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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to disseminate information about USAID's Health Reform Support (HRS) objectives and plans for the period between October 1 2022 and September 30, 2023 to provide fair and equal opportunities to all eligible primary health care facility (HCF), including Primary Health Care Center or other HCF providing primary health care services, of communal property located in focal oblasts to submit innovative concept papers/applications for grant support through the grants program. This Annual Program Statement is issued under the authority of the United States Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Through this APS, the HRS project, implemented by Deloitte and funded by United Stated Agency for International Development (USAID), is soliciting concept papers/applications from HCFs for essential health service restoration in oblasts that:
- Have been recently liberated (or de-occupied) territories with damaged/disrupted local healthcare systems
- Are facing significant pressures on the health system related to the war, for example, due to a high concentration of internally displaced persons (IDPs) or other vulnerable populations

The proposed initial focal oblasts are Kyiv Oblast, Chernihiv Oblast, Zhytomyr Oblast. Support to other oblasts emerging from occupation may be extended as conditions stabilize for safe IP access (such as Kharkhiv or Dnipropetrovsk Oblast).

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

USAID's Health Reform Support (HRS) activity continues to focus on supporting a transparent, accountable, and effective health care system that can meet the health needs of the Ukrainian people. However, Russia's unprovoked military aggression has resulted in HRS shifting focus towards stabilization and restoration of the health sector. During the war and Ukraine's simultaneous and subsequent recovery, HRS will prioritize critical activities to fill short-term war-related gaps, aligned with the national-level Comprehensive Recovery Plan of Ukraine, which HRS provided technical assistance to the Government of Ukraine (GOU) in developing for the health sector. In close consultations with USAID, HRS will continue to coordinate with other donors and partners to support key tasks of the Health Care Recovery Plan and contribute to Ukraine's recovery and restoration. These activities will support the GOU and local authorities/communities in restoring and sustaining continuity of essential health services, stabilizing the health system, and preparing for post-war recovery.

III. GRANTS PROGRAM

The grants under this APS will address critical gaps and ensure health care facilities (HCFs) can continue delivering health services in priority oblasts regions to protect the overall public health and wellbeing of Ukrainians while supporting health system recovery. Specifically, these grants will:

- Strengthen the Health System to Address Immediate Gaps. This will be achieved by ensuring the availability of health commodities and equipment to restore and sustain essential services; and

- Restore Facility Operations through non-structural facility restoration needs due to damage because of war (funds CANNOT be used for construction activities).

IV. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS UNDER Grants Program Name
"**Addressing Critical Gaps for Continuity of Service at Health Care Facilities**"
Eligible Organizations
Grantees must be organizations existing under the applicable Ukrainian laws and must follow all applicable civil and fiscal regulations. Grantees must display sound management in the form of financial, administrative, and technical policies and procedures that are in written format and present a system of controls that safeguard assets, protect against fraud, waste, and abuse, and support the achievements of program goals and objectives.

Eligible Recipients are primary health care facilities, including Primary Health Care Centers or other HCFs providing primary health care services, of communal property from one of the focal oblasts, that have been officially contracted by the National Health Service of Ukraine (NHSU); and serve all age groups and all categories of the population.

Eligible Activities
Through this APS, HRS seeks qualified organizations to implement activities that fit with HRS objectives listed in Section II above and that align with project year 2022/2023 activities. During this period, Applicants are encouraged to submit ideas in concept paper format or full grant applications that will address one or more the approved activities listed below.

- Facilities refurbished for non-structural cosmetic work, including painting, floor covering, wall coverings, window replacement that does not include changing the size of the window opening, replacement of plumbing or conduits that does not affect structural elements, and non-load bearing walls or fixtures (e.g., shelves, signs, lighting, etc.).
- Urgent gaps at facilities, including equipment and repairs essential for facility operations to resume.
- Systems strengthened for quantification and procurement, delivery, and distribution of essential medicines.
- Procurement, based on assessed need, of essential equipment, furniture, and healthcare supplies for restoration of critical PHC and hospitals services in focal oblasts
- Leveraging wider use of digital health tools, including eHealth and telemedicine, to bring essential care closer to people's homes

The grants program will seek to maintain flexibility to respond to creative approaches that enhance project objectives. HRS grants are designed to further the project's overall vision to enable Health Care Facilities to continue delivering health services in priority oblasts regions to protect the overall public health and wellbeing of Ukrainians while supporting health system recovery. Execution of grant activities must take place in the focal oblasts of Ukraine and be focused on ensuring health care facilities (HCFs) can continue delivering health services in priority oblasts regions to protect the overall public health and wellbeing of Ukrainians.

V. GRANT CONCEPT PAPER / GRANT APPLICATION FORMAT

Applicants have two options:

OPTION 1: GRANT CONCEPT PAPER – A short application, called a "Grant Concept Paper", as a first screening step to ascertain whether the Applicant and proposed activity meet the minimum eligibility criteria listed below:

     a. Is the purpose of activity consistent with HRS objectives?

     b. Is the Applicant an eligible organization as defined in this Program Statement?

     c. Does the proposed Applicant have a proper accounting system in place?

     d. Does the proposed Applicant have the organizational capability to successfully implement the activity or activities specified in the concept paper?

The Grant Concept Paper form can be completed online through the Grants Portal (https://dgrants.fluxx.io).

First time Applicants will be required to register for an account and upon approval will receive an email notification with the necessary log-in credentials to access the portal.

The portal details submission instructions for completing a web-based application form and contains all required document and budget attachments to be included with the application.

If an Applicant is unable to access the portal, an electronic copy of the Grant Concept Paper form can also be requested by contacting grants@hrs.net.ua. Only those preliminary concept papers that are deemed to meet the minimum requirements will have the opportunity to be developed into a full grant application.

The Grant Manager will inform the Applicant of HRS findings, and the application process will either end here (for unsuccessful concept papers) or the Applicant will be directed to develop the concept paper into a full grant application (for successful concept papers).

OPTION 2: FULL GRANT APPLICATION – A full application can be completed through the Grants Portal (https://dgrants.fluxx.io). First time Applicants will be required to register for an account and upon approval will receive an email notification with the necessary log-in credentials to access the portal.

The Applicant is expected to submit a full application which includes:
1. Grant Application Form
2. Budget Form including Financial Plan Summary
3. Documents to verify eligibility (Producer Organization's registration documents and by-laws)
4. Applicants Financial and Accounting System Information
5. Certification regarding terrorist financing
6. Certification of Compliance
7. Certification regarding lobbying
8. Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Applicants

Applicants must submit all forms for the application to be considered complete.

OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSALS - All applications received in response to the APS will not be

returned.

VI. REVIEW AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- REVIEW OF CONCEPT PAPERS/APPLICATIONS – Concept papers/grant applications will be accepted on a continued basis throughout the period between November 15, 2022, and September 30, 2023. The Grants Selection Committee will meet on a bi-weekly basis, or more frequently if needed, to review the submitted concept papers.

- SELECTION CRITERIA - Consistent criteria will be used to evaluate concept papers and applications and will be weighted to reflect project priorities. The key review criteria are:
    a. Project Objectives: Is proposed activity consistent with Project Objectives? (20%)
    b. Anticipated Results: What are the anticipated results from proposed activity? What impact will the proposed activities have? (40%)
    c. Feasibility of design and approach: the quality and feasibility of the application in terms of the appropriateness of the proposed activities; (40%)

In addition to the criteria listed a b o v e , some preliminary "gate keeper" questions will be asked. Does the proposed activity pose any unacceptable environmental threats? Does the project pose a threat to the wellbeing of minority groups, in particular women and children? If either of these questions is answered positively, the concept note will be deemed ineligible and will receive no further consideration. If, on the other hand, the grant concept is deemed to be attractive because of positive benefits regarding either question, the reviewers can award up to a total of 5 bonus points between the two questions.

VII. AWARD PROCESS

Concept Papers received by HRS will be evaluated by the HRS Technical Selection Committee (TSC) for completeness, qualification of the organization and activities, and against the review criteria. If the Concept Paper is not approved, the Applicant will be formally notified. If it is approved, the organization will be notified, and the Grants Manager will request the Applicant send a complete grant package. If a full Grant Application is approved, the organization will be notified, and an award will be generated.

The actual number of awards under this APS is subject to the availability of funds and the viability of the applications received.

Concept Papers and full grant applications can be submitted online using the Grants Portal (https://dgrants.fluxx.io). Any questions regarding the APS or its contents should be sent to grants@hrs.net.ua.

Phone calls will not be accepted.

Issuance of this APS does not constitute an award commitment on the part of HRS, nor does it commit HRS to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, HRS reserves the right to reject any or all applications received. All application preparation and submission costs are at the Applicant's expense and risk.