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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

INVITATION TO BID FOR APPLICATION: **Strengthen HIV curriculum and trainings to reduce stigma**

Introduction

The USAID- funded RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT project is a social medicine, HIV provider stigma and discrimination prevention project that will lead to the development of materials and approaches to be rolled out by the Government of Haiti's (GOH) HIV/AIDS National Program (PNLS) and implemented by health providers across the country. RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT aims to support the GOH to achieve and sustain control of the HIV epidemic by improving the quality of HIV services, particularly HIV treatment and care, in five targeted geographic departments (North, North East, West, Arbonite, and South) to aid in retaining new and continuing patients in treatment, thereby contributing to UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals. In Haiti, RISE will work with the MOH and the PNLS, as well as other MOH/directorates and leadership at the departmental level, local civil society and university partners, PEPFAR implementing partners, and professional organizations and associations to improve the quality of HIV services delivered by HIV provider teams. By changing provider attitudes and improving the quality of care, RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT will help to reduce interruption in treatment (IIT) and increase continuity of treatment among PLHIV. This, in turn, will lead to more PLHIV on antiretroviral therapy (ART) that are virally suppressed.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED:

RISE-Haiti SPOTLIGHT seeks recognized medical universities to deliver an improved pre-service HIV health professional curriculum for medical and nursing students and to participate in advocacy efforts to further strengthen pre-service and in-service training of health professionals to deliver stigma-free, client-centered services.

Period of Performance: December 2021-August 2022

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST If you are interested in receiving the RFA document, please write to htprocurement@msh.org with the subject line: "RFA Request: Strengthen HIV Curriculum".

Please state in the body of the email:

- **The name of the medical university**
- **Names and email address to send the RFA (we recommend having it sent to at least 2 people)**

Please allow for 24 hours for the RFA to be emailed.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Interested medical universities should meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Demonstrated experience providing pre-service training for HIV providers;
2. Ability to integrate PNLS materials on empathy and stigma and bias reduction in the curriculum;
3. Legal Registration;
4. Updated Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate;
5. Previous experience of similar types of work in Haiti;
6. Demonstrated expertise and experience in achieving the requirements of the Program Description; and
7. Demonstrated proficiency in English language reading and writing skills.