

Call for Expressions of Interest for Early Childhood Development Advocacy Groups/Networks

About The Africa Early Childhood Network

The Africa Early Childhood Network (AfECN) is established as an organization to champion excellence and collaboration in protecting children's rights, influence policy and practice, strengthen partnerships, and share experiences and knowledge in Early Childhood Development (ECD) across Africa. AfECN's vision is for all children in Africa to grow up in safe, healthy, stimulating, and happy environments; able to thrive and achieve their full potential. As part of realizing its vision, AfECN would like to partner with in country networks and advocacy groups to increase **advocacy efforts** for positive early childhood outcomes in Africa. Consequently, AfECN is issuing this first round of call for expression of interest to grassroots organizations, networks and special interest groups, media, ECD advocates, professional associations, collaboratives or advocacy groups operating in Kenya, Tanzania and Mozambique. Proposals could focus on various advocacy issues related to the development of young children from pre-natal stage to 5 years.

Proposal structure

The application should be a maximum of 5 pages containing the following components:

- The background about the organization.
- Key achievements, challenges, and lessons learnt.
- The definition and justification of the problem to be addressed including the community affected, the country and the geography of intended intervention.
- The key objectives, outcomes and outputs expected in the proposed advocacy project.
- A detailed implementation plan including timelines and dissemination plans.
- A budget up to a maximum of USD 7,000.

Eligibility criteria

These funds are intended for supporting grassroots advocacy efforts to raise awareness and looking to make a difference young child development in the three countries.

- Must be a network or advocacy group, grassroots organizations, professional associations, registered women groups or coalitions of ECD actors, among others.
- Proven working experience in community-based interventions or promotion/outreach activities and/or other relevant activities related to early childhood development.
- Evidence of strong partnership with local communities, local authorities and/or government agencies in previous activities
- Be registered with a clear governance structure.
- Have a secretariat that runs the day-to-day affairs.
- Be based in either Kenya, Tanzania or Mozambique.

Duration of the Award

The tenure of the seed grant will be for an initial one year with the possibility of extension for another one year based on performance and track record.

Funding Package

The value of the seed project shall be USD 7,000

Application Process

Fill the application form attached here with the subject line: "Advocacy Seed Grant" by **31st August 2023 to the following email: grants@afecn.org**

In addition, you will be required to attach the following documents:

- Cover letter stating how the grant aligns with your strategic plan and motivation for application.

- Project proposal of not more than 5 pages including a detailed time and workplan.
- Fill out and attach Appendix 1

Call for Applications for Advocacy Groups (to be uploaded on a google doc)

Appendix one: Organizational Profile Template

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1.	Name of the organization	
2.	Type of Organization	
3.	Organizational Goal and Objectives	Goal/Outcome (s): Objectives:
4.	Contact address and contact person	Name of the Contact Person: Position: Phone Number: Mobile number Email: Physical Address:
5.	Date of Establishment	
6.	Registration number, date of registration and relevant registration authority	
7.	Number of regular staff (core and project)	Number of Management Staff: Number of Programme Staff: Number of Support Staff: Number of volunteers:
8.	Geographical coverage/ extent of organizational work	
10.	List of Policies and procedures of the Organization	