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Does the applicant describe activities, which are realistic, achievable, time-framed and appropriate to complete this program?

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- Number of persons to be treated.
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August 15, 2004.

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VIII. Other Information

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Implementation of Programs for Prevention of Mother to Child HIV Transmission Through Indigenous Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Kenya

Announcement Type: New.

Funding Opportunity Number: PA 04262.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.941.

Key Dates:

Letter of Intent Deadline: Not required.

Application Deadline: July 26, 2004.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: This program is authorized under Sections 307 and 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. Sections 242l and 247b(k)(2)] as amended and under Public Law 108-25 (United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) [22 U.S.C. 7601].

Purpose: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 funds for a cooperative agreement program to provide technical assistance and funding to local organizations in Kenya to enable them to support the implementation of a

Prevention of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission (PMTCT) program in Ministry of Health (MOH) facilities and other facilities offering Maternal and Child Health services (MCH).

This program should include HIV counseling and testing in the antenatal clinics (ANC) and maternity wards, provision of prophylactic antiretroviral (ARV) drugs, basic medical care including prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections and anti-retroviral therapy (ART) for HIV infected women and their families (PMTCT+).

The Global AIDS Program (GAP) has established field operations to support national HIV/AIDS control programs in 25 countries. The CDC's GAP exists to help prevent HIV infection, provide care and support, and build capacity to address the global AIDS pandemic. GAP provides financial and technical assistance through partnerships with governments, community- and faith-based organizations, the private sector, and national and international entities working in the 25 resource-constrained countries. CDC/GAP works with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Peace Corps, the Departments of State, Labor and Defense, and other agencies and organizations. These efforts complement multilateral efforts, including UNAIDS, the Global Fund to Combat HIV, TB and Malaria, World Bank funding, and other private sector donation programs.

The U.S. Government seeks to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS in specific countries within sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and the Americas through the Presidential Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). Through this new initiative, CDC's GAP will continue to work with host countries to strengthen capacity and expand activities in the areas of: (1) Primary HIV prevention; (2) HIV care, support, and treatment; and (3) capacity and infrastructure development, especially for surveillance and training. Targeted countries represent those with the most severe epidemics where the potential for impact is greatest and where U.S. government agencies are already active. Kenya is one of these targeted countries.

To carry out its activities in these countries, CDC is working in a collaborative manner with national governments and other agencies to develop programs of assistance to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The goal of the Kenya government PMTCT program is to increase access of PMTCT services so as to reach at least

50 percent of all health facilities by the end of 2005 and at least 80 percent by 2007. This will require involvement of all sectors in implementation. To date indigenous NGOs have contributed significantly in supporting implementation in both government and non-government facilities. These indigenous organizations bring special expertise to the process by virtue of their knowledge of the Kenyan health systems and the local culture. There is added advantage in working with these groups due to their long and on-going presence on the ground and their intimate direct experience of the effects of the epidemic.

CDC proposes to enhance the capacity of these organizations to support the implementation of PMTCT programs in Kenya. CDC Kenya is committed to strengthening and supporting indigenous NGOs to continue to facilitate implementation of PMTCT services in various facilities in Kenya.

The measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with goals of the GAP to reduce HIV transmission and improve care of persons living with HIV. They will also contribute to the goals of the PEPFAR which are: (1) Within five years treat more than two million HIV-infected persons with effective combination of anti-retroviral therapy (ART); (2) care for seven million HIV-infected and affected persons including those orphaned by HIV/AIDS; and (3) prevent ten million new infections. Some of the specific measurable outcomes from this program will be: (1) The number of antenatal and maternity clients receiving counselling and testing; (2) number of HIV positive women and their children who receive prophylactic antiretroviral drugs; (3) the number of patients receiving basic care packages; (4) the number of new patients served with anti-retroviral treatment and the number of patients on ART receiving continuous care for more than 12 months; and (5) the number of health care workers trained in PMTCT and PMTCT+ services.

Activities: Awardee activities for this program are as follows:

- To provide technical assistance in program implementation to managers of maternal and child health services at MOH facilities and other facilities in Kenya.
- To train service providers in HIV counseling and testing in the ANC and maternity wards, on prophylactic anti-retroviral regimens, in prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections and on lifelong antiretroviral therapy for HIV infected women and their families.
- To provide supportive supervision and ensure that PMTCT services are

being implemented according to the national and international standards.

- Where necessary, to hire extra personnel to alleviate problems of implementation due to staff shortages.
 - To enhance the capacity of health facilities to integrate PMTCT data into the national reporting system.
 - To assist the facilities in report writing on the program.
 - To collaborate with the District health management teams and local stakeholders including associations of people living with HIV in sensitizing the communities on PMTCT through community education, male involvement and establishment of community support structures.
 - To develop strategies to improve the capacity of the facilities to maintain the PMTCT services independently.
- Awardee will ensure that all of the above activities integrate into the national HIV/AIDS strategy.

