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Addendum 4 Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health

Call for Concept Papers

USAID/Sudan Mission Annual Program Statement (APS)
No.72066723APS00001 -Support for Locally-led Development Approaches

Please note: This is Addendum 4 to an existing USAID/Sudan Mission APS. All interested organizations should carefully review both this Addendum AND the full [APS](#), which can be found at www.grants.gov. Important information contained in the full APS is not repeated in this specific Addendum.

Estimated Funding (pending funds availability): \$150,000 - \$543,000

Period of performance: 1 - 3 years

In Addendum 4: Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health of the Support for Locally-led Development Approaches APS, USAID/Sudan Mission is requesting the submission of Concept Papers that employ approaches to sustainably improve the Sudanese primary health care system to reduce maternal, newborn and child deaths through integrated, evidenced-based and socially accountable approaches.

Important Dates

All Dates are Approximate	
March 20, 2023	Post the Addendum for Support for Locally-led Development Approaches to www.grants.gov . Addendum 4 opens under the APS; it will be posted for 60 days and contains country-specific guidelines
April 5, 2023	Question and Answer Period Closes at 2:00pm Sudan Local Time CAT/UTC +2
May 18, 2023	Addendum 4 closes at 2:00pm Sudan Local Time CAT/UTC +2
May 18 - July 31, 2023	● Addendum 4 Co-creation period, as applicable on rolling basis ● Addendum 4 Request for Full Applications, as applicable on rolling basis
June 1 - Sept 30	Addendum 4 Finalization of Applications and Award, as applicable on rolling basis

SECTION I: FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Program Description

USAID/Sudan programming seeks to address health sector challenges, as identified in the National Health Sector Recovery Reform 2021-2024 policy document, which include poor governance, inefficient health systems management, insufficient human resources for health, and the low quality of service delivery.

This APS builds on the successes and lessons learned from the current USAID health awards, with emphasis on building health resilience for individuals, households, communities, and the health system in fragile settings. Concepts should promote an approach that maximizes opportunities to link programming across humanitarian, development, and peace-building initiatives, leveraging health, WASH and other USG investments.

Theory of Change:

IF Public and Community Health Services engagement is strengthened to seek health advocacy and gender equity;

IF partnership with CSO, private sector, and humanitarian actors is strengthen;

and **IF** access and availability of a functional MNCH services is increased for skilled community health workers is strengthen

Then Maternal newborn and mortality rates will reduce, and a quality and functional MNCH services with equitable access will be achieved.

B. Objectives and Goals Sought.

USAID is seeking Concept Papers that respond to the following goals or objectives:

Objective: Sustainably improve the Sudanese primary health care system to reduce maternal, newborn and child deaths through integrated, evidenced-based and socially accountable approaches.

USAID/Sudan invites Concept Papers around two themes: 1) scaling up and sustaining evidence-based approaches for improved maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH), nutrition, and WASH services, and 2) strengthened social accountability and collaboration for improved health services.

The activity aims to build the capacity of community midwives and community health care workers to sustainably improve MNCH and nutrition in Sudan, by strengthening referral systems, scaling up approaches for quality service delivery, implementing supportive supervision, and addressing health system challenges and bottlenecks that influence access to quality health services.

Social accountability interventions should contribute to community cohesiveness and empowerment of citizens through dialogue, advocacy, and consensus-building. Through increased social accountability, community members will be informed about their right to health services and the role they can play in demanding and monitoring the quality of public health services.

USAID/Sudan invites Concept Papers that contribute to one or more of the following results:

- Improve the community referral system for emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmONC)
- Strengthen the capacity of community midwives and community health care providers to identify at-risk pregnancies; provide basic resuscitation and essential care; and ensure timely referral to care, ANC, GBV and nutrition services.
- Improve health seeking behaviors, advocacy and empowerment through community-based monitoring and evaluation tools.
- Enhance community engagement in health promotion and the oversight of health services, assisting communities to monitor services and increase accountability.

C. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

For Addendum 4, the anticipated start date for an award(s) is July 1 to September 30, 2023. The period of performance will be twelve (12) to thirty-six (36) months from award date. Applicants should specify their recommended period of performance within this range.

SECTION II: AWARD INFORMATION

A. Type of Award and Substantial Involvement

Please see **Support for Locally-led Development Approaches** APS for award information. Additional information pertinent to this Addendum only is included below. USAID anticipates that either grants or cooperative agreements will be awarded as a result of this APS after the completion of Phase 2, Full Application. USAID/Sudan will determine the type of award on a case-by-case basis. USAID/Sudan may also decide to award a fixed amount award instead of a traditional grant. Awards to PIOs will be subject to compliance with ADS 308¹.

Depending on the Full Application(s) that is/are received and selected, USAID/Sudan may decide to be “substantially involved” in the implementation of the program, and therefore award cooperative agreement(s) instead of a grant(s). The awardee(s) will operate in accordance with

¹ A Fixed Amount Award is appropriate for supporting projects with very specific and defined elements, when the USAID Agreement Officer is confident that a reasonable estimate of the actual cost of the overall effort can be established, and USAID can define accomplishment of the purpose of the grant through defined milestones. USAID’s policy concerning Fixed Amount Awards can be found in ADS 303.3.25 at <http://www.usaid.gov/ads/policy/300/303>

the terms and conditions of the grant or cooperative agreement. Awards will be subject to compliance with ADS 300 and 303.

B. Funding

For Addendum 4, subject to the availability of funds, USAID anticipates making one award. USAID also reserves the right to make no awards or multiple awards. The total USAID funds anticipated for Addendum 4 is approximately \$543,000 for the first 36 months. As such, the ceiling provides an estimate of the actual total award(s) funding in the range of \$150,000 - \$543,000 and is not guaranteed. Further information will be included in the request for full applications for selected applicants.

SECTION III: ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Please see **Section C: Eligibility Information** of the Support for Locally-led Development Approaches APS for eligibility information regarding organizations.

SECTION IV: CONCEPT PAPER SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please see **Section D: Application and Submission Information** of the Support for Locally-led Development Approaches APS for Concept Paper submission information. A [link](#) to the Support for Locally-led Development Approaches APS can be found on the cover page of this document.

NOTE -- Each applicant organization is limited to one Concept Paper submission per Addendum as the Prime applicant. There is no limitation on being included as a potential Sub-awardee. USAID discourages the use of exclusive teaming arrangements. To facilitate the competitive review of the Concept Papers, USAID will only consider Concept Papers conforming to the format prescribed in section D of the APS. Any Concept Paper not adhering to this format will not be evaluated.

SECTION V: Merit Review Criteria

Concept Paper

Please see **Section E: Merit Review Criteria** of the Support for Locally-led Development Approaches APS.

Full Application Merit Review Criteria

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Cost Application Instructions

Please see **Section D 4.2** for Full Cost Application Instructions

Any questions regarding this Addendum may be submitted to sudanproposals@usaid.gov by the date specified in this cover letter.

Sincerely,

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