

# **Prequalification of Partner Organisations in Uganda**

#### Background

Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH-NL) is a child rights organisation that anchors its work on the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC). The organisation prevents child exploitation, removes children from exploitative situations and ensures these children can develop themselves in a safe environment. Its programmes are implemented in 5 countries in Africa (Uganda included) and 7 countries in Asia.

**Our Vision:** A world in which children are no longer exploited. We will continue our work until this is accomplished.

**Our Mission**: TdH-NL prevents child exploitation, removes children from exploitative situations and ensures these children can develop themselves in a safe environment.

TdH-NL has been operating in Uganda since 1968. Geographically, the organisation operates in the following areas: Kampala, Wakiso, Napak, Moroto, Tororo, Busia and Bugiri districts but has plans to expand its programmes in Eastern Uganda, Rwenzori and Karamoja regions. TdH-NL's programme is currently implemented in partnership with seven (7) local civil society organisations. The Ugandan programme portfolio consists of projects implemented as part of the Girls Advocacy Alliance (GAA) aiming at ending gender based violence against and economic exclusion of girls and young women; as well as projects focusing on prevention of child exploitation combined with direct service provision to TdH-NL's main beneficiaries, children victim of or at great risk of exploitation.

#### Approach

TdH-NL fights child exploitation through quality programmes, capacity building of local civil society organisations, promotion of child rights and lobby for better compliance with the UNCRC. A sustainable and holistic approach based on TdH-NL's Theory of Change is deployed to address child exploitation through Prevention, Provision, Promotion, Prosecution, Partnership and Participation.

Programmatic focus is on five (5) thematic areas: (a) Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL) (b) Child Trafficking and Unsafe Migration (CTUM) (c) Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) (d) Child Abuse which includes violations of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (CA/SRHR) such as child marriage, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and teenage pregnancies and (e) Humanitarian Assistance (HA) mainly integrated into the other four themes.



Rescue, rehabilitation and resettlement of children from the worst forms of exploitation is the focus of TdH-NL's service provision projects, with interventions that include vocational skills training, formal education, psychosocial support and livelihood support to children from vulnerable families.

## **Rationale for Prequalification**

TdH-NL develops projects on a rolling basis. This means that programmes evolve as opportunities emerge at any time of the year. This necessitates having a pool of credible and capable prequalified local NGOs, from whom Project Partners can be identified to support the delivery of a given project.

### **Objectives of the Prequalification**

- 1. To identify local NGOs that have expertise in relevant thematic programme areas as stated above.
- To develop a database of credible local partner NGOs from whom partners for different projects, aligned to TdH-NL's themes will be drawn as and when appropriate.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- 1. Only local organisations registered in Uganda are eligible for prequalification.
- 2. NGO must have been in existence for a period not less than three (3) years.
- 3. NGO can apply for prequalification for a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) out of the five (5) thematic programme areas.
- 4. NGO must have a verifiable performance track record in the thematic programme area for which it is seeking prequalification.
- 5. NGO must be present in the stated and anticipated geographical areas of operation, namely Kampala, Wakiso, Napak, Moroto, Tororo, Busia and Bugiri districts and potentially Rwenzori and Karamoja regions.
- 6. NGOs that work with youth and young women are encouraged to apply.
- 7. NGOs must demonstrate strong financial management capacity with regular organisational and project financial audits (at least for the last 2 years audited accounts).
- 8. Current partners of TdH-NL in Uganda are not eligible to apply.



### **Duration of Prequalification**

Prequalified NGOs will remain on call for any programming opportunities in their approved thematic programme and geographic area for a period of 5 years (2021-2025) and will be eligible for re-prequalification.

#### **Application Procedure**

All interested organisations must fill in the Capacity Assessment Form.

All applications must be received by COB 20th August 2020 via email to uganda@tdh.nl.

Any requests for clarification on this call should be directed to uganda@tdh.nl.

As part of the prequalification process, all candidate organisations shall undergo a detailed partner capacity assessment process.

We regret that due to the expected high number of applicants, only NGOs in whom we shall have further interest will be contacted.

More information about Terre des Hommes Netherlands is available on <u>www.tdhnetherlands.org</u>.