In a cooperative agreement, CDC staff is substantially involved in the program activities, above and beyond routine grant monitoring.

CDC Activities for this program are as follows:

- Provide technical assistance in clinical, counseling and laboratory issues, training, data management, and program monitoring and evaluation.
- Collaborate with the recipient, as needed, in the development of an information technology system for medical record keeping and information access and in the analysis of data derived from those records.
- Assist, as needed, in monitoring and evaluation of program and in development of further appropriate initiatives.
- Provide fiscal oversight and technical assistance in the areas of financial management, administration, personnel management, data management and other aspects of institution strengthening.
- Monitor project and budget performance to ensure satisfactory progress towards the goals of the project.

Technical assistance and training may be provided directly by CDC staff or through organizations that have successfully competed for funding under a separate CDC contract.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement. CDC involvement in this program is listed in the Activities Section above.

Fiscal Year Funds: 2004.

Approximate Total Funding: \$5,000,000 (This amount is for the entire project period.).

Approximate Number of Awards: Two to Three.

Approximate Average Award: \$300,000 (This amount is for the first 12-month budget period, and includes only direct costs).

Floor of Award Range: \$250,000.

Ceiling of Award Range: \$500,000.

Anticipated Award Date: August 15, 2004.

Budget Period Length: 12 months.

Project Period Length: 5 years.

Throughout the project period, CDC's commitment to continuation of awards will be conditioned on the availability of funds, evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

III. Eligibility Information

III.1. Eligible Applicants

Applications may only be submitted by indigenous Kenyan organizations, indigenous universities or colleges, and indigenous Kenyan faith-based organizations that meet the following criteria:

1. Have at least three years of documented experience in implementing PMTCT programs in Kenya.
2. Have an existing program in Kenya because it is critical that this activity commences quickly.

III.2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Matching funds are not required for this program.

III.3. Other

If you request a funding amount greater than the ceiling of the award range, your application will be considered non-responsive, and will not be entered into the review process. You will be notified that your application did not meet the submission requirements.

IV. Application and Submission Information

IV.1. Address to Request Application Package

To apply for this funding opportunity use application form PHS 5161. Application forms and instructions are available on the CDC Web site, at the following Internet address: www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm.

If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you have difficulty accessing the forms on-line, you may contact the CDC Procurement and Grants Office Technical Information Management Section (PGO-TIM) staff

at: 770-488-2700. Application forms can be mailed to you.

IV.2. Content and Form of Submission

Application: You must include a project narrative with your application forms. The narrative must be submitted in the following format:

- Maximum number of pages: 15. If your narrative exceeds the page limit, only the first pages, which are within the page limit, will be reviewed.
- Font size: 12 point un-reduced.
- Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches.
- Double spaced.
- Page margin size: One inch.
- Printed only on one side of page.
- Held together only by rubber bands or metal clips; not bound in any other way.

• All pages should be numbered, and a complete index to the application and any appendices must be included.

- Submitted in English

Your narrative should address activities to be conducted over the entire project period, and should consist of, as a minimum, a plan, objectives, activities, methods, an evaluation framework, a budget highlighting any supplies mentioned in the Program Requirements and any proposed capital expenditure. The budget justification will not be counted in the page limit state above. Guidance for completing your budget can be found on the United States government Web site at the following address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/budgetguide.htm>.

Additional information is optional and may be included in the application appendices. The appendices will not be counted toward the narrative page limit. Additional information could include but is not limited to: organizational charts, curriculum vitas, letters of support, etc.

You are required to have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal government. The DUNS number is a nine-digit identification number, which uniquely identifies business entities. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access www.dunandbradstreet.com or call 1-866-705-5711.

For more information, see the CDC Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/pubcommnt.htm>.

If your application form does not have a DUNS number field, please write your DUNS number at the top of the first page of your application, and/or include your DUNS number in your application cover letter.

Additional requirements that may require you to submit additional

documentation with your application are listed in section "Administrative and National Policy Requirements."

IV.3. Submission Dates and Times

Application Deadline Date: July 26, 2004.

Explanation of Deadlines:

Applications must be received in the CDC Procurement and Grants Office by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date. If you send your application by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery service, you must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery of the application by the closing date and time. If CDC receives your application after closing due to: (1) Carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the closing date and time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, you will be given the opportunity to submit documentation of the carriers guarantee. If the documentation verifies a carrier problem, CDC will consider the application as having been received by the deadline.

This announcement is the definitive guide on application submission address and deadline. It supersedes information provided in the application instructions. If your application does not meet the deadline above, it will not be eligible for review, and will be discarded. You will be notified that your application did not meet the submission requirements.

