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ABSTRACT

Funding Opportunity Number	CDC-RFA-GH11-1121
Title of Announcement	Implementation of Programs to Improve Quality Laboratory Services in support of HIV/AIDS Care, Support and Treatment at the University Teaching Hospital Antiretroviral Clinic and Laboratory in the Republic of Zambia under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
Grantee Name and Contact Information	University Teaching Hospital, Nationalist Road, Ridgeway, P/Bag RW1X Lusaka Email: ckankasa@zamnet.zm Fax: +260 211 257534
Approximate Total Project Period Funding	\$25,000,000
Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding	\$1,000,000
Award Ceiling	None
Award Floor	None
New Award or Continuation	New Award
Project Period Length	Five years
Budget Period Length	12 months
Award Mechanism	U2G – Global HIV/AIDS Non-Research Cooperative Agreements
Statutory Authority	This program is authorized under Public Law 108-25 (the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) [22 U.S.C. 7601, <i>et seq.</i>], and Public Law 110-293 (the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008).

CFDA # and Title	93.067 – Global AIDS
Purpose of the Award	<p>The purpose of this announcement is to strengthen Zambia’s capacity to expand activities in the program areas of HIV Care, Support and Treatment by strengthening laboratory services and External Quality Assurance (EQA) activities. More specifically, this announcement seeks to increase the local capacity and sustainability of the response to the HIV and AIDS crisis in Zambia by engaging local indigenous partners to provide HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, Support and Treatment services that were initiated in 2004 under with PEPFAR-funded clinical services and Antiretroviral Treatment program. Additionally, this announcement aims to promote the transition of US government-funded health programs to host country ownership for improved sustainability.</p>
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	<p>The University Teaching hospital, (UTH) is located within Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia, with a population density of more than two million people. The hospital is the only Level 3 (tertiary) Government of Zambia hospital within the city and one of two tertiary hospitals within the nation. The Government of Zambia has mandated that UTH be the sole University to conduct research in most all clinical disciplines; train all cadres of health personnel from the University of Zambia, including nurses, paramedics (clinical officers), doctors, pharmacists and laboratory personnel; and provide quality assured service for diseases of public health importance within the region. UTH serves as the nation’s key referral centre with the capacity and qualified health personnel to handle critical and complicated cases for the country. UTH also provides services for neighboring countries for cases such as poliomyelitis, influenza and measles.</p> <p>As the Government of Zambia’s key</p>

	<p>referral health institution, UTH has the lead role in disease surveillance of TB, measles, influenza, poliomyelitis and sentinel surveillance for HIV, syphilis and other STI-related diseases. UTH is the prime recipient mandated by the Government of Zambia to conduct the stated work within the funding opportunity announcement. It is the only government hospital which performs Viral Loads. UTH also serves as the prime referral center for Early Infant diagnosis (EID) and oversees the other two laboratories; based in Ndola and Kalingalinga, Lusaka.</p> <p>UTH has supported the scale up of HIV /TB diagnostic activities in both light and fluorescent TB microscopy and expanded rapid TB Liquid culture and drug susceptibility testing services and the use of Molecular techniques in species identification of mycobacterium tuberculosis and Western Blot technique for HIV diagnosis. UTH has the highest number of clients enrolled on ART and continues to conduct counseling and testing on a large population of patients.</p> <p>The hospital is the national reference center for the Blood Safety Program ensuring that quality and safe blood and its products such as hemophilic factors, plasma, packed cells, etc. do not put the lives of the recipient beneficiaries at risk especially maternal mothers, accident and burn victims. They ensure that quality is strictly adhered to by making sure that External Quality Assurance for CD4+ counts, HIV rapid testing, TB, Microbiology, Hematology and Chemistry and other laboratory profiles are observed country wide in all the laboratories.</p>
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