

Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) Kilimanjaro Challenge against HIV and AIDS

“Kili Challenge”



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SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR FUNDING UNDER GGML KILIMANJARO CHALLENGE AGAINST HIV AND AIDS TRUST FUND FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HIV AND AIDS INTERVENTIONS IN MAINLAND TANZANIA

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1. Background to Kili Challenge Grant.

The Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) and Geita Gold Mine Limited (GGML), through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP), coordinate the GGM Kilimanjaro Challenge against HIV and AIDS (Kili Challenge). This is annual charitable event raises funds by sponsoring climbers to ascend Mount Kilimanjaro, with the goal of mobilizing financial resources. These funds support organizations, vulnerable communities, and individuals by providing grants for various HIV and AIDS intervention programs. Kili Challenge established by Geita Gold Mine in 2001, the Kili Challenge has been implemented continuously to date. The program operates in compliance with HIV policies, national strategies, and other guiding documents to ensure alignment with national health priorities.

The Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) was established by Parliament under Act No. 22 of 2001. As mandated by Section 5(1.d) of this Act, TACAIDS is responsible for providing strategic leadership to the HIV response, mobilizing, disbursing resources for HIV and monitoring and evaluating the national multisectoral HIV response in Mainland Tanzania. In the 2024/2025 fiscal year, the Kili Challenge Trust Fund Board of Trustees allocated TZS 600,000,000 (Six Hundred Million Tanzanian Shillings) for sub-granting to support efforts in the HIV response. This fund is primarily designated to support HIV and AIDS interventions among small-scale miners in the Geita region, as well as clusters of People Living with HIV (PLHIV), Orphanages, the AIDS Trust Fund (ATF), Roadside Wellness Centers, and Youth sensitization programs. However, for this Expression of Interest (EOI), **TZS 150,000,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Million Tanzanian Shillings)** has been specifically allocated to support PLHIV clusters in implementing HIV and AIDS-related interventions.

The primary beneficiaries of Kili Challenge grant include People Living with HIV (PLHIV), widows and widowers, Most Vulnerable Children (MVC), Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), and other high-risk populations such as miners, fisherfolk, agricultural plantation workers, long-distance truckers, and communities surrounding truck stops. Additionally, Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and Adolescent Boys and Young Men (ABYM) are key focus groups.

Organizations that provide HIV and AIDS services to these populations are eligible to receive funding to support interventions in HIV prevention, care and treatment, HIV and AIDS literacy, and social protection, including income-generating activities.

The grants are managed by the Kili Challenge Board of Trustees and distributed to sub-grantees through TACAIDS. Eligible sub-grantees must be registered and operating within Mainland Tanzania.

2. Interventions funded under Kili Challenge Grant

The Kili Challenge Grant support high-impact activities that contribute to long-term efforts aligned with the Fifth National Multisectoral Strategic Framework (2021–2026). This framework aims to achieve key national targets, including:

- Reducing new HIV infections to fewer than 15,000 by 2026
- Lowering AIDS-related deaths to 17,913 by 2026
- Decreasing mother-to-child transmission to below 4% by 2026
- Eliminating HIV-related stigma by 2026

These are critical outcomes that Tanzania is committed to achieving soon. For this grant, priority will be given to high-impact interventions under the following focus areas:

- Provide direct support to the affected and infected community towards ending AIDS epidemic.
- Mitigating HIV and AIDS impact on the vulnerable groups
- Increase access to economic empowerment through income-generating activities (IGAs).
- Increasing and improving HIV prevention services in particular among vulnerable populations.
- Improving access to HIV treatment, care and retention into care for all population groups in particular vulnerable groups
- Promote and improve the rights and protection of PLHIV and other vulnerable populations
- Improve the capacity of government HIV and AIDS domestic financing available initiatives and policies towards sustainable financing.
- Increasing HIV comprehensive knowledge across all the sub population groups
- Promoting and scaling up best practices and meaningful engagement of all actors including PLHIV, private and public institutions
- Proven record for replication/ scale up and spill-over effect for wider learning and practice.

3. Guiding principles for the Grant include

- The duration of the grant is one year with possible extension to be agreed between sub-grantees and Kili Challenge Board
- Innovative and evidence based
- Non-partisan and apolitical CSOs
- Interventions must be designed by or in a participatory manner with the beneficiaries themselves

- Transparency and accountability
- Cost effectiveness: 85% of the grant must be interventions directly benefiting the target communities; 15% covering administration costs of the grant
- Environmentally friendly: Interventions to be screened for negative environmental and social issues; and if any, develop and implement mitigation measures
- Sound technical support and community empowerment
- Evidence based interventions are highly recommended
- Interventions must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of Tanzania.

4. Eligibility criteria

- The applicant must be a registered Civil Society Organisation of People Living with HIV Clusters working in Tanzania Mainland.
- Applicants working under Local Government Authorities must be recognized by the respective councils. As such, each application shall be endorsed by the respective council with a letter of recognition.
- The Applicant must have demonstrated evidence of high integrity, and no indulgence with corruptions and bribery actions punishable under the laws of the United Republic of Tanzania.
- The Applicant must demonstrate sound and proper Financial Management systems.
- The applicant must have a clear superstructure for ensured accountability
- The Application must be written in English language

5. Maximum Project funding available under Kili Challenge

This grant is available to active Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), including Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs); and Private Sector Organizations (PSOs) formed by People Living with HIV (PLHIV) legally registered under Tanzanian law. Eligible CSOs must have a physical address and be located within the areas they intend to serve in Mainland Tanzania.

Each PLHIV cluster/group applying for this funding may receive a maximum allocation of **TZS 30,000,000 (Thirty Million Tanzanian Shillings)**. Clusters/groups that have demonstrated strong performance in previous funding cycles are highly encouraged to apply to ensure the continuity of ongoing HIV and AIDS interventions.

6. Grants Application

Eligible applicants are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) through their respective Local Government Authorities. The Local Government Authority overseeing the project's implementation area must provide a letter of support, which should be included with the application/s. In the Expression of Interest, applicants must address the following questions:

- Name of the Organization/Institution
- Business address (Contact Address) includes Name of District and Region
- Email
- Website if any
- Mobile number
- Name and Title of the person making the submission
- Date of business established
- Name of the Partner Organization if any
- Previous grant/ funding history
- Services area/Interventions covered
- Target population/s, type and size
- Number of full-time employees and part-time employee
- Does the applicant institution have experience in implementing similar grants/interventions?
- What problem is expected to be solved
- What is the general objective and key objectives the applicant would like to attain?
- What is the general approach that the organisation/ institution will use to change or improve the existing situation?
- What level of resources is requested from the grants to facilitate the desired change (detailed budget)? (Funding requirement)

7. Submission of the Expression of Interests

The Applicants with a support letter from the Local Government Authority/s (Coucil/s) where the project will be implemented shall submit their applications written in English language to TACAIDS. All submission of applications shall be online and made to the Executive Director, Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS), P. O. Box 2904, Dodoma through email address barua@tacaids.go.tz. The deadline for submission is 22nd April, 2025, 11:59pm.