.usaid.gov/resources/prc-companaion-guide)
- Child Safeguarding Guidance (http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1864/200mbt.pdf)
- PEPFAR Program Guidance (https://www.pepfar.gov/reports/guidance/)
- https://www.measureevaluation.org/our-work/OVC/ovc-program-evaluation-tool-kit
- What Does Not Work in Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health: A Review of Evidence on Interventions Commonly Accepted as Best Practices by Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli, Catherine Lane, Sylvia Wong

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