

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

OBJECT OF THE CALL: PRE-SELECTION OF HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CENTERS TO PARTICIPATE TO THE PROGRAM “ESTABLISH A HEALTH NETWORK IN KENYA, TANZANIA AND UGANDA” TO BE FUNDED BY THE ITALIAN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

WHEREAS

The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Nairobi (hereinafter "AICS Nairobi") intends to collect expressions of interest to participate in the pre-selection in object, in compliance with the principles of non-discrimination, equal treatment, proportionality and transparency and the Law n. 125/2014.

It should also be noted that this notice in no way binding on AICS Nairobi, which therefore reserves the right to suspend, modify or cancel the procedure, without the subjects who have declared themselves interested in participating in it being able to advance, not even by way of compensation, any claim or right whatsoever.

Art. 1 - Proposing administration

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) Nairobi Office.

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Art. 2 - Object and specifications of the notice

The object of this notice is the expression of interest, for the Italian CSOs who support Hospitals or Health centers in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda to participate in the Italian health network program in the region (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda), hereinafter “The Program”, to be funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.

The Program intends to contribute to the strengthening of the Health Care system in the region through the creation of a network of selected hospitals and health centers in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The following are the main pillars of the Program:

1. Strengthening of health services and outreach capacity of the selected hospitals and health centers;
2. Promote among the selected hospitals and health centers a coordination system, interchange of Know How (south-south and north-south) and support of the scientific research in the region;
3. Enhance the training of medical staff (doctors, nurses, village health teams, etc.) through different tools: E-learning, learning by doing, regional and international exchange, internship;
4. Start/improving a regional surveillance system;

For this purpose, the Applicant is required:

- a) To be registered to the list of CSO of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation;

- b) To have experience in health projects in the country, supporting one or more health facilities (level II, III or IV) in Kenya, and/or Tanzania and/or Uganda included in the National Health System of the country;
- c) To express its interest to be included in the Program and agree to collaborate to the Program definition and implementation;

Furthermore, the Applicant:

- d) Should not be indebted with MAECI's DGCS and/or AICS, in terms of liquidity, and payable debts, including debt situations arising from measures to withdraw grants for promoted and/or entrusted projects;
- e) Must have not behaved in a manner of ascertained gross negligence or bad faith in carrying out projects promoted or entrusted by the DGCS-MAECI or the AICS in the exercise of their activities;
- f) Should not be included in the lists of organizations subject to restrictive measures, which can be consulted at the following link: www.sanctionsmap.eu.
This requirement must also be possessed by the partners involved in the realization of the project.
- g) Must declare, through Form A (attached), the following information about the Hospital / Health Center supported:
 - ✓ The health facility is included in the National Health System level II, III or IV;
 - ✓ The health facility has been in operation for at least 5 years in the country;
 - ✓ The health facility is agreeing to share data, experience, knowledge and resource with the regional network of the program.

The expressions of interest received will be pre-evaluated based on the information provided taking into account the role and localization of the hospital and health centers in the Country.

The final goal of these expressions of interest is to submit to the Ministry of Health of each country a list of pre-qualified hospitals / health Centers supported by the AICS registered CSO, to be included as Program participants together with other hospital and health centers belonging to the national health system of the country.

Once the list has been endorsed by the Ministries of Health, AICS Nairobi will publish the results and inform the selected Applicants and will start the formulation phase of the Program.

Once the Program document is ready it will be shared with the selected Applicants for their confirmation and the commitment to carry out the activities of the Program.

After that, the Program document will be submitted to the three Ministries of Health for the formal endorsement and afterwards will follow its formal approval procedure in AICS.

Art. 3 – Recipients

Applicants in possession of the above requirements are invited to express their interest by submitting the following documents:

- I. A report providing the following information: main activities / specialization of the Hospital/HC, list of departments/wards, start date of operations in the country, budget, source of finance, collaborations,

organigram, n. of patients treated, geographical location in the country (and planimetry if available);

- II. Legal status/documentation of the Hospital/Health Center
- III. Agreement between the Applicant and the Hospital/Health Center (trust, board, or any document giving evidence of the collaboration)
- IV. Only for the referral Hospitals: List of main Health Centre connected to (if available)
- V. Brief information about: Tele-medicine, PCR diagnostic, research project, E-learning distance platform and training program, international or local collaboration ongoing with NGOs, research center, University, etc. (if available).

Art. 4 - Contents of the application form and methods of transmission

The interested parties must forward to the AICS Nairobi Office, no later than the deadline referred to in the following article, the expression of interest by filling in the attached forms, containing:

- a) Form of expression of interest and self-declaration (Attachment A), dated and signed by the legal representative or his delegate of the Applicant, proving the possession of the requirements requested in the art. 2 and submit the documentation mentioned in art. 3.
- b) Front / back copy of a valid (legible) identity document of the subscriber.

The forms containing the aforementioned documentation must be sent by mail to the following address: nairobi@pec.aics.gov.it

Art. 5 - Deadline for submitting and evaluating expressions of interest

The expression of interest must be received by August 3, 2021 at 14.00 (Nairobi time).

Expressions of interest will be examined by a Commission composed of n. 3 members, including a chairman, appointed by the director of AICS office in Nairobi.

The Commission will assess the eligibility of the Applicant to be included in the List of selected candidates mentioned above.

Art. 6 -Treatment of personal data

In compliance with Legislative Decree n.196 of 30 June 2003 and subsequent amendments regarding the protection of personal data, the data and personal information will be processed by the undersigned Administration exclusively for the completion of the procedure in question and in full compliance with current legislation.

Nairobi, 19.7.21

AICS Nairobi

Fabio Melloni – Director



Attachment A - "Form of application for expression of interest and substitutive declaration, in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree 445/2000 Italian Law, signed by the legal representative".