

For the purposes of this RFA, the term "Grant" is synonymous with "CA"; "Grantee" is synonymous with "Applicant"; and "Grant Officer" is synonymous with "Agreement Officer (AO)".

Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to award three Cooperative Agreements and provide approximately US\$100,173,911 in total USAID funding to be allocated over a period of 5 years for each of the following:

**SECTOR I:** Support for Service Delivery (SSD) - \$65,289,911;

**SECTOR II:** Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) - \$24,200,000; and

**SECTOR III:** Health Policy and Systems Strengthening (HPSS) - \$10,684,000.

One award is anticipated for each Sector discussed in this RFA. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

If your organization decides to submit an application for any of the above sectors, it must be received by the closing date and time indicated at the top of this cover letter and Section III of the RFA in accordance with the instructions contained in the RFA. Any questions concerning this RFA must be submitted in writing to me via email at [cfrost@usaid.gov](mailto:cfrost@usaid.gov) and to Ms. Beatrice M. Lumande at [blumande@usaid.gov](mailto:blumande@usaid.gov).

If it is determined that the answer to any question(s) is of sufficient importance to warrant notification to all prospective recipients, a Questions and Answer document, and/or if needed, an amendment to the RFA, will be issued. Therefore, questions should be submitted no later than the date indicated on the cover page.

Applicants are requested to submit both technical and cost portions of their applications in separate volumes, and in separate electronic attachments. Award will be made to the responsible applicant whose application offers the greatest value to the U.S. Government.

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 costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. In addition, final award of any resultant agreement cannot 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. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant; should circumstances prevent award of a cooperative agreement, all preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

Sincerely,



Christopher Frost  
Agreement Officer