



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)

This funding announcement is not a request for applications. This is a public notice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition

ABSTRACT

Funding Opportunity Number	CDC-RFA-GH12-1212
Title of Announcement	Strengthening Capacity through Improved Management and Coordination of Laboratory, Surveillance, Epidemiology Public Health Evaluations and Training in Uganda under PEPFAR
Applicant: Name, Mailing address, phone number, FAX number, email address	Uganda Virus Research Institute Dr E Katongole Mbidde Plot 52-59 Nakiwogo Road P.O Box 49 Entebbe Uganda Tel:(256)-414-320385/6 Fax:(256)414-32-483 Email:directoruvri@uvri.
Approximate Total Project Period Funding	\$17,500,000
Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding	\$3,500,000
Award Ceiling:	
Budget Year 1	\$3,500,000
Budget Year 2	\$3,500,000
Budget Year 3	\$3,500,000
Budget Year 4	\$3,500,000
Budget Year 5	\$3,500,000
Award Floor:	
Budget Year 1	\$800,000
Budget Year 2	\$800,000
Budget Year 3	\$800,000
Budget Year 4	\$800,000
Budget Year 5	\$800,000
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	<p>The overall purpose of this FOA is to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Health to deliver quality and timely health services through improved management and coordination of laboratory, surveillance, epidemiology and financial activities, operational research and appropriate training.</p>
Single Source Justification Reasons Cited	<p>The Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) houses the HIV Reference and Quality Assurance Laboratory (HRL). The Ministry of Health (MOH) has designated the HRL at UVRI to be the National HIV Reference and Quality Assurance Laboratory in Uganda and to be the sole provider of HIV-related, quality assurance (QA) for the country, no other laboratory in the country has the mandate to perform this activity. The Institute prepares and distributes proficiency testing (PT) panels to over one thousand laboratories and programs, in both the public and private sectors, that offer HIV testing; has established and manages a national external quality assurance scheme (NEQAS) for CD4+ T-cell counting in collaboration with the Central Public Health Laboratory; houses the National HIVDR Coordination Centre that conducts surveillance for HIVDR and includes a WHO-certified laboratory for HIVDR determination that provides QA for other laboratories conducting HIVDR testing and, provides QA and HIVDR testing for the national HIV Early Infant Diagnosis program. As the unique provider of quality assurance for HIV-related laboratory testing in the country, UVRI is in the perfect position to broaden its quality assurance activities into other HIV-related HIV testing, to offer training through its relationship with Makerere University and to collect HIV surveillance data through the strengthening of its IT capacity. The Institute, through its partners, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the US National Institutes of Health, the International AIDS Vaccine Center for East and Central Africa, the UK Medical Research Council and the Wellcome Trust, has access to a number of well-characterized cohorts that offer the potential for the development, conduct and evaluation of new interventions and clinical trials to prevent and control HIV/AIDS and associated opportunistic infections.</p> <p>With funding from international partners, UVRI has been rehabilitated and now houses a number of national reference laboratories including the HRL. Over the next five years, the physical and organizational structures and human</p>

	<p>resource required to support surveillance activities, quality assurance and public health evaluations will be strengthened. UVRI staff will be trained in a wide range of technical and management disciplines. Whilst UVRI's programmatic and institutional development has gathered impressive pace over the years, it has become imperative for the Institute to anchor this growth and development within the framework of a strong, country-led program to promote country ownership and sustainability.</p>
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