



REQUEST FOR SUB-GRANT FUNDS APPLICATION KHP 2018/001

Introduction

MARPs Network Limited (MNL) is a national not for profit organisation that partners with the Government of Uganda and its development partners to end the HIV epidemic among Key and Priority Populations in Uganda.

MNL in consortium with Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) and Mildmay Uganda (MUg) implements the Kampala Region HIV project (KHP) titled *Accelerating epidemic control in Kampala region of Uganda under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief through scale up of evidence based and high impact interventions towards achievement of UNAIDS 90:90:90 targets* under the cooperative agreement No. 1 NU2GGH002022-01-00. The Project is funded by Centers for Diseases Control and prevention. The five year project (2017-2022) targets Wakiso District and Kampala Capital City Authority.

In this grant, MARPs Network will support to build the community systems for improved service delivery to attain the 90-90-90 targets among the Key and Priority Populations.

Objectives

The specific objectives of the sub-grant is to MARPs Network are to:

- 1) To increase demand and utilisation of HIV prevention, care and treatment services among Key and Priority Populations the Kampala Region by 2022
- 2) To increase capacity of health care facilities to provide non-discriminatory and responsive quality HIV prevention, care and treatment services for Key and Priority Populations
- 3) To strengthen the capacity of KP led CSOs for provision of combination prevention interventions for their constituencies

In line with the above, MNL will sub sub-grant some resources to KP/PP Led Network Organisations and Civil Society Organisations to contribute to the project results.

Purpose of the sub-granting mechanism to civil society organisations

The main purpose of the KP/PP sub-granting mechanism is to:

- a) Increase the depth and grassroots intensity of KP/PP activities interventions under the Kampala Region HIV Project to maximize impact
- b) Leverage local resources and capacity to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of KP/PP interventions
- c) Contribute to strengthening of local KP/PP institutions for enhanced quality and potential for long-term sustainability of KP/PP services

For purposes of this call, MNL is looking for a performance based partnership in the delivery of innovative Comprehensive Prevention, Treatment and Care (CoPTC) interventions within Kampala Capital City and Wakiso District.

During this call, MNL anticipates to award Ten (10) sub-grants totalling UGX 165,000,000 for an initial budget period of six (3) months as a pilot. Continuation funding for all subsequent budget periods beyond this will depend on the sub-grantee's performance, accountability discipline and availability of funds.



Funding under this RFA has been allocated to two clusters:

- 1) Network Organisations allocated **UGX 115,500,000**
- 2) Individual CSOs allocated **UGX 49,500,000**

Interventions and scope of work

The proposed interventions can be in any or all of the following themes:

- 1. Key Population Engagement and Empowerment**
 - Support key population groups through capacity development and organizational strengthening
 - Foster oversight of clinical services and other services by the key population community
- 2. Structural Interventions**
 - Establish a system to respond to incidents of violence, abuse, harassment, and discrimination against key population members
 - Identify, design, and implement strategies for violence prevention with the key population community and with power-holders
 - Develop strategies for reducing stigma in health-care settings
- 3. Peer Outreach**
 - Innovative approaches for increasing access to HIV testing for KPs/PPs
 - Support retention in care of HIV-positive key population members

Applicants for this pilot grant should observe at all times the conditions hereunder.

Maximum Impact: Resources availed under this grant should address the greatest needs within the scope of programming for this RFA. Working with the community structures, KP/PPs should be identified and their needs meticulously documented. Interventions to address them as per the programming should be provided with evidence of progress by the end of the grant. Regular monitoring and evaluation to build up into the impact should be carried out.

Sustainability: The programming approaches and process under this funding should be in position to outlast the duration of the project and address the needs of the KP/PPs and their families possibly over their lifetimes with potential to transfer benefits, skills and knowledge beyond the index beneficiary. Critical to this is the leveraging of resources and skills resident with existing state and non-state actors programmes to build synergies through cooperation and utilization of comparative advantages to improve health, socioeconomic welfare and functioning of leadership and other social systems within the KP/PP communities to lessen vulnerability to HIV risk, stigma and discrimination. The interventions should also speak to national priorities of strengthening and improving HIV prevention, care and treatment services among KP/PPs.

Gender Responsiveness: In all programming, the needs of the diverse gender and sexuality and their relations in increasing the vulnerability to discrimination and HIV should be fully addressed.

Innovation: The interventions so proposed should be evidence based, or innovative with potential of being scaled-up.



Target applicant

MNL are looking for local national NGOs, District, regional NGOs, Networks and community based organisations to partner in the achievement of the program objectives above. They should be:

- i. Registered with the applicable national or district body and or MARPs Network Limited
- ii. Having established operations within the target districts, divisions, municipalities or sub-counties is an added advantage
- iii. Organizations with experience in HIV prevention, care and treatment for Key and Priority Populations
- iv. Familiarity with health programming and networking especially with KPs/PPs, PLHIV, Health Facilities and District Local Government or City Authority
- v. Demonstrable experience in project/programme management in HIV, health, gender and sexual diversity
- vi. Capacity to train and be trained in KP/PP programming

Application guide

All interested organizations **MUST** submit their written proposals electronically demonstrating their understanding project tasks mentioned above, the methodology of implementation, experience and potential for undertaking such a project. This must be accompanied by a costed work plan and budget linking the objectives to the proposed activities with clear outputs and the resource ramifications of each.

Supporting Documentation:

With the application, the organization should submit:

- Organizational Capacity statement and where applicable your performance in previous work
- Evidence of registration and or affiliation
- Copies of previous year's annual reports (program and financial) or evidence of previous work
- Details of the board of trustees/advisory committee with full contacts
- A letter of declaration that the information provided is correct

MNL shall validate the documents submitted. Should any of the information shared be found false, the applicant will automatically be disqualified from the process.



Preliminary, Technical and Financial Evaluation of the applications	26-30 th Mar 2018
Physical verification to applicants	4-6 April 2018
Final Selection Meeting	10 April 2018
Notification of applicants	15/4/2018

Award of contract

MNL reserves the right to accept or reject any application, to render any or all of the applications as non-responsive and to reject all applications at any time prior to the award of contract without incurring any liability or obligation to inform the affected applicants of the grounds for MNL's action.

Deadline

All applications (e-mail and hard copy) must be received by 12:00 noon of 7th March 2018 addressed to:

The Grants and Compliance Office

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