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## **REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

### **INVITATION TO BID FOR APPLICATION:** **Supporting Providers for Stigma-Free HIV Care.**

#### **Introduction**

The USAID- funded RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT project is a social medicine, HIV provider stigma and discrimination prevention project that will lead to the development of materials and approaches to be rolled out by the Government of Haiti's (GOH) HIV/AIDS National Program (PNLS) and implemented by health providers across the country. RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT aims to support the GOH to achieve and sustain control of the HIV epidemic by improving the quality of HIV services, particularly HIV treatment and care, in five targeted geographic departments (North, North East, Ouest, Arbonite, and South) to aid in retaining new and continuing patients in treatment, thereby contributing to UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals. In Haiti, RISE will work with the MOH and the PNLS, as well as other MOH/directorates and leadership at the departmental level, local civil society and university partners, PEPFAR implementing partners, and professional organizations and associations to improve the quality of HIV services delivered by HIV provider teams. By changing provider attitudes and improving the quality of care, RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT will help to reduce interruption in treatment (IIT) and increase continuity of treatment among PLHIV. This, in turn, will lead to more PLHIV on antiretroviral therapy (ART) that are virally suppressed.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICED TO BE PROVIDED:**

RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT seeks organizations to provide capacity building support to HIV providers to improve client-centered care through focused training as well as coaching and supportive supervision. The organization will also be expected to serve as the operational branch of the project in the departments and will be in close contact with RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT project staff, the PEPFAR-supported health facilities covered by the project, the Departmental Directorate HIV focal point, and other PLHIV and community (including key populations, youth, and other priority population) associations, networks, and advisory groups.

Period of Performance: December 2021-August 2022

The project intends to award Fixed Amount Awards as follows:

- Cluster 1: One (1) organization that will cover the Departments of North and North East
- Cluster 2: One (1) organization that will cover sites in the Departments of Ouest and Artibonite
- Cluster 3: One (1) organization that will cover sites in the South Department

Organizations are welcome to apply for more than one cluster.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:** If you are interested in receiving the RFA document please write to [htprocurement@msh.org](mailto:htprocurement@msh.org) with the subject line: "RFA Request: Supporting Providers". Please state in the body of the email:

- Name of your organization
- Names and email address to send the RFA (we recommend having it sent to at least 2 people)
- Cluster(s) of interest

**Please allow for 24 hours for the RFA to be emailed.**

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Interested organizations should meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Demonstrated experience conducting related activities in one or more of the 5 project departments during the last three years.
2. Capacity to conduct training and site visits, coordinate and facilitate stakeholder meetings, and collect data that are relevant for the project
3. Capacity to coach staff at health care facilities to maintain and adopt a stigma free attitude towards PLHIV.
4. Capacity to work with the Ministry of Health at the departmental level as well as PLHIV networks
5. Legal Registration;
6. Updated Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate;
7. Demonstrated expertise and experience in achieving the requirements of the Program Description; and
8. Demonstrated proficiency in English language reading and writing skills.