

Prequalification of Implementing Partner Organisations in Kenya

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 five countries in Africa, including Kenya and in Asia. In these countries, the intervention strategies are implemented in partnership with local CSOs. We believe that a strong and united civil society, engaged in social change and capable of meaningful interaction with duty bearers and beneficiaries, can help us realise our final vision; stopping child exploitation. Our role includes the selection of the right partner CSOs, based on sound contextual analysis, technical and financial support for the implementation of the intervention strategies and their capacity building to deliver quality action and sustain results at the end. Strengthening civil society is thus an overall, underlying condition for the successful implementation of our Theory of Change.

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.

In Kenya, TdH-NL collaborates with Kenyan CSOs and networks in the execution of projects and initiatives which aim to prevent child exploitation and provide assistance to exploited children. We also work under the Girls Advocacy Alliance (GAA) which is a multi-year lobby and advocacy programme aimed at ending gender based violence and economic exclusion of Girls and Young Women (GYW). We are part of the Joining Forces Alliance for Children in Kenya; an alliance of the six largest international NGOs working with and for children to secure their rights and end violence against children.

Geographically, the organisation operates in the following areas: Nairobi, Nakuru, Kisumu, Busia, Turkana, Mandera, Marsabit, Mombasa, Kilifi and Kwale counties and at national level. TdH-NL's programme in Kenya is currently implemented in partnership with seven (7) local civil society organisations. The programme portfolio consists of 10 projects implemented in the above counties.

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 and other internal and local instruments. A sustainable and holistic approach based on TdH-NL's Theory of Change is deployed to address child exploitation through our 5 Ps: 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 (CTM)*; (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 vulnerable children and their 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 and in a particular geographical focus area. It is also from this pool that TdH-NL can co-create evidence based projects with project partners and targeted beneficiaries.

Objectives of the Prequalification

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

Eligibility Criteria

1. Only local organisations registered in Kenya 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 Nairobi, Nakuru, Kisumu, Busia, Turkana, Mandera, Marsabit, Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale counties and at national level. Counties neighbouring the above can also be considered on a case by case basis.
6. Feminist NGOs that work with girls and young women are encouraged to apply, particularly for our lobby and advocacy programme in Kwale County and at national level
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 Kenya 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 [TdH-NL Partner Capacity Assessment Form Kenya](#)

All applications must be received by COB 2nd October 2020 via email to kenya@tdh.nl.

Any requests for clarification on this call should be directed to kenya@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 www.tdhnetherlands.org.