Grant Proposal

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**GRANT PROPOSAL: HIV/AIDS REDUCTION DRIVE**

**Project summary**

**PROJECT TITLE:** HIV Reduction and Sustainable Practices Drive

**LOCATION**: Dakar, Senegal

**PROJECT DIRECTOR:** ……

**TARGET POPULATION:** commercial sex workers, drug users, wife inheriting tribes and uncircumcised males

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** village to village outreach, mass sensitization drives, street outreach, mass circumcision campaigns and victim education clinics.

**PROPOSED YEAR 1 BUDGET:Total** $850,000

The prevalence of HIV/AIDS within the outskirts of Dakar and within the streets has skyrocketed within the past three years, according to the WHO progress report of 2017. The new infection levels and the casualties reported due to the pandemic has hit an all-time high, making the area one of the most affected in the world. Therefore, this project has been developed to make an attempt at alleviating and curbing the further spread of the disease as well as sensitizing the infected population in healthy living and longevity practices. The project projects to operate on a budget of $850,000, which budget is to be drawn from a diverse range of donors.

**Background information on applying organization**

Impact Resolution Health is a Non-governmental organization that engages in campaigns and projects aimed at alleviating health related community quagmires, as well as promoting healthy living practices among the less fortunate communities. Founded in 1992, the organization has actively led and participated in a significant number of drives that specifically deal with the reduction of the spread of HIV/AIDS amongst the underprivileged population. Through its able leadership, it has grown to be on of the flagship organizations at the forefront of fighting the HIV/AIDS menace.

**Project problem**

The project is informed by the increased rate of HIV infections and the prevalence of the same within the streets of Dakar, majorly amongst the commercial sex workers and the drug users. Further, a worrying trend has emerged of increased infections and casualties amongst the wife inheriting tribes of Senegal and the uncircumcised natives. The organization therefore, upon identification of the need to sensitize the population of healthy practices and occasion a circumcision drive in response to the same, has rolled out the proposition for the underlying project.

**Overall goal of the project**

The project is propelled by the urge to curb the disturbing increase in the rate of new HIV/AIDS infections, especially within the area targeted by the project. It is therefore founded upon the goal of reducing the said rise in infections. Further, it is aimed at impacting useful knowledge and life skills upon the affected population with the aim of sensitizing them on healthy living and alternative progressive practices to deal with the menace. Finally, the goal of the project is to raise awareness on the realities surrounding the subject of HIV/AIDS.

**Objectives**

The project aims to provide free HIV testing to every individual who attends the forums planned and the clinics. It actually aims at testing at least ten thousand people within the three year period of its projected existence. Further, the same project seeks to conduct a free and voluntary male circumcision drive to help at least one thousand men go through the procedure. It also hopes to conduct monthly clinics and sensitization campaigns on healthy living and preventive practices. Finally, it hopes to highlight the demerits of some of the practices that the population has clung to despite their direct correlation with the spread of the pandemic. For the volunteers who test positive, the project aims to introduce them to a sustainable plan for their initial treatment and disease management procedures.

**Project activities**

*Sensitization drives*

The project will have campaigns and events that will be headlined by lessons on the realities surrounding the menace of HIV/AIDS. The same will also apply for the lessons on the spread of the virus through irresponsible sexual behavior as well as erratic drug related tendencies. For the tribes not practicing circumcision, the sensitization programs will be rolled out to highlight the benefits of the practice with relation to curbing the spread of HIV/AIDS. The theme of those drives will focus on promoting preventive measures as a means of dealing with the menace.

*Circumcision clinics*

Apart from just sensitizing the community on the importance of engaging in the practice of circumcision, the project also purposes to engage a few professionals who will conduct circumcision procedures on volunteers. The clinics will be run on a fully voluntary basis, with the same operating on a mobile routine, seeking the patients instead of waiting to be approached.

*HIV/AIDS clinics*

The crux of the project will be in the form of the clinics that aim to screen patients and advise them on the intrigues of living with or without the disease. The testing drives will allow the population come to terms with their status so that they are placed in a position to proceed with their lives with due adjustments based on their respective status. Further the clinics will aim to counsel the population on the dynamics of living healthy lives, even in the event that one is tested positive with the virus.

**Project activity timelines**

The project is slated to run for a period of three years, with the project activities running within that period. The sensitization drives will occur on a fortnight interval, depending on the availability of the venues for holding the same. The circumcision clinics on the other hand are a continuous undertaking that will run for the entire period of three years. However, the exercise will be dependent on the availability of patients who are to be introduced by mobilizers. Finally, the HIV/AIDS clinics are set to operate on a monthly calendar, for the pendency of the project period.

**Attractiveness to funders and uniqueness of the project**

This projects deviates from the norm as it has a victim based inclination, with the focus tilting towards taking the services to the victims and potential victims rather than waiting for them to approach the organization. It distinguishes itself from the rest as it goes ahead to provide preventive advice and measures to the community as well as effective interventions to the already infected patients. Whereas the other ventures seek to respond after the infection, this project seeks to promote proactive measures to curb the spread of the pandemic. The donors are most likely to adopt the project as the same promises them a stake in a project that provides answers to social problems in a unique way. The same promises to align them with the right side of history.