



USAID Localize Global Health Security (LGHS) Project Zambia Request for Application Bidder's Conference

Presented by the LGHS Project

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3:00 - 4:00 pm CAT

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Overview of Agenda

1. Introductions to the LGHS project
2. Key Themes from the NOFO and RFA
3. Wrap-up and Next Steps



I. Introduction to LGHS in Zambia

Introduction to LGHS

- **Project Name:** Localize Global Health Security (LGHS)
- **Project Funder:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- **Duration:** October 2023 – September 2028
- **Geography:** Global; 7 countries in Project Year 1, up to 15 countries in total.
- **Objectives:**
 1. Address critical gaps in health security through grants and technical assistance in prioritized technical areas.
 2. Strengthen the administrative and financial organizational capacity of local entities to effectively manage the implementation of health
 3. Expand the global knowledge base of approaches and best practices for local entities conducting global health security interventions

LGHS Zambia Grant Program

- The grants program in Zambia is part of Objective 1: *Addressing critical gaps in health security through grants and technical assistance*
- Grants will provide funding to local organizations to implement activities that address critical gaps in Zambia's public health security
- In addition to the grant, successful grantees will receive:
 - Technical support in public health security
 - Organizational capacity strengthening
 - Learning, knowledge exchange, and networking opportunities
- This package of support helps grantees implement their public health security activities more effectively and strengthen their technical and organizational capacity

LGHS Zambia Grants Program

Purpose: To further strengthen, establish, and sustain Zambia's implementation of GHS priorities and compliance with International Health Regulations (2005) at the subnational level.

Program Objectives:

1. Improve the ability of local organizations to prevent, detect, and notify suspected zoonotic disease threats at the subnational level.
2. Strengthen community-level ability to identify, respond and mitigate the risks associated with animal-to-human transmission of diseases.
3. Strengthen (or establish) multisectoral linkages with existing public health security systems and structures to improve timely and complete reporting of events and feedback to the communities of health security threats.

Technical Focus Areas

Technical Focus: Zoonotic Disease

- **Community-based surveillance:** Improve surveillance and reporting of priority zoonotic diseases in the animal, human and environmental health sectors at the community level using a One Health approach.
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** Implement locally appropriate RCCE strategies for community awareness to improve understanding of zoonotic disease risk factors and associated prevention strategies at the community level, including identification of early warning signs of priority zoonotic diseases and the role of environment/climate change.
- **Human Resources for One Health:** Develop and strengthen a community-level multi-sectoral health workforce that is available and competent to prevent, detect, assess, notify, report and respond to zoonotic disease emergencies.

Geographic Scope

Geographic Focus: Southern Province

- Among the provinces most severely impacted by the drought – increased risk of disease, more interactions between animals and humans
- Significant anthrax outbreak in 2023
- High volume of livestock and wildlife
- Applicants must specify their catchment area within the province

Target Population: To be defined by applicants based on proposed activities

- Communities of small, subsistence farmers that have regular interactions with livestock
- Women and youth
- Other marginalized groups



2. Key Themes from the NOFO and RFA

RFA Review

1. Program Description : Section A

- Provides technical scope for application

2. Grant Information: Section B

- Provides grant priority areas
- Estimated availability of funds
- Period of Performance

3. Eligibility: Section C

- Local entities (a corporation, a non-profit, or another body of persons)
- Entity that is registered in Zambia with the Patent and Companies Registration Agency

RFA Review

4. Application Guidelines: Section D

- Submission Deadline: July 30, 2024
- Required Documents:
 - Technical Application
 - Cost Application
 - Organization's current and up to date registration
 - Signed certifications and assurances
 - Identification of the type of applicant organization (e.g., a brief description of its purpose, point of contact information for its principal officers including full legal name, job title, email, telephone, and physical primary address of entity)
- Submission Method:
 - Submit applications electronically to LGHS Grants Team at LGHSGrants@lghsproject.net

RFA Review

4. Application Guidelines: Section D (contd.)

Complete application submission package will include:

