



## Request for submissions

### Call for proposals from Youth Champions to strengthen youth-friendly HIV service delivery in their community

Proposals will be received until 18 February 2018.

*Are you a young person under 30 years living with or affected by HIV in Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania or Zimbabwe?*

*Are you affiliated with a community-based organization and/or an HIV service provider in your community?*

*Do you play a leadership role in your community?*

*Are you passionate about making HIV services in your community more youth-friendly?*

If you answered yes to two or more of the above questions, you may be eligible for a grant to strengthen youth-friendly service delivery in your community.

Read below to learn more.

#### 1. About the International AIDS Society

Founded in 1988, the International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 180 countries. IAS members work on all fronts of the global response to AIDS, and include researchers, clinicians, policy and programme planners and public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic.

The IAS organizes the world's two most prestigious HIV conferences, each convened biennially in alternating years. The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health or development issue, and provides a unique forum for the intersection of science and advocacy. The IAS Conference on Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention brings together a broad cross section of HIV professionals and features the latest HIV science, with a focus on implementation – moving scientific advances into practice.

In addition, the IAS advocates for urgent action to reduce the global impact of HIV, including increased investment in HIV cure research; optimizing treatment and care for infants, children and adolescents with HIV in resource-limited settings; preventing and treating HIV-related co-infections; and expanding access to prevention, treatment and care for key populations –including protecting their human rights by combatting punitive laws and discriminatory policies.

More information on the IAS can be found at [www.iasociety.org](http://www.iasociety.org).

#### 2. About the Youth Champions programme

In 2017, the IAS Youth Voices campaign supported 13 “[Youth Champions](#)” in sub-Saharan Africa to gain a better understanding of how, when, where and what kind of HIV services

young people living with HIV (PLHIV) and young people from key populations want to receive.

**Building on this momentum, the IAS is offering five grants to support young people living with and affected by HIV to develop or strengthen, in partnership with an HIV service provider/clinic, youth-friendly HIV services in their communities.**

The selected Youth Champion and the host organization, in partnership with an HIV service provider, will receive a grant of USD 12,500 for a grant period of 18 months (March 2018 – 31 August 2019) to create or strengthen youth-friendly services in the community. The key components of youth-friendly services for the purpose of this project include 1) youth-friendly opening hours, 2) individual or peer support groups, 3) trained healthcare workers that do not stigmatize or discriminate, 4) broadened access to youth-friendly services, i.e. provision of HIV-related information at services likely to be accessed by young people, and 5) improved linkages and referral mechanisms providing additional and/or follow-up services.

Key considerations for project proposals include:

- In order to evaluate the impact of the change in service delivery within a clinic, the Youth Champion and the host organization will be asked to collect and analyze available qualitative and/or quantitative data before and after the pilot phase of the project.
- To help prioritize which components are most needed in the Youth Champions' communities and to generate further evidence, local consultations with young people living with or affected by HIV can be included in the project proposal.

### **3. Funding information**

IAS Youth Voices will support five seed grants of USD 12,500 each for a period of 18 months (1 March 2018 - 31 August 2019).

Grant administration will be delegated to the host organization with which the Youth Champion is affiliated. The host organization will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on progress on the grant. The funding is inclusive of all proposed advocacy activities and any contribution to the honorarium or salary paid to the Youth Champion.

### **4. Eligibility criteria**

- Organizations must be based in Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania or Zimbabwe. Preference will be given to organizations working in rural and/or semi-urban areas in one of the selected countries;
- The Youth Champion needs to provide documentation stating that he/she has been affiliated with the host organization for no less than 6 months prior to the start of the grant period;
- The Youth Champion needs to be between 18 and 30 years of age (preferably less than 25 years) during the grant period;
- The Youth Champion needs to agree to be featured in IAS digital media (see [examples](#));
- The Youth Champion needs to be willing to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> International AIDS Conference ([AIDS 2018](#)) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 23-27 July 2018.

### **5. Proposal Submission details**

Proposals should include:

1. From the applicant (Youth Champion and his/her host organization)
  - A maximum 2-page concept note (excluding the budget) detailing the activities, budget, timelines and deliverables that the funding would support, including plans for monitoring and evaluation of the project. The total budget for proposals should not exceed \$12,500 USD.
2. From the Youth Champion
  - A maximum two-page curriculum vitae including educational background, volunteer and work experience as well as involvement with the host organization;
  - A 500-word response to the question: “Why I want to be a Youth Champion for youth-friendly services in my community”.
3. From the host organization of the Youth Champion
  - A letter of support for the applicant outlining how the organization would support the Youth Champion in his/her work;
  - A one-page summary of how the organization is working with PLHIV and/or supporting local networks of PLHIV;
  - A maximum two-page overview from the proposed host organization outlining the organization’s vision, mission and areas of work and how they would engage with the Youth Champion.
4. From the HIV service provider/clinic (could be the host organization of the Youth Champion)
  - A “Letter of Interest” stating how the service provider would be able to support the project (e.g. through ensuring access to (anonymized) client data for monitoring and evaluation purposes).

## **6. Submission Details**

Proposals must be received via e-mail by **Sunday 18 February 2018**. Please email all proposals to **YouthVoices@iasociety.org** with the subject heading “Youth-friendly services Youth Champion proposal”.

Any questions related to this call for submissions can be sent to [YouthVoices@iasociety.org](mailto:YouthVoices@iasociety.org).