



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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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-GH12-1235
Title of Announcement	“Increasing the Supply of Safe Blood for Transfusions in the United Republic of Tanzania and Zanzibar through Blood Collection, Donor Mobilization, and Technical Assistance under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)”
Applicant: Name, Mailing address, phone number, FAX number, email address	Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) Old Bagamoyo Road, Plot 53, Block C P.O. Box 1133 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Phone: +255 22 278 0916 or +255 784 565 305 Fax: +255 22 278 0938 Email: pmlebusi@yahoo.com or berthamlay@gmail.com
Approximate Total Project Period Funding	\$7,500,000
Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding	\$1,500,000
Award Ceiling:	
Budget Year 1	\$1,500,000
Budget Year 2	\$1,500,000
Budget Year 3	\$1,500,000
Budget Year 4	\$1,500,000
Budget Year 5	\$1,500,000
Award Floor:	
Budget Year 1	None
Budget Year 2	None
Budget Year 3	None
Budget Year 4	None
Budget Year 5	None
New Award or Continuation	New award
Project Period Length	12 months
Budget Period Length	5 years
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	The purpose of this program is to increase the availability

	<p>and safety of Tanzania’s blood supply through advocacy, recruitment, retention, collection and distribution of safe blood to improve facility and overall national coverage. Specifically this announcement aims to support the Tanzania Red Cross Society as an implementer of blood safety activities in order to supplement and reinforce the efforts of the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS) in the Mainland and Zanzibar to increase the supply of safe blood available for transfusions in all zones to sufficient levels in the next five years through blood collection, distribution, blood donor recruitment, and technical assistance to NTBS. The successful proposal will reflect the understanding of this in terms of their technical and programmatic approaches.</p>
Single Source Justification Reasons Cited	<p>Tanzania suffers from an acute shortage of blood donors, and the current number of donations is estimated to be only about 20% of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) estimated minimum requirements for the country. There are only three organizations with the capacity and infrastructure to collect blood for transfusions in Tanzania: The National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS), the Tanzanian People’s Defense Force (TPDF), and the Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS). The NBTS is a Tanzanian government agency established with CDC funds through the support of Funding Opportunity Announcement 04077 in 2004. Since that time, CDC has supported NBTS and secured them technical assistance to prepare the agency to meet the nation’s blood supply needs. CDC currently provides 80% of the budget for this Tanzanian government agency through flat funding with the remaining 20% supplied by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. The Tanzanian People’s Defense Force is the national military whose narrow blood collection efforts are funded through a sub-grant from NBTS. TPDF collections are limited solely to donor recruitment among the small population of their own service members. Therefore the only eligible organization who can supplement and coordinate technical assistance for the blood collection efforts of NBTS using existing infrastructure is the Tanzania Red Cross Society.</p> <p>In March 2010, as part of their HHS/CDC funded cooperative agreement, NBTS established a five year plan including national blood collection targets. Despite considerable efforts on the part of NBTS, they have missed their blood collection milestones to date. Tanzania’s national safe blood unit needs are too heavy a burden for NBTS to achieve with its current resources and organizational capacity. NBTS requires supplementary collection efforts and technical assistance to catch up to their five year plan collection goals by 2015. Because NBTS is already two years into their plan, urgent supplementary efforts leveraging existing blood collection infrastructure are necessary. As described above, TRCS is the only non-governmental</p>

	<p>organization possessing this existing blood collection infrastructure.</p> <p>From 2005 through 2010 the TRCS successfully fulfilled an HHS/CDC funded cooperative agreement to supplement NBTS blood collection. There has been a decline in nationwide blood units collected since that cooperative agreement ended. The decline left a deficit in an already under stocked blood supply which NBTS has not been able to compensate for. Renewed TRCS activities are necessary if NBTS is to meet its five year goals and ultimately stock the minimum recommended number of blood units to serve its population needs according to WHO guidelines.</p>
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