

Sustainable Development Application Form Please email this form in MS Word format along with detailed financials of proposed projects to Rev. Vy Nguyen, Executive Director (vy@weekofcompassion.org). Submitting Partner: Lutheran World Relief – IMA World Health Date: 10/3/19

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Project Name, Local Country Partner, and Location: Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment Program

Shirati KMT Hospital

Shirati, Tanzania

Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:

IMA World Health has been working to stop cervical cancer in the Mara Region, Rorya District of Northwestern Tanzania since 2011. It is one of the oldest cancer screen-and-treat sites in the country, providing free access to visual inspection acetic acid test (VIA) screening and treatment of pre-cancerous lesions in the Rorya District. The site is now one of the leading innovators in the country for cervical cancer, and screens over 4 times the national average for cervical cancer screening sites in Tanzania.

Description of Project

Name of Project and Purpose (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.- and how it might address at least one of the **17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030**):

IMA's Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment Program in Tanzania is focused on reducing the burden of cancer-related disability in women in Tanzania. While early signs of cervical cancer are easily detected and cervical cancer is nearly 100% treatable if caught early, resources to provide and expand testing and treatment services are very limited, leaving as many as 14 million women at risk. Tanzania has one of the highest cervical cancer burdens in the world. Women living in rural Tanzania have a higher risk for HIV and women who are HIV-positive are 50% more likely to contract cervical cancer. The development of low-cost VIA has allowed women in developing countries to be screened for cervical cancer and receive treatment as necessary. The medical staff at Shirati are trained to conduct screenings, provide same-day treatment and make referrals for advanced cases. This project will build on the successful efforts of this specialized unit at Shirati Hospital. Supplies used to conduct screenings and treatments are an essential and ongoing need. Cervical cancer screening staff work closely with HIV staff to identify and target screening for those patients who are at higher risk for cervical cancer. Shirati staff also partner with a network of community health workers (CHW) to promote outreach screenings throughout villages in the Rorya District, enabling the project to reach more women in need. These outreach events occur once a month, rotating to different villages. The screen-and-treat approach is used for women receiving services at both the hospital and outreach camps, allowing women to be screened and treated for pre-cancerous lesions in one visit. For those who need further treatment a program has been established between Shirati Hospital and Bugando Medical Centre in Mwanza – the

closest health facility providing treatment for cervical cancer patients. Providing training to the CHW two times per year is an important component of this project as well. This project addresses sustainable development goal number 3 – Good Health and Well-being.

Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.- priority will be given to projects that enable the empowerment of women and children):

The target population of this project is all women at risk for cervical cancer in the Rorya District of Northwestern Tanzania.

How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?

It is estimated this project will screen around 1,500 women and treat all pre-cancerous lesions with cryotherapy or Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP).

Key Objectives:

- Provide cervical cancer screenings along with breast cancer screenings and HIV testing to women in the Rorya District.
- Improve early detection and treatment for patients who would otherwise not have access to these services.
- Increase education and outreach to the community about cervical cancer.

Key Activities:

- Organize outreach camps once per month in villages throughout the Rorya District targeting women.
- Provide training for Community Health Workers (CHW) twice a year.
- Provide cervical cancer and breast cancer screenings and treatment to all women at Shirati KMT
 Hospital collaborating with the HIV and the Maternal and Child Health wards to ensure as many
 women as possible are reached.

Duration of Project: One Year

Project Budget

Total Budget: \$25,000

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$25,000

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? One-time request

Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project and please list those partners?

No, it is not supported by any other partners at this time.

What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead? 0%

If this project has been funded previously or is in the same geographical area, please specifically state when and how much was granted:

Week of Compassion provided funding of \$15,000 to provide a Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP) machine to Shirati Hospital so they would have the ability to treat large pre-cancerous lesions.

Dates and project names of previous approved proposal submissions within the last 5 years:

August 2019 – Ebola Response in DRC

May 2018 – Addressing Chronic Eye Conditions in Tanzania

September 2017 – Hurricane Irma Response in Haiti

March 2017 – Girls' Advocacy and Leadership Program (in DRC)

March 2017 - South Sudan Famine

April 2016 – Burkitt's Lymphoma (BL) Treatment Program

August 2015 – Shipment of Medicines to Haiti (3rd Installment of 3-year project)

February 2015 – DRC Ebola Response

How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (*Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting*, and that reports should be made between 6 months - 12 months after funding. In addition to reporting, please provide at least one story of transformation and photos.)

IMA World Health will be happy to provide a final report by no later than June 30, 2020 which will include beneficiary stories with photos.

Have all reports and stories from previous projects been submitted to WoC? Yes

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