

## CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Help REACH Africa (HERA) is a local non-profit NGO founded in 2009 legally registered in Kenya, with a locally instituted Board and staff. **REACH** stands for **R**ights, **E**mpowerment, **A**dvancement, **C**are, and **H**ealth, encompassing technical approaches the organization utilizes in implementation of its projects and programs.

### **Vision**

A world where all people are empowered to live their dreams.

### **Mission**

To Save and Transform lives.

### **Core Values**

Passion, Integrity, Respect, Excellence, and Teamwork (PIRET).

### **Strategy**

Our strategy is to work closely with the National and County Governments, Local Implementing Partners, Private Sector, Children's Department, Local Administration, Religious organizations and the Community level, and get them to own and lead the projects while we provide technical guidance and support in the journey to self-reliance.

Help REACH Africa (HERA) focuses on technical areas including Maternal Newborn Child Health and Family Planning, Adolescent Girls and Young Women Sexual Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDs, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), Advocacy and Health System Strengthening. In the last seven years, HERA has worked closely with Ugunja Sub-County Health Pillar in Health System Strengthening, working closely with the Governor, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, The Bishop of Maseno West and the Anglican Church, Youth and Sports, the Local Administration including Chiefs and Subchiefs, the Judiciary and the Commissioner's office to address issues affecting the society including teenage pregnancies, drug and substance abuse, home deliveries, lack of medicines and supplies in facilities, maternal and infant mortality among others. Using advocacy, HERA has worked with the county to improve health infrastructure, build Human Resource, build capacity in service delivery, strengthen commodity supply and improve local leadership and enrolment in NHIF at the health facility level, which led to increased uptake of health services and evident reduction in maternal and newborn mortality. The HERA team comprises experts, skilled in various technical areas; participatory planning and action, HIV and OVC programming, Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), MNCAH, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and key populations. Most have had extensive experience working with complex multi-sectoral USAID funded projects in counties such as Nairobi, Mombasa, Kilifi, Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Nyandarua, Muranga, Nyeri, Machakos, Makueni, Kirinyaga, and Kiambu. Over the last five years, the team has collectively worked with over 50 Local Implementing Partners (LIPs) to support over 140,000 OVCs, providing basic needs including HIV testing and linkage, health, education, social protection and Household Economic Strengthening. The team also built LIP capacity in finance and procurement, Human Resource, Leadership and Governance, and; Monitoring and Evaluation.

Our team has experience in capacity building of community child protection mechanisms such as volunteer children officers (VCOs); Area Advisory Council; children assembly; community health units; health facilities; kinship care; charitable children's institutions (CCIs); religious bodies; women groups; youth groups; and men's groups across the country in Nairobi, Mombasa, Malindi, Eldoret, Kitale, Lodwar and Garissa to provide quality community-based case management services for over 100,000 OVC. We have experience supporting the national child protection system through the Department of Children Services by participating in key Technical Working Groups and Steering Committees specifically: Violence against Children survey, prevention and response plan; Street Families Census and Policy; Child Protection Information Management System; and Children's Bill 2019. Further, we are part of the current government initiative to promote alternative family care of children particularly foster care and adoption. The organization also addresses teen pregnancy in collaboration with schools, health facilities, churches, and communities to find solutions. HERA has a deep knowledge of the Kenyan situation on HIV/AIDS through many years of experience working with donor agencies, National AIDS and STI Control Program (NAS COP), National AIDS Control Council (NACC), the County Government and implementing partners.

### **HERA leadership**

The team Leader, Dr. Mudany brings in a wealth of knowledge and experience having worked for a donor agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 8 years, as Chief of Party of a large complex integrated USAID funded APHIA-plus KAMILI and having been Country Director of Jhpiego for 6 years, a large international NGO with over 300 staff that worked on 16 diverse projects in 32 of 47 counties, working on Reproductive Health, Family Planning, Maternal Newborn-Child Health, Group ANC, HIV/AIDS, DREAMS, Advocacy, Oral PrEP, Safe Surgery, Non-Communicable Diseases, Adolescent and Youth Programs, and OVCs. Dr. Mudany is currently, the Country Lead Consultant in this Strengthening Capacity of Local Organizations to manage USG Awards and prime for USG donor funds. Together with her team, Dr. Mudany continues to take center stage in building Capacity of Local Organizations to get them to manage new awards from USAID. In this regard the team has used Non US Organization Pre-award Survey (NUPAS) Assessment done by USAID, reviewed the findings and recommendations, and worked with a team of experts in Finance and Procurement, Human Resource, Governance and Leadership, Programs, Monitoring and Evaluation and closely supported local organizations to achieve set milestones before they can receive funds in a Fixed Amount Award.

We strongly believe we have the institutional capacity (technical and managerial) to achieve the strategic initiatives and objectives for this call focusing on Comprehensive HIV Service Delivery and Health System Strengthening.

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