



# Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN)

## CALL FOR APPLICATION

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### **TITLE: CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF MTOTO KWANZA PROJECT ACROSS 16 REGIONS OF TANZANIA MAINLAND**

This call for application is issued as a public notice to all interested and capable National Civil Society Organizations to have a fair opportunity to express their interest to implement the Mtoto Kwanza Project which will contribute to the government of Tanzania and the wider ECD stakeholders in the implementation of the National Multisectoral ECD Program (NMECDP) at national, regional and council levels in 26 Regions of Tanzania Mainland.

#### **I. Background**

Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) is a National umbrella network of Early Childhood Development (ECD) National Civil Society Organizations working to promote Early Childhood Development in Tanzania by influencing change in policies, programs, and practices. Our work aims to impact children's holistic development, inspired by a vision of **a society where all children are developmentally on track to reach their full potential**. TECDEN has been in operation since 2000 and is a leading platform for ECD dialogue coordination among civil society organizations and other ECD stakeholders.

#### **Mtoto Kwanza Project**

This is a three years project from 2021/2022 to 2023/2024 funded by Conrad Hilton Foundation which will be implemented in Tanzania mainland to catalyze the implementation of the National Multisectoral Early Childhood Development Program (NM-ECDP) 2021/2022-2025/2026 which was launched in December 2021. Its launch has opened up opportunities for various ECD stakeholders to support its implementation in various areas of the program objectives. Therefore, TECDEN in collaboration with Children in Crossfire (CiC) and the Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC) through the Mtoto Kwanza Project is positioned to contribute to the implementation of NMECDP at National and sub-national levels while keeping its core mandate to coordinate non-state actors to support implementation and monitoring of NMECDP at all levels. The success of this project lies in seeing NMECDP delivered in practice. Effective Civil Society Organizations' participation and Media and Community voices are critical aspects in the implementation of NMECDP. It is expected civil society organizations work collaboratively with the regional government to expand access and engage the general public to stimulate demand and accountability on the implementation of NMECDP. The project aims to enhance the government, partners, and stakeholders' capacity to integrate NMECDP priorities into their plans and budget beyond



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the 3-year timeline of this investment. By the end of this project, we will have established a nationwide community of ECD stakeholders with the mandate, capacity, and experience to engage in ECD policy, investments, and delivery, while representing local voices and local priorities in influencing national plans and policies.

## **Overall Mtoto Kwanza Project Objectives:**

1. (Macro-level) Strengthen the capacity of TECDEN to effectively coordinate civil society organizations to participate, in the implementation and monitoring of NMECDP
2. (Meso-level) Build the capacity of local civil society organizations to support regional-level advocacy and coordination of multisectoral ECD efforts across regional and local government
3. (Micro-level) Local media amplifying local voices for demand-driven and context-specific delivery of ECD services at national and sub-national levels.

## **II. Specific Objective of the call for Application**

This Call is intended to identify Civil Society Organizations that will collaborate with TECDEN to implement the Mtoto Kwanza Project in 26 Regions of Tanzania's Mainland.

### **The implementing partners (CSOs) are expected;**

1. To support coordination of the NMECDP implementation at the sub-national level including reporting progress, and supporting convening local implementing partners ECD coordination meetings;
2. To participate in the regional NMECDP implementation review meetings to be convened by regional and local government;
3. To create wider community awareness and public demand on ECD services delivery;
4. To advocate for resource allocation to invest in early childhood development services.

## **III. Award Budget**

Mtoto Kwanza Project will support a selected CSO with a basic advocacy budget for both coordination roles and engagement with sub-national structures during the implementation of NM-ECDP. The successful CSO will be supported with a budget of;

- 1) Contribution to core costs of the Local CSO totaling Tshs 10 million every six months disbursed in advance biannually



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- 2) Basic activity fund of Tshs 5 million every six months to contribute to CSO-led ECD advocacy/policy engagement processes and activities, disbursed in advance biannually

## IV. Geographic Coverage

Mtoto Kwanza Project will be implemented in all 26 regions of Tanzania Mainland with one successful CSO in each region. This project started its phase I implementation in 10 regions on April 2022. In phase II TECDEN is scaling up the implementation of the Mtoto Kwanza Project in the remained 16 regions which are; **Singida, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Geita, Mara, Katavi, Simiyu, Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Pwani, Mtwara, Ruvuma, Njombe, Iringa, Kigoma and Songwe.**

TECDEN will receive and review applications from the sixteen mentioned regions above only.

## V. Evaluation and shortlisting process:

Technical committee will review all received applications.

Below are the review Criteria and scores.

### a) Organization Compliance

- Organization governance (10%)
- Financial Management Capacity (20%)

### b) Organizational capability and experience on

- Evidence of programming/advocacy in one or more domains of Early Childhood Development (30%)
- Collaboration with Regional and Local Government on ECD agenda (20%)
- Collaboration/coordination with other CSOs in the region on ECD agenda (20%)

**Only successful applicants will be contacted for the further process including a physical visit for validation of the information provided.** It is anticipated that after the deadline successful applicant will be hearing from TECDEN within a period of one month

TECDEN is not responsible for any costs associated with this application.

To facilitate the review of applications, applicants must organize the narrative sections of their applications with the same headings and in the same order as the selection criteria.



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## VI. General Application instructions:

Interested organizations should download the application form from TECDEN website: [www.tecden.or.tz](http://www.tecden.or.tz) fill and submit to our official email: [ecdnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ecdnetwork@gmail.com); indicating in the subject line: **“Name of the Region – Name of the CSO Application”**. All application documents should be in a **single pdf format**.

The deadline for application is **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 at 23:00hrs Tanzania local time**.