CDC will not notify you upon receipt of your application. If you have a question about the receipt of your application, first contact your courier. If you still have a question, contact the PGO-TIM staff at: 770-488-2700. Before calling, please wait two to three days after the application deadline. This will allow time for applications to be processed and logged.

IV.4. Intergovernmental Review of Applications

Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

IV.5. Funding Restrictions

Restrictions, which must be taken into account while writing your budget, are as follows:

- Funds may be used for: Hiring of staff needed to provide services; Training service providers; Coordination of the program; purchase of supplies, equipment, and commodities (including antiretroviral drugs) needed to provide the services; renovation of clinical facilities at site of program implementation; and

sensitization of the community on PMTCT services.

- **Antiretroviral Drugs**—The purchase of antiretrovirals, reagents, and laboratory equipment for antiretroviral treatment projects require pre-approval from the GAP headquarters.

- **Needle Exchange**—No funds appropriated under this Act shall be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

- Funds may be spent for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, training, travel, supplies and services. Equipment may be purchased and renovations completed if deemed necessary to accomplish program objectives; however, prior written approval by CDC officials must be requested in writing.

- All requests for funds contained in the budget shall be stated in U.S. dollars. Once an award is made, CDC will not compensate foreign grantees for currency exchange fluctuations through the issuance of supplemental awards.

- The costs that are generally allowable in grants to domestic organizations are allowable to foreign institutions and international organizations, with the following exception: With the exception of the American University, Beirut, and the World Health Organization, Indirect Costs will not be paid (either directly or through sub-award) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the United States or to international organizations regardless of their location.

- The applicant may contract with other organizations under this program, however, the applicant must perform a substantial portion of the activities, including program management and operations, and delivery of prevention and care services for which funds are requested.

- An annual audit of these funds is required by a U.S. based audit firm with international branches and current licensure/authority in country, and in accordance with International Accounting Standards or equivalent standard(s) approved in writing by CDC. The audit should specify the use of funds and the appropriateness and reasonableness of expenditures.

- A fiscal Recipient Capability Assessment may be required with the potential awardee, pre or post award, in order to review their business management and fiscal capabilities regarding the handling of U.S. Federal funds.

- **Prostitution and Related Activities**

The U.S. Government is opposed to prostitution and related activities, which are inherently harmful and dehumanizing, and contribute to the phenomenon of trafficking in persons.

Any entity that receives, directly or indirectly, U.S. Government funds in connection with this document ("recipient") cannot use such U.S. Government funds to promote or advocate the legalization or practice of prostitution or sex trafficking. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to preclude the provision to individuals of palliative care, treatment, or post-exposure pharmaceutical prophylaxis, and necessary pharmaceuticals and commodities, including test kits, condoms, and, when proven effective, microbicides. A recipient that is otherwise eligible to receive funds in connection with this document to prevent, treat, or monitor HIV/AIDS shall not be required to endorse or utilize a multisectoral approach to combating HIV/AIDS, or to endorse, utilize, or participate in a prevention method or treatment program to which the recipient has a religious or moral objection. Any information provided by recipients about the use of condoms as part of projects or activities that are funded in connection with this document shall be medically accurate and shall include the public health benefits and failure rates of such use.

In addition, any foreign recipient must have a policy explicitly opposing, in its activities outside the United States, prostitution and sex trafficking, except that this requirement shall not apply to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the World Health Organization, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative or to any United Nations agency, if such entity is a recipient of U.S. government funds in connection with this document.

The following definitions apply for purposes of this clause:

- Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act. 22 U.S.C. 7102(9).

- A foreign recipient includes an entity that is not organized under the laws of any State of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Restoration of the Mexico City Policy, 66 FR 17303, 17303 (March 28, 2001).

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subagreement, acknowledge that each certification to compliance with this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities," are a prerequisite to receipt of U.S. government funds in connection with this document, and must acknowledge that any violation of the provisions shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the agreement prior to the end of its term. In addition, all recipients must ensure, through contract, certification, audit, and/or any other necessary means, all the applicable requirements in this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities," are met by any other entities receiving U.S. government funds from the recipient in connection with this document, including without limitation, the recipients' sub-grantees, sub-contractors, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates. Recipients must agree that HHS may, at any reasonable time, inspect the documents and materials maintained or prepared by the recipient in the usual course of its operations that relate to the organization's compliance with this section, "Prostitution and Related Activities."

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Technical Information Management-PA 04262, CDC Procurement and Grants

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V. Application Review Information

V.1. Criteria

You are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goals stated in the "Purpose" section of this announcement. Measures must be objective and quantitative, and must measure the intended outcome. These measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

Your application will be evaluated against the following criteria:

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VIII. Other Information

None.

Dated: June 18, 2004.

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Prevention.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Morbidity and Risk Behavior Surveillance

Announcement Type: New.
Funding Opportunity Number: 04155.
*Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance Number:* 93.944.

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: July 26, 2004.