- ✓ Technical Program Description
- ✓ Budget (excel)
- ✓ Budget Narrative
- ✓ Signed Required Certifications and Assurances
- ✓ Grantee Profile Statement
- ✓ UEI number
- ✓ Valid Registration

RFA Review

5. Evaluation Criteria: Section E

Evaluation Criteria	Points
I. Technical Approach, Strategies, and Feasibility of Program Design The review team considers a strong technical design to be one that is informed by local circumstances and needs. Applications must be in line with the technical areas outlined in the Program Description.	40
II. Management and Staffing Plan The review team will evaluate the extent to which the management and staffing plans demonstrate the applicant's ability to effectively implement proposed activities responsive to this RFA. Reviewers will assess whether the organization has proposed sufficient level of effort to achieve stated results.	20
III. Organizational Capacity/Experience/Past Performance Reviewers will evaluate whether the organization has managed successful projects of similar size and scope in the geographic areas specified.	20
VI. Cost Evaluation The cost application will be evaluated for reasonableness, allocability, allowability, cost effectiveness, realism, and financial feasibility.	20
Total	100

RFA Review

6. Administration: Section F and G

- Sections F and G provide terms and conditions, guidelines that are expected of all awardees.

Key Themes from NOFO and RFA

- Key themes based on the questions received from the NOFO and current RFA
 - ❑ Release of the RFA
 1. <https://panagoragroup.net/procurements/>
 2. <https://www.workwithusaid.gov/sub-opportunities>
 3. <https://gozambiajobs.com/>
 - ❑ Eligibility
 - Local entities that are legally registered in Zambia
 - ❑ Templates

Technical Overview

- **International Health Regulations (2005)** provide an overarching legal framework that defines countries' right and obligations in handling public health events and emergencies that have the potential to cross borders.
- **Joint External Evaluation (JEE)** conducted in Zambia in October 2023:
 - Help countries identify the most critical gaps within their human and animal health systems in order to prioritize opportunities for enhanced preparedness and response across 19 technical focus areas.
 - Zoonotic disease (including community-based surveillance), RCCE and workforce development were among the critical gaps identified in Zambia, particularly at the subnational level.
- **WHO Benchmarks**
 - Provides list of activities by technical area that increase JEE capacity scores
- **National Action Plan for Health Security**
 - In development; expected release in August/September 2024.

Key Technical Themes

- **One Health Approach**
 - Collaborative, multisectoral and transdisciplinary approach to achieving optimal health outcomes that recognizes the interconnection between people, animals, plants and their shared environment
 - Example: Anthrax
 - National One Health Strategic Plan, 2022-2026
- **Program Objective 3:** *Strengthen (or establish) multisectoral linkages with existing public health security systems and structures to improve timely and complete reporting of events and feedback to the communities of health security threats*
 - Will depend on applicants' technical focus, activities, project area (e.g., districts)
 - Who are the local stakeholders? What committees or working groups already exist? How does information flow up and down through the system? What are the reporting mechanisms and procedures?

Technical Resources

- "International Health Regulations (2005)." World Health Organization, World Health Organization, 2005, www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241580496.
- Joint External Evaluation (JEE) Tool." World Health Organization, World Health Organization, www.who.int/ihr/publications/jee-tool-3rd-edition/en/.
- "WHO Benchmarks for Strengthening Health Emergency Capacities." World Health Organization, World Health Organization, www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240020135.
- "National One Health Strategic Plan, 2022-2026 (Zambia)." Ministry of Health, Zambia, 2022, <https://w2.znphi.co.zm/2023/02/20/znphi-launches-the-national-one-health-strategic-plan/>



3. Wrap-up and Next Steps

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Wrap-up and Next Steps

1. Summary of Main Points
2. Posting of Q&A Responses:
 1. <https://www.workwithusaid.gov/sub-opportunities>
 2. <https://panagoragroup.net/procurements/>
 3. <https://gozambiajobs.com/>
3. Actions or Follow-ups from LGHS project team

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