**Notice of Intent: Program to End Modern Slavery FY 2023**

Subject to the availability of funds, the U.S. State Department’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office) intends to award, through a competitive process, one or more cooperative agreements to organizations to implement a project using Intervention Development Research (IDR). The project will support the objectives and activities of the Program to End Modern Slavery (PEMS). Information about existing PEMS programs is available on our website: <https://www.state.gov/program-to-end-modern-slavery>.

**Background:**

The goal of PEMS is to measurably and substantially reduce the prevalence of human trafficking in targeted populations in partner countries and jurisdictions through innovative interventions driven by research, monitoring, evaluation, and learning, and the expansion of partnerships. PEMS-funded efforts conduct scientifically rigorous research to establish evidence on the effects of anti-trafficking programs on the reduction of the prevalence of human trafficking through the advancement of rigorous research methods. This includes sound prevalence measurement; strong monitoring and evaluation practices; evidence-based programming; and the application of survivor-centered and trauma-informed approaches. The U.S. Congress has appropriated $25 million annually since Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 for PEMS, totaling $200 million to date.

The TIP Office is interested in funding projects that utilize Intervention Development Research (IDR) to conduct research and pilot targeted programming to effectively prevent and respond to human trafficking. IDR employs various qualitative and quantitative methodologies to identify the complex systems in which human trafficking occurs, determine modifiable elements of the crime, including risk and protective factors; develop a theory of change; and design and pilot interventions to develop an intervention model that can be scaled-up and/or adapted for other settings. Local partnerships and utilization of methods of co-creation and participatory research are core elements of IDR. Local actors must play an active role in all phases of the project, from planning and development through implementation of the intervention. PEMS also encourages the use of partnerships with governments, academia, civil society, the private sector, other funders, and international organizations to advance the goals of the program and improve collaboration on the reduction of the prevalence of human trafficking and the harms associated with the crime.

**NOTE:** This is a Notice of Intent. An announcement is not related to this notice. The TIP Office is not accepting applications at this time. The TIP Office anticipates that a Notice of Funding Opportunity will be released within the next couple of months on <https://www.grants.gov/> . Any commercial, international, educational, or non-profit organization(s), including any faith-based, community-based, or public international organization(s) are eligible to apply when the Notice of Funding Opportunity is published. Lack of past experience with U.S. Department of State cooperative agreements, grants, or contracts does not bar eligibility. All applicants for TIP Office funding opportunities must have a valid Unique Entity Identifier (formerly the Data Universal Numbering System or DUNS). Although not required for submission of an application via SAMS Domestic on <https://mygrants.service-now.com/grants>, a valid UEI number is required for organizations selected for an award. Organizations should verify their UEI number or take the steps needed to obtain one as soon as possible. Instructions for obtaining a UEI number can be found at <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>. Selected grantees will also be required to have a full active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) found at <https://sam.gov/content/home>. Although registration is not required prior to submitting an application via SAMS Domestic (<https://mygrants.service-now.com/grants)>, all applicants should register with SAM.GOV as soon as possible to avoid future delays. Successful applicants will be required to ensure any sub-recipients also have a valid UEI number prior to receiving TIP Office approval of any sub-awards.