

REF. NO. 003/AUF/CFP/RA/2012-2013

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

“STIMULATING CHANGE FROM BELOW” STRATEGY: RESEARCH & ADVOCACY TOWARDS EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN EAST AFRICA.

Deadline of Receipt of Proposals: December 31, 2012

Background

As part of this Strategy, we invite applications, from community-based or community-serving national organizations in East Africa, working on Research and advocacy initiatives towards equitable access to health-care and education for marginalized and disadvantaged groups and communities as well as sustainably addressing youth unemployment. Applications must adopt rights-based approaches with clear focus on addressing the root causes of the identified problems and have clear sustainability measures. Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate creativity and innovation in dealing with the three identified social justice issues.

About Akiba Uhaki Foundation (AUF)

AUF is dedicated to supporting and accompanying Human Rights and Social Justice-related organizations in tackling root causes of poverty, social injustices and human rights violations in East Africa. We believe that the basis of sustainable development is social justice and that until the East African Community (EAC) puts the concerns of the ordinary people at the center of all its negotiations and agreements, and truly people-owned, the 'East African Community' will remain elusive. We support work that will result in: (a) empowered and assertive communities of people, (b) accountable governments and (c) effective monitoring and feedback mechanism by non-state actors on the integration process.

Stimulating Change From Below Intervention Strategy

The objective of the intervention strategy, which runs from 2009 to 2014, is to stimulate capacities of communities within East Africa to claim their rights in development.

Focus and Categories of Support of the Call for Proposals

The current CFP supports Research, Policy Reform and Advocacy initiatives using rights-based approaches in the enhancement of service delivery through devolved funds and people-centered development planning towards:

1. Equitable **access to quality health-care** especially for poor women from **marginalized communities** including ethnic minorities, persons living in informal settlements, persons with disabilities (PWDs), people living with HIV/AIDs (PLWHAs) and poor rural communities; or;
2. Equitable **access to quality education** for disadvantaged communities (the poor-rural communities, girls from marginalized communities including ethnic minorities, persons living in informal settlements, PWDs), or;
3. Increased **employment** opportunities for **youth** and respect of their **labour rights**.

Application Requirements

Interested organizations should submit project proposals (not exceeding 7 pages) and corresponding budgets in either English, French or Kiswahili, according to the AUF Proposal Guidelines that are available on our website at: www.akibauhaki.org. Any application that is incomplete or fails to meet the application requirements will be automatically disqualified. Eligibility is open to applicants from any of the 5 East African States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda)

Technical Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be reviewed by the AUF Grants Review Committee based on the following criteria:

- Relevance and responsiveness to the CFP and AUF Mandate.
- Clarity in analysis of the problem and its root causes; and the significance and viability of the proposed strategy and approaches
- Promotion of gender equity (Show how the project will promote inclusion and active participation of poor women from marginalized communities including ethnic minorities, persons living in informal settlements, persons with disabilities (PWDs), people living with HIV/AIDs (PLWHAs) and poor rural communities.
- Innovativeness and creativity.
- Organizational capacity (Unregistered organisations must show proof of being fiscally hosted by a reputable registered human rights and social justice organization).
- Budget (The budget should be reasonable and correspond to the issues that the proposed project will address and be within our funding limit of US\$ 10,000).

Deadline for submission is December 31, 2012 and applications received after this date will not be considered.

Proposals submitted under this CFP should be marked: **REF. NO. 003/AUF/CFP/RA/2012-2013** (on the envelope or subject of the email and cover page of the application).

Applications should be submitted by post or email (preferably email to cfp@akibauhaki.org and copied to: cfp@akibauhaki.org) and be addressed as below:

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KINDLY NOTE: All applications shall be reviewed and communications to pre-qualifying applicants made by January 28, 2013. Completion of final reviews shall be made by February 18, 2013. Approvals, contracting and grants processing shall then be made by March 11, 2013.

AUF reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. PLEASE NOTE that canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification of your application.

We thank you for your interest in our work.