



## INVITATION TO SUBMIT CONCEPT NOTE

Youth Network for Sustainable Development (YNSD) is a non-governmental, non-for-profit making indigenous consortium founded in 2003 by four school clubs and 15 youth associations. The core mission of the organization is to ensure sustainable development through forging and promoting partnership and networking on SRH promotion, environment protection, Information Communication Technology and capacity building of its member organizations.

Youth Network for Sustainable Development (YNSD) has obtained funding from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to sub-grant eligible youth-led and youth-focused organizations or youth groups to manage and implement an innovative "Youth Challenge Initiative" project to improve the sexual and reproductive health of adolescents and youth in Ethiopia.

### Purpose of the "Youth Challenge Initiative"

The "Youth Challenge Initiative" project will be implemented in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Health and has a deliberate focus on improving the quality of reproductive health information and services for young people with special emphasis on serving and engaging young people themselves. The initiative is driven by a belief that young people have the best potential for building and sustaining change.

The initiative aims to challenge youth led and youth focused organizations to come up with innovative approaches to address key sexual and reproductive health related problems the youth face. This fund is restricted to youth-focused and youth-led NGOs and civil society organizations (CSOs). However private organizations can submit application in partnership with NGOs and CSOs.

New and innovative ideas are highly encouraged. Applicants can also consider creative use of existing service and information delivery mechanisms targeting the youth and places where the youth mostly hang out.

### Qualifying Concept Notes

- Innovativeness, clarity and originality of idea
- Responsiveness to the health sector transformation plan and the adolescent and youth health strategy
- Opportunities for meaningful engagement and participation of adolescents and young people during planning, implementation and evaluation of the project
- Capability of the applicant to deliver the planned activities
- Proposed budget and amount of matching fund

### Available Funding

The amount allocated for the "Youth Challenge Initiative" is 1,000,000 USD for three years. Organizations who come up with matching funds or innovative co-financing mechanisms will have advantages of winning the competition. Applicants under consideration for an award will be subject to a pre-award

assessment based on the selection and compliance criteria of YNSD.

### Who is eligible to submit a proposal?

- Local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit youth led and focused organizations
- Private organization are encouraged to partner with non-governmental, community and not profit youth led and focused organizations to be eligible for this award
- The organization must be legally registered with a valid license

### Process to submit Concept Note

Interested applicants must submit a 5-page concept note. The concept note must contain the following elements:

#### 1. The Coversheet (1 page)

- Organization's legal name.
- Head office's address, phone, website address, and general email address.
- Title for the proposed project.

#### 2. Organizational background (1 page)

- Brief description of the organization (vision, mission, legal status, etc)
- Major past achievements/interventions implemented in SRH or development of young people in Ethiopia

#### 3. Description of proposed project (2 pages)

- Problem statement
- Target population and location of project
- Key interventions and strategies/approaches to be used

#### 4. Partnership modalities (1 page)

- Name and brief description of partners for the proposed project
- Key actors and stakeholders (government and non-government)

### Award

- After detailed review of the concept note, selected organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal to the network.
- YNSD will provide all the necessary technical guidance and formats to the organizations that will be invited to submit full proposal.
- The award will be on fixed term basis
- Youth Network for Sustainable Development reserves the right to accept or decline any or all concept notes/proposals.

### Concept Note submission

Interested applicants are expected to submit a concept note by email to [ynsd2007@gmail.com](mailto:ynsd2007@gmail.com) or the deliver the hard copy at Kirkos Sub city, Woreda 8, House Number 228 adjacent to Woreda 8 youth center, phone no. +251-553-4141.

The deadline to submit the concept note is November 28, 2016, 5:00 pm.