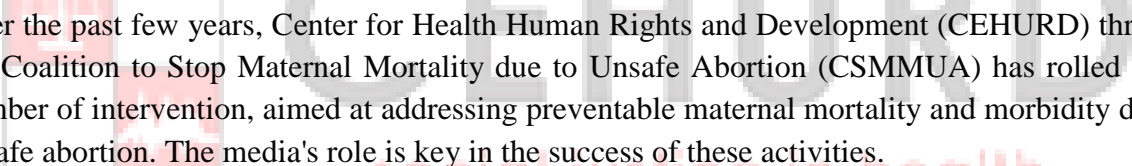


# SMALL GRANT AWARDS FOR STORY CONCEPTS ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS IN EAST AFRICA

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - 2015

### 1. BACKGROUND

Despite the East African governments' effort to initiate policies, programs and plans specifically aimed at promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health, there is still need for the governments to make headway in advancing Sexual Reproductive Health Rights(SRHR).



Over the past few years, Center for Health Human Rights and Development (CEHURD) through the Coalition to Stop Maternal Mortality due to Unsafe Abortion (CSMMUA) has rolled out a number of intervention, aimed at addressing preventable maternal mortality and morbidity due to unsafe abortion. The media's role is key in the success of these activities.

SRHR issues are under reported in the region, and specifically, stories of human interest, highlighting governments' obligation to fulfilling sexual and reproductive health as fundamental human right and human development issue. This right is guaranteed in various international and regional human rights instruments, as well as national laws and policies.

This call is for investigative story ideas from the East African region, on what governments should do, in order to set the regional SRHR agenda for discussion through improving visibility of SRHR concerns in the region and to build a class of media people that can report in an informed and objective manner on SRHR issues.

### 2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL

The objective of this call is to increase documentation of SRHRs