REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
TO SUPPORT DISTRICT BASED NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES ACTIVITIES

RTI International is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to conducting innovative multidisciplinary research that improves the human condition. Our vision is to address the world's most critical problems with science-based solutions in pursuit of a better future. With a worldwide staff of more than 4,000 people, RTI offers innovative research and development and a full spectrum of multidisciplinary services.

RTI International is currently implementing USAID’s Act to End Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) | East program. Under this cooperative agreement, Act to End NTDs | East supports the Ugandan Ministry of Health’s national NTD program in reaching World Health Organization goals for NTD control and elimination through proven, cost-effective public health interventions. The Act to End NTDs | East Program also provides critical support to Uganda on its journey to self-reliance, helping it to create sustainable programming for NTD control within robust and resilient health systems.

In Uganda, program activities are implemented by RTI and The Carter Center who closely work with the Ministry of Health with a rationale to control and eliminate key neglected tropical diseases namely; Lymphatic filariasis, Onchocerciasis, Schistosomiasis, Soil transmitted helminthiasis and Trachoma. The key objectives of the program are to: 1) Increase Mass Drug Administration (MDA); 2) Strengthen Country environment for Elimination of NTDs; 3) Sustainable MDA coverage. At this time, Act | East support includes activities in Adjumani, Amuru, Arua, Gulu, Kitgum, Moyo, Nwoya, Oyam, Pader, Kasese, Moroto, Nebbi, Madi-Okollo, Obongi, Bullisa and Omoro districts.

In order to support these interventions and realize project outcomes and results, RTI International is looking for local Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) to support MDA in some or all of the aforementioned districts. This will include assisting with social mobilization, training, drug distribution through community medicine distributors, and monitoring and evaluation of MDA results, including compiling and validating data. The selected NGO/CBO will work closely with the respective districts, the NTD program team at the Ministry of Health and RTI.

Local CBOs, CSO, and FBOs are kindly requested to prepare the Expression of Interest information form.

Responses are expected from local entities that meet the following criteria;
   a) Registered under the laws of Uganda and validated during the recent registration and updating of NGO list conducted by the National NGO Board under Ministry of Internal Affairs
   b) Must have at least three experiences of implementing a USAID-funded activity or a related activity funded by an international donor.
   c) The organization and its staff should not have been debarred or suspended by US government or any of its federal agencies
   d) Must be familiar with Uganda health systems and health referral protocols
   e) Must have at least 3 years’ experience in carrying out community engagement, sensitization and providing referral support
   f) Must have a functional Board and with Board Structures and an organizational chart
   g) Demonstrate capacity to implement, monitor and document project outcomes and meet all reporting requirements on time and provide all required certifications
   h) Demonstrated financial and operational capacity to manage grant funds including evidence of an active bank account
   i) Audited financial statements for the previous two years
   j) Ability and willingness to work collaboratively with the RTI Act | East team, district local governments and ministry of health technical staff to meet agreed on targets

Short-listed organizations will be requested to submit applications as and when specific needs arise. Fixed amount awards will then be issued on a competitive basis following pre-award assessments carried out by the Act East team.
All expressions of interest should be submitted by email to Act to End NTDs| East Project at ActEastGrants@rti.org no later than 5:00pm EAT on November 8th, 2019.

The subject reference MUST read Expression of Interest to support NTD Activities in the District(s) of [Districts of choice be indicated].