Executive Summary: HIV/AIDS

surveillance programs function in all U.S. states to collect a core set of information on the characteristics of persons diagnosed with, living with, and dying from HIV infection and AIDS. Supplemental surveillance projects have historically provided complementary information about clinical outcomes of HIV infection, and behaviors of persons with HIV infection with respect to care seeking and utilization of care (which affect prevention of HIV-related morbidity) and ongoing risk behaviors (which affect further transmission of HIV).

Supplemental surveillance projects initiated in the 1990s were funded at a time when the HIV epidemic was substantially more concentrated in large cities, especially in the East and the West. Currently, a much larger number of cities and states are heavily impacted by the HIV epidemic. Supplemental surveillance data are thus needed on a national basis (e.g., beyond the currently funded supplemental surveillance sites) to understand the provision and impact of treatments for HIV, health care utilization, ongoing HIV risk behaviors, care seeking behaviors, quality of life for persons with HIV infection, and acceptance of and adherence to prescribed antiretroviral therapy. These data will be especially important as a means of evaluation for new prevention initiatives (e.g., Advancing HIV Prevention) which call for a focus on provision of prevention services to persons living with HIV infection.

There is also a need for high-quality, population-based data on quality of care and severity of need for care, prevention, and support services on the local level to assist local planning groups (i.e. Community Planning

Groups and local planning councils) in determining local allocation of CDC and Ryan White CARE Act funds.

In order to implement a supplemental surveillance system which will address these data needs, CDC has developed a study design which will rely on a national probability sample of persons with HIV infection to generate nationally representative estimates of clinical outcomes and HIV-related behaviors. The methodology has been demonstrated as appropriate for this purpose by the Health Care Services and Utilization Survey, conducted in the mid-1990s by the RAND Corporation. CDC has contracted with the RAND Corporation to draw a nationally representative sample of states using probability proportional to size methods. Based on availability of resources, 20 states were selected by RAND. Cities separately funded for HIV surveillance were deemed eligible for funding if their state was selected for funding. This resulted in 26 sites (20 states and 6 cities) being eligible for funding.

In the 20 selected states, HIV care providers will be randomly selected to participate in the study. For patients randomly selected from these providers, data on HIV care will be abstracted from medical records, and the patients will be offered participation in an interview. CDC has piloted these methods for population-based patient selection since 1998 in 12 sites in the Survey of HIV Disease and Care (SHDC) project.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: This program is authorized under the Public Health Service Act Sections 301 (42 U.S.C. 241); 318B (42 U.S.C. 247c-2), as amended.

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to develop a supplemental HIV/AIDS surveillance system which will produce population-based estimates of characteristics of persons with HIV infection and the care they receive. By using probability sampling, estimates developed will be rigorously representative of the underlying populations diagnosed with and in care for HIV infection in the United States and in the participating project sites.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following goal for the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP): Strengthen the capacity nationwide to monitor the epidemic, develop and implement effective HIV prevention interventions and evaluate prevention programs.

Activities: Awardee activities for this program are as follows:

Year 1 Activities (September 2004–May 2005—9 Months)

For sampled sites that have successfully conducted Supplement to HIV/AIDS Surveillance (SHAS) and either Adult Spectrum of Disease (ASD) or Survey of HIV Disease in Care (SHDC) in the past; or that are currently conducting Survey of HIV Disease in Care-Plus (SHDC+) (successful completion is defined as having transmitted abstraction or interview data to CDC as of May 17, 2004) (see eligibility criteria):

- Soon after receipt of funds, attend a principal investigators meeting at CDC to review and finalize the project protocol and data collection instruments.

- Assist in the development and review of the required protocols and data collection instruments.

- Work with providers of HIV/AIDS care to educate them about the surveillance project, determine potential barriers to provider participation, and work to improve the likelihood of provider and patient participation in this activity.

- Work with CDC to develop a database and database management capability for this project.

- Develop a de-duplicated list of HIV/AIDS care providers in the jurisdiction using data from the HIV/AIDS Reporting System (HARS).

- Provide the list of providers (by unique identifier or non-identifying code determined by CDC), to CDC and to a CDC contractor for development of a sample of providers.

- Approach selected providers to solicit the providers' participation in the project. Work with selected providers to secure human subjects review (if required).

- Participate in required training activities: send appropriate staff members to interviewer, abstractor, and data manager training meetings before beginning data collection.

- Abstract the medical records of sampled patients for variables related to clinical care and outcomes as determined in collaboration with CDC.

- Work with sampled HIV/AIDS care providers to contact sampled HIV-infected persons to conduct personal interviews. During the interview, patients will be asked about care seeking and ongoing risk behaviors as well as multiple sources of care during the surveillance period. Consent for release of medical records will be obtained if possible, and every effort will be made to contact all providers of care named for each sampled participant during the surveillance