

## Request for Proposals on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)

### ***“Strengthening Civil Society Effectiveness in Promoting Good Governance and Increasing Citizen’s Awareness and Demand for Human Rights in Zambia”***

#### **Introduction**

ActionAid Zambia (AAZ) is part of the ActionAid Global (AAG) Federation, sharing common values and aims to drive social change towards a just, equitable and sustainable world. ActionAid Zambia works with poor and excluded women and young people, their organizations and movements, to address the structural causes of social injustice, gender inequality and poverty. This fight is in line with the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which have identified the importance of addressing poverty alongside inequality.

#### **Our Vision**

A just, equitable and sustainable Zambia in which every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity.

#### **Our Mission**

To achieve social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication by working with people living in poverty and exclusion, their communities, organisations, activists, social movements and supporters.

With support from SIDA, ActionAid Zambia has been implementing the “Strengthening Civil Society Effectiveness in Promoting Good Governance and Increasing Citizen’s Awareness and Demand for Human Rights in Zambia” Project. The overall goal of the project is to *Increase Citizens Awareness and Demand for Human Rights in Zambia*.

ActionAid Zambia has supported health systems strengthening at Community level by supporting the establishment of adolescents and young people friendly safe spaces and linkages to sexual and reproductive health information and services

As part of the project ActionAid Zambia is looking to support CSOs with initiatives towards the following:

1. Advocacy for the adoption of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Zambia.
2. Advocacy towards lowering of the Age of Consent for the Right to Sexual Reproductive Health Services for Adolescents.
3. Advocacy towards increased domestic financing for adolescent and young girls for SRHR and Family Planning at national and sub district level in Zambia.
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ActionAid Zambia is therefore requesting for proposals from interested and eligible organizations with track record in undertaking similar actions.

#### **Key areas of focus**

Proposals should focus on any of the two actions indicated above. Below are some key activities the initiatives should focus

## **Action Focus 1:**

CSOs applying under this action should focus on activities linked to Advocacy for the implementation of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Zambia.

Key activities should include the following:

1. Initiatives around advocacy for the implementation of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Zambia for both in and out of school.
2. Strengthening community gate keepers and other key stakeholders on the benefits of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Zambia.
3. Educating young people on the importance of Comprehensive Sexuality Education and SRHR.

## **Action Focus 2:**

CSOs applying under this action should focus on advocacy towards revision of the Age of Consent for the Right to Sexual Reproductive Health Services for Adolescents.

Key activities should include the following:

1. Policy engagement and the review the Zambia National Family Planning commitments.
2. Initiatives supporting the Ministry of Health and government stakeholders on developing new National Family Planning Commitments.
3. Advocacy initiatives for the revision of age of consent for the access to SRHR services.

## **Action Focus 3:**

CSOs applying under this action should focus on increasing national evidence on SRHR to inform appropriate policy and programming in Zambia.

Key activities should include the following:

1. Research on current trends in SRHR services in Zambia highlighting the hindrances and gaps can be addressed.
2. Advocacy initiatives with key stakeholders to disseminate information on SRHR services in Zambia.
3. Research around the ESA commitments implementation in Zambia and advocacy.

**Proposals seeking to address any interventions outside of these three will be rejected.**

**Additional requirements:**

- All proposals must in addition to the above, demonstrate how they intend to mainstream issues of social inclusion.
- This request for proposals is targeted at local CSOs that have carried out similar works in the past but also meet the set criteria below:
- Organizations must demonstrate how they will collaborate with other players/actors to achieve the objectives of their submitted proposals.
- ActionAid Zambia notes that collaboration and engagements with other actors is very important in achieving these objectives. Therefore, all applying organizations should clearly indicate which actors they will be collaborating/engaging with and how that will be done.

**Grant Amount:** K1,000,000.00

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Full proposals are invited from registered local CSOs and operating in Zambia. Profit making entities, Political parties, groupings or entities and CSOs that are involved or linked to political parties are ineligible to apply. The following criteria should be met;

- Registered CSOs and must be in existence for minimum 3 years
- Have external audited accounts for the last 2 years.
- Proof of compliance to statutory obligations i.e. ZRA, NAPSA
- Have a track record and proof of carrying out similar works.
- Have a bank account operated by more than one signatory
- Have articles of association, constitution of trust deed
- Have a functioning Board of Directors or Trustees

Applying organizations must also demonstrate working at the National, community and district levels.

### **Our Approach and Ways of Working**

Using the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA), AAZ supports, builds knowledge and skills of collective agencies of people that spearhead evidence-based lobbying and advocacy to shift power in people's favour. Believing in local initiatives and capabilities to ensure sustainability, AAZ is committed to strengthen its work through partnerships and be less of an implementer but more of a visible capacity builder and facilitator of change. AAZ ensures inter-linkages across priorities, programmes and projects. We ensure that initiatives are consistent from local to national level and adequately feed to federation and global initiatives. Recognizing the developmental challenges posed by patriarchy, AAZ applies a feminist lens and put women and young people at the centre of driving transformative change.

### **Evaluation process**

***Evaluation of the proposals will have the following applied:***

**A. Feasibility of design & Approach.** The quality and feasibility of the application in terms of the appropriateness of the proposed methodology, innovativeness, and the work plan for achieving project

objectives to offer significant impacts on proposed objectives and outcomes. Proposed mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation with objectively measurable indicators will also be appraised.

**B. Impact on target group.** The extent to which the proposed activity corresponds to the needs of target group(s) and will directly benefit them. Also, the degree to which it will directly or indirectly stimulate other organizations and resources to replicate, develop, or implement activities supporting the objectives and priorities of AAZ.

**C. Management and Programmatic Capacity.** Evidence of the capability to undertake and accomplish the proposed activities. Appraisal will be based principally on reference checks by AAZ; the background, qualifications, reputation, appropriateness and skills of its key personnel; and the “track record,” reputation, and achievements (including development of self-sufficient, sustainable activities) of the organization involved.

**D. Sustainability/Financial Self-Reliance.** The extent to which the funded activity will result in building and strengthening the capacity of the community and local CSOs, and whether the activity itself is sustainable or will stimulate sustainability of the organization.

**E. Cost efficiency.** The degree to which budgeting is clear and reasonable and reflects best use of organizational and grant resources.

**F. Past Performance.** Previous or ongoing experience implementing similar activities. This examines an Applicant’s track-record, which is a critical factor in assessing the capacity of the Grantee to implement the activity.

**G. Cost Share.** The local contribution reflects commitment to the project by the targeted beneficiaries and local institutions.

**H. Youth and Women Inclusion.** The extent to which the funded activity includes a gender component or represents a strong commitment to women and youth as beneficiaries.

## Application Process

Download the following documents and fill them in according to the given instructions provided for within the documents.

1. Full proposal template
2. M&E results framework
3. Detailed budget
4. Check list detailing supporting documents to submit alongside the full proposal, results framework and detailed budget.

Applications should be emailed to [Grants.Zambia@actionaid.org](mailto:Grants.Zambia@actionaid.org)

Deadline for submission is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021