Final Call for the Positions of Principal Recipients

The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) has issued its Round 8 call for proposals for grant funding. In response to the call, the Regional Coordination Mechanism, Southern African Development Community (SADC) will be submitting a regional proposal on HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis and malaria. The malaria component seek to support the Trans-Zambezi Cross-Border Malaria Initiative in Caprivi region, involving 15 districts, namely; Dirico, Coungari, Calai, Rivungo (Angola); Chobe, Okavango, Ngami (Botswana); Katima Mlilo aka Caprivi, Kavango (Namibia); Shang’ombo, Sesheke, Kazungula, Livingstone (Zambia); as well as Hwange, Binga (Zimbabwe).

The RCM is hereby calling upon all interested institutions or organizations to submit a proposal to serve as the Principal Recipient (PR) for the Round 8 Grant. Interested agencies may apply to serve as PR for Malaria.

The Principal Recipient must demonstrate that it has the capacity to manage a multi-million dollar grant portfolio with multiple sub-recipients. The Global Fund has defined minimum requirements for PRs in 4 areas:

I. Financial management systems that
   a. Can correctly record all transactions and balances;
   b. Can disburse funds to sub-recipients in a timely, transparent and accountable manner;
   c. Can support the preparation of regular, reliable financial reports
   d. Can safeguard the PR’s assets; and
   e. Are subject to acceptable auditing arrangements.

II. Institutional and Programmatic Arrangements that
   a. Legal status to enter into the grant agreement with the Global Fund;
   b. Effective organizational leadership, management, transparent decision making and accountability systems;
   c. Adequate infrastructure and information systems to support proposal implementation, including the monitoring of the performance of sub-recipients and outsourced entities in a timely and accountable manner; and
   d. Adequate expertise in Malaria and cross-functional expertise (finance, procurement, legal, M&E)

III. Procurement and Supply Management Systems
a. Provide a basic procurement supply and management plan which outlines how the PR will adhere to the Global Funds’ procurement principles, which include, among others, competitive and transparent purchasing, adequate quality assurance, compliance with national laws and international agreements, appropriate use of health products, mechanisms for monitoring the development of drug resistance where appropriate, and accountability safeguards.
b. Deliver to end-user adequate quantities of quality products in a timely manner (especially in the area of health products) that have been procured through a transparent and competitive process; and
c. Provide adequate accountability for all procurement conducted.

IV. Monitoring and Evaluation that can
a. Collect and record programmatic data with appropriate quality control measures;
b. Support the preparation of regular reliable programmatic reports; and
c. Make data available for the purpose of evaluations and other studies.

Stakeholders should submit a letter of Expression of Interest which includes a description of the organization / institution’s capacity to meet the above criteria and experience managing or implementing Global Funds programs.

Submission should be made to
The Chairman Regional Coordinating Mechanism, Southern African Development Community (SADC) Headquarters P.O. Box ................. Botswana

Electronic copies should be submitted to Lebogang Lebese <llebese@sadc.int>

Submission not later than 5th May 2008
Call for Malaria Sub-Proposals

The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) has issued its Round 8 call for proposals for grant funding. In response to the call, The Regional Coordinating Mechanism, Southern African Development Community (SADC), is in process of drafting a regional malaria proposal to support its Trans-Zambezi Cross-Border Malaria Initiative in Caprivi region, involving 15 districts, namely; Dirico, Coungari, Calai, Rivungo (Angola); Chobe, Okavango, Ngami (Botswana); Katima Mlilo aka Caprivi, Kavango (Namibia); Shang’ombo, Sesheke, Kazungula, Livingstone (Zambia); as well as Hwange, Binga (Zimbabwe)

The RCM is therefore hereby calling upon all interested stakeholders (individuals, communities, NGOs, institutions, etc) to submit “sub-proposals” for review and integration into the national proposal. Sub proposals should address any (or all) of the following national malaria strategic objectives:

1. To increase coverage of effective malaria prevention interventions (LLINs) among population including pregnant women, children under 5 and People living with HIV&AIDs in defined geographic areas within the 15 districts.
   a. Achieving high coverage of insecticide treated mosquito nets;
   b. BCC through mass media;
   c. BCC through community outreach

2. Increase % of population receiving early diagnosis and prompt and effective treatment according to the SADC agreed upon policy in defined geographic areas within 15 districts of Caprivi region
   a. Improved diagnosis
   b. Prompt and effective treatment
   c. IPTp

3. Increase % of household sprayed with indoor residual spraying with effective chemical according to the SADC agreed upon policy in defined geographic areas within 15 districts of Caprivi region
   a. Increased household IRS coverage;

4. To strengthen the capacity of the 15 districts to lead integrated efforts for malaria control involving all sections of society.
   • Referral system (cross-cutting)
   • Mobile clinics (cross-cutting)
   • Laboratory (cross-cutting)
   • District coordination and partnerships (cross-cutting)
   • Capacity and human resources (cross-cutting)
Harmonization of policies (cross-cutting)

Each “sub proposal” should include clear objectives and targets, detailed planned activities, intended geographical areas of operation (provide a map where possible), target population and a budget. Proposals should include the following sections and not exceed a total of 5 pages:

A. Project Summary
   a. Program Goals and Objectives
   b. Geographic area and target population
   c. Services to be delivered
   d. Main activities
   e. Monitoring & evaluation plan
   f. Staffing plan

B. Organizational Capacity
   a. Experience implementing RBM activities
   b. Experience implementing programs in any of the SADC countries
   c. Capacity to scale up activities

C. Budget
   a. Human Resources
   b. Technical Assistance
   c. Training
   d. Health products and health equipment
   e. Medicines and pharmaceutical products
   f. Procurement and supply management costs
   g. Infrastructure and other equipment
   h. Communication materials
   i. Monitoring and evaluation
   j. Living support to clients / target populations
   k. Planning and administration
   l. Overheads
   m. Other

Proposals should meet the following criteria:

I. Eligibility Requirements
   a. Legal authorization to operate in SADC region

II. Program Requirements
   a. Program approach is consistent with RBM strategy and best practices
   b. Program approach is consistent with SADC agreed up malaria strategy
c. Program approach falls within selected strategic objectives

III. Technical Evaluation Criteria
a. Relevant, demonstrated experience in program area
b. Brief description of working relationships in country
c. Clear description of project activities
d. Clear description of how project outputs will contribute to achievement of GF proposal outcome indicators
e. Feasibility of achieving stated objectives within timeframe and proposed budget
f. Clear organizational structures, human resources and financial management structures in place
g. Roles and responsibilities of key staff are clear
h. Budget is clear and realistic for achievement of program outputs

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The deadline for submission is 15th June 2008.