



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Community Sub-Partner for Community and Civil Society Engagement (CCSE) Activities in eThekweni, KwaZulu-Natal

Accelerated Community-Centred Equitable Lenacapavir (ACCEL) Programme

Issued by: HIVSA

Location of Implementation: eThekweni

Application Closing Date: **12 June 2026**

Contract Duration: 1 August 2026 to 30 September 2028

1. Background

HIVSA is seeking applications from suitably qualified community-based organisations to serve as a sub-partner implementing Community and Civil Society Engagement (CCSE) and demand creation activities within the ACCEL Programme in eThekweni, KwaZulu-Natal.

The ACCEL (Accelerated Community-Centred Equitable Lenacapavir) Programme is a community-centred HIV prevention initiative aimed at increasing equitable access to HIV prevention services, including long-acting injectable PrEP (Lenacapavir), among populations disproportionately affected by HIV. The programme focuses on peer-led mobilisation, prevention literacy, stigma reduction, demand creation, and referrals into differentiated HIV prevention services.

Within the consortium, HIVSA is responsible for coordinating CCSE activities and supporting community-led implementation approaches that strengthen prevention literacy, demand creation, peer navigation, and linkage to HIV prevention services for key and vulnerable populations.

HIVSA is therefore inviting applications from organisations based in eThekweni.

2. Purpose of the Sub-Partner Role

The selected organisation will support HIVSA in implementing peer-led community mobilisation and HIV prevention demand creation activities targeting adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) within eThekweni.

The organisation will work closely with HIVSA to:

- Increase knowledge and awareness of comprehensive HIV prevention methods, and Lenacapavir literacy, to support informed decision-making and uptake of differentiated prevention services;
- Conduct peer-led mobilisation and community outreach;
- Reduce stigma and misinformation related to HIV prevention and PrEP;
- Support referrals and linkage to HIV prevention services through approved referral pathways and electronic systems;

- Participate in community feedback and programme learning processes.

3. Scope of Work

The selected sub-partner will be expected to implement the following activities under the guidance and oversight of HIVSA:

3.1 Community Mobilisation and Demand Creation

- Conduct peer-led outreach activities targeting AGYW;
- Facilitate HIV prevention education sessions;
- Implement community awareness and mobilisation campaigns;
- Support stigma reduction and myth-dispelling activities related to HIV prevention and PrEP.

3.2 Prevention Literacy and Education

- Deliver HIV prevention and Lenacapavir literacy using HIVSA-approved materials;
- Ensure messaging is age-appropriate, culturally sensitive, and community-informed;
- Disseminate educational materials in community settings and through digital platforms where appropriate.

3.3 Peer Navigation and Referrals

- Support referrals into approved HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) service delivery points;
- Utilize approved referral tools, including electronic referral systems and/or paper-based referral slips;
- Follow up on referrals where required to support linkage and retention.

3.4 Community Engagement

- Participate in community dialogues and stakeholder engagements;
- Support community feedback collection processes;
- Participate in Community Advisory Board (CAB) and programme coordination meetings where required.

3.5 Data Collection and Reporting

- Collect and submit programme data in line with HIVSA reporting requirements;
- Maintain accurate records of outreach, referrals, and mobilisation activities;
- Participate in monitoring, evaluation, and quality improvement processes.

3.6 Staff Participation and Training

- Ensure outreach workers and peer educators participate in all HIVSA-led trainings, including:
 - Prevention literacy;
 - Child Safeguarding;
 - Gender sensitivity;
 - Stigma reduction;
 - Data management and reporting requirements.

4. Target Population

The organisation must demonstrate proven experience working with AGYW, vulnerable youth populations, and communities affected by HIV, gender inequality, and related social vulnerabilities. Preference will be given to organisations with an established presence and strong community networks within eThekweni, as well as demonstrated experience implementing HIV prevention, youth mobilisation, SRH, and community-based outreach programmes.

The selected organisation will be expected to contribute toward reaching an overall target of 35,000 AGYW over the implementation period. Target distribution across the project duration will be approximately 30% in Year 1, 50% in Year 2, and 20% in Year 3.

5. Geographic Coverage

Implementation will take place within communities in eThekweni.

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Existing operational presence in eThekweni;
- Established community relationships and stakeholder networks;
- Capacity to implement community-based activities across targeted areas.

6. Eligibility Criteria

Interested organisations must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be a registered non-profit organisation, non-profit company, or community-based organisation in South Africa;
- Have at least three (3) years' experience implementing community-based HIV, SRH, youth development, or related programmes;
- Demonstrate experience managing donor-funded programmes;
- Have sound financial management and governance systems;
- Have the ability to recruit and manage peer educators/outreach workers;
- Have operational capacity within eThekweni.

7. Required Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Organisational profile;
2. Registration documents (NPO/NPC/PBO where applicable);
3. Valid tax compliance status documentation;
4. Audited financial statements or latest signed annual financial statements;
5. Organogram and staffing structure;
6. Description of previous relevant programme experience;
7. At least two contactable references from current or previous donors/partners;

8. Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Relevant organisational experience;
- Experience working with AGYW and vulnerable youth;
- Community presence and networks within eThekweni;
- Technical understanding of HIV prevention and community mobilisation;
- Organisational governance and financial management capacity;

9. Submission Process

Applications must be submitted electronically to:

Sithabisile Faith Manzini: manzinisf@hivsa.com

Subject Line:

Application – ACCEL CCSE Sub-Partner eThekwini

Late submissions will not be considered.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

10. Enquiries

All enquiries related to this call for applications may be directed to:

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11. Disclaimer

HIVSA reserves the right not to appoint any applicant through this process. Submission of an application does not constitute a commitment to funding or partnership.