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ABSTRACT

Funding Opportunity Number	CDC-RFA-GH11-1134
Title of Announcement	Supporting the Safe, Adequate and Reliable Supply of Blood and Blood Products through the Malawi Blood Transfusion Service and its Support to Hospitals throughout Malawi, under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and the Global Health Initiative
Grantee Name and Contact Information	Bridon Mbaya, Medical Director Malawi Blood Transfusion Service P.O. Box 2681 Blantyre Email: mbayab@mbtsmalawi.com Telephone:+265 1 874 666/667
Approximate Total Project Period Funding	\$20 ,000,000
Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding	\$1,140,000
Award Ceiling	None
Award Floor	None
New Award or Continuation	New award
Project Period Length	5 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	To support the national blood transfusion service to reach its full national scope and mandate, ensuring that it is able to provide adequate supplies of safe blood and blood products to meet the needs of all patients in all hospitals in Malawi.
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	<p>The Malawi Blood Transfusion Service is the only government agency legally mandated and established by the Government of Malawi (GOM) to deliver blood transfusion services. The GOM is mandated to support a substantial portion of MBTS services, with funding through both the MOH and the National AIDS Commission (NAC). No other institution or organization, apart from MBTS, is authorized to provide blood and blood products in Malawi.</p> <p>In February 2002 GOM established the independent and autonomous National Malawi Blood Transfusion Service. This body was a formally constituted Malawi Blood Transfusion Service Trust. The MBTS Trust has the responsibility for establishing the necessary organization and management structure to ensure effecting management of blood services with a legal framework (Act), for recruiting and appointing staff and developing collaborative working partnerships in the private and public sector. MBTS started operations in 2004. The MOH appoints a Board of Trustees for the MBTS, and the Board in turn appoints management and oversees operations of the MBTS.</p> <p>As the country’s national blood service, MBTS is mandated by the GOM to provide safe and adequate supplies of blood and blood products for all patients in all authorized hospitals in Malawi. The overall objective of MBTS is to ensure the appropriate clinical use of blood through the establishment of a centralized and sustainable blood transfusion service and to reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases through blood and blood products.</p> <p>The MBTS works with all central, district and other relevant hospitals in the public and private sector, College of Medicine, clinical laboratories and their staff, clinicians and</p>

	<p>related projects, in order to provide a safe and adequate blood supply to all those in need. It also serves as the MOH's National Reference Laboratory for immunohaematology.</p> <p>MBTS has received funding and technical support through a cooperative agreement with CDC Malawi, under PEPFAR, from 2006 to 2010. During the term of the first cooperative agreement, MBTS established three modern blood centers in each of Malawi's three regions, and operationalized a national blood transfusion service model capable of providing services to all hospitals requiring blood and blood products throughout the country. Recognizing that significant challenges remain for MBTS to fully and sustainably meet its national mandate, this FOA is intended to support a second five-year partnership to support the continued development of a robust and capable national blood transfusion service in Malawi.</p>
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