



Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN)

CALL FOR APPLICATION ToR

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TITLE: CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF MTOTO KWANZA PROJECT ACROSS 10 REGIONS OF TANZANIA MAINLAND

This call for application is issued as a public notice to all attracted and capable local Civil Society Organizations to have a fair opportunity to express their interest to implement Mtoto Kwanza Project which will provide support to the government of Tanzania and the wider ECD stakeholders in implementation of the National Multisectoral ECD Program (NMECDP) at national, regional and council levels in 26 Regions of Tanzania Mainland.

I. Background

Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) is a National umbrella network of Early Childhood Development (ECD) Civil Society Organizations working to promote Early Childhood Development in Tanzania by influencing change in policies, programs and practices. Our work aims to impact the children holistic development, inspired by a vision that the rights and needs of all infants and young children must be realized to survive, grow, and develop to their full potential. TECDEN has been in operation since 2000 and is a leading platform for ECD dialogue coordination among civil society organizations and other ECD stakeholders.

Mtoto Kwanza Project

This is a three years project from 2021/2022 to 2023/2024 funded by Conrad Hilton Foundation which will be implemented in Tanzania mainland to catalyse the implementation of the National Multisectoral Early Childhood Development Program (NM-ECDP-2021/2022-2025/2026) which was launched in December, 2021. Its launch has opened up the opportunities for various ECD stakeholders to support its implementation in various areas of the program objectives. Therefore, TECDEN in collaboration with Children in Crossfire (CiC) and Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC) through Mtoto Kwanza Project is positioned to contribute on implementation of NMECDP at National and sub-national levels while keeping its core mandate to coordinate non-state actors to support implementation and monitoring of NMECDP at all levels. The success of this project lie on seeing NMECDP being delivered in practice. Effective Civil Society Organizations participation and Media and Community voices are critical aspects in implementation of NMECDP. It is expected civil society organizations to work collaboratively with regional



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government to expand access and engage the general public to stimulate demand and accountability on implementation of NMECDP. The project aim to enhance government, partners and stakeholders capacity to integrate NMECDP priorities into their plans and budget beyond the 3-years' timeline of this investment. By the end of this project, we will have established a nationwide community of ECD stakeholders with the mandate, capacity and experience to engage in ECD policy, investments, and delivery, while representing local voices and local priorities in influencing national plans and policies.

Overall Mtoto Kwanza Project Objectives:

1. (Macro-level) Strengthen the capacity of TECDEN to effectively coordinate civil society organizations to participate in implementation and monitoring of NMECDP
2. (Meso-level) Build capacity of local civil society organizations to support regional-level advocacy and coordination of multisectoral ECD efforts across regional and local government
3. (Micro-level) Local media amplifying local voices for demand-driven and context-specific delivery of ECD services at national and sub-national levels.

II. Specific Objective of the call for Application

This Call is intended to identify Civil Society Organizations that will collaborate with TECDEN to implement Mtoto Kwanza Project in 26 Regions of Tanzania Mainland.

The implementing partners (CSOs) are expected;

1. To support coordination of the NMECDP implementation at sub-national level including reporting progress, and supporting convening local implementing partners ECD coordination meetings;
2. To participate on the regional NMECDP implementation review meetings to be convened by regional and local government;
3. To create wider community awareness and public demand on ECD services delivery;
4. To advocate for the resources allocation to invest on early childhood development services.

III. Award Budget

Mtoto Kwanza Project will support a selected CSO with basic advocacy budget for both coordination role and engagement with sub-national structures during implementation of NM-ECDP. The successful CSO will be supported with a budget of:



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- 1) Contribution to core costs of the Local CSO totaling Tshs 10 million every six months disbursed in advance biannually
- 2) Basic activity fund of Tshs 5 million every six months to contribute to CSO-led ECD advocacy/policy engagement processes and activities, disbursed in advance biannually

Project budget will apply for Phase I regions from April 2022 through to September 2024, and for Phase II regions from April 2023 through to September 2024.

IV. Geographic Coverage

Mtoto Kwanza Project will be implemented in all 26 regions of Tanzania Mainland with one successful CSO in each region. This project will be implemented in two phases: Phase I (2022) TECDEN will start working with 10 regions, namely: **Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Morogoro, Manyara, Arusha, Lindi, Mbeya, Kagera, Tabora and Rukwa**. During Phase II in 2023-2024 TECDEN will scale up the project to the remaining 16 regions.

Currently TECDEN will receive and review applications from the ten mentioned Phase I regions only.

V. Evaluation and short listing process:

Technical committee will be formed to review all received applications.

Below are review Criteria and scores.

a) Organization Compliance

- Organization governance (5%)
- Financial Management Capacity (10%)
- Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity (10%)

b) Organizational capability and experience on

- Evidence of programming/advocacy in one or more domains¹ of Early Childhood Development (35%)
- Collaboration with Regional and Local Government on ECD agenda (20%)
- Collaboration/coordination with other CSOs in the region on ECD agenda (20%)

¹ Early Childhood Development domains include: early stimulation and parenting, early learning, health, nutrition, early learning, and security and protection, see: <https://nurturing-care.org/ncf-for-ecd>



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The process will be completed within approximately 10 business days. The review panel, using the criteria detailed above, will rate applications, and make shortlisting recommendations. **Only successful applicants will be contacted for further process including physical visit for validation of information provided.**

TECDEN is not responsible for any costs associated with this applications.

To facilitate the review of applications, applicants must organize the narrative sections of their applications with the same headings and in the same order as the selection criteria.

VI. General Application instructions:

Interested organizations should download the application form and Call for Application ToR from TECDEN website: www.tecden.or.tz (News and Resources), fill and submit to our official email: recruitment@tecden.or.tz

Deadline for application is **10th April, 2022 at 23:00.**