



Request for Applications *Pamoja Tuwalee*

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Pursuant to the authority granted under USAID Cooperative Agreement 621-A-00-10-00023-00 *Pamoja Tuwalee* Initiative; Pact Tanzania is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Applications (RFA). *Pamoja Tuwalee* is a project supported by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The initiative seeks to contribute to the Tanzanian Government's National Plan of Action Plan for Most Vulnerable Children and is being implemented by Pact Tanzania in collaboration with the Tanzanian Government's Department of Social Welfare. The goal of *Pamoja Tuwalee* is to reduce the vulnerability of children and strengthen both family and community support to those identified as most vulnerable in selected districts in Tanzania.

Under this RFA, Pact anticipates awarding grants for: **Supporting the Provision of Essential Services to Most Vulnerable Children (MVC)**. This RFA serves to address the following objectives (subject to funds availability);

- ✓ Increasing community ownership and capacity to implement the National Costed Plan of Action.
- ✓ Enable most vulnerable children to access comprehensive care and support within their communities, Strengthen the capacity of district authorities and local implementing partner organizations to manage the MVC program in their district and/or region,
- ✓ Replicate effective multi-sectoral coordination structures that effectively include public/private partnerships at district and village levels, with representatives engaged from all key stakeholders (children, families, community groups, service providers, local government and private sectors).
- ✓ Strengthen capacity of families to meet the basic needs of their own most vulnerable children.

It is the intention of Pact to award **23** separate grants (although Pact and/or USAID reserves the right to award more or less than **23** based on actual applications received) that focus on one of the four (4) overall program objectives over a 12-month period, with the possibility of continued programming beyond the initial period, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the project and continued relevance to USAID priorities.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Applicants are required to have a physical presence in the geographical area where project activities will take place. Proposed project(s) must be implemented in one or more of the following districts of **Mara region** (*Musoma Urban, Bunda, Musoma Rural, Serengeti, Tarime and Rorya*), **Kagera region** (*Bukoba Rural, Misenyi, Karagwe, Muleba, Chato and Biharamulo*), **Tabora region** (*Igunga, Nzega, Urambo, Sikonge, Tabora Municipal and Uyui*), and **Mtwara region** (*Tandahimba, Newala, Masasi, Nanyumbu and Mtwara Mikindani*).
- 2) Previous experience of not less than two years working with Most Vulnerable Children and/or currently implementing work related to MVC programs.

- 3) Applicants must be locally registered NGOs or FBOs with the capacity to link large numbers of children with quality services within a relatively short period of time and in support of the implementation of the Government of Tanzania's National Costed Plan of Action for MVC.
- 4) Experience in conducting successful community mobilization activities to develop community plans and strategies to address pressing issues.
- 5) Managing multi-year grants. Preference will be given to those applicants who have already managed and completed at least one multi-year (minimum of three years) grant at the time of submission of a proposal.

Ƴamojɔ Tɔwalee is requesting an application form "A" be submitted to Pact Tanzania in order to assess whether both the organization and potential program meet the basic requirements. Where applicants pass this initial stage, Pact will request a further more detailed form B be filled in at a later stage. To download form "A" and additional guidance and instruction on the RFA please refer to the Pact Tanzania website at: www.pacttz.org. If you experience a problem downloading the guidance and form, please contact the Ƴamojɔ Tɔwalee team on ptrfa@pactworld.org and a copy of the RFA guidance and application form "A" will be sent to you. Pact is not liable for any cost incurred for the preparation, submission, or development of the applications.

The deadline for submission of initial applications (Form A) is **12:00 noon, Tuesday 20th December 2011**. **Applications received after the deadline or which are incomplete will not be accepted or considered.** Applications can be received either by email to ptrfa@pactworld.org or in electronic and hard copy to Chief of Party, Ƴamojɔ Tɔwalee Program, Pact Tanzania, 74 Uporoto Street Victoria, Ursino South, P.O. Box 6348, Dar-es-Salaam.

If you feel you can potentially meet the requirements of this RFA, then we look forward to hearing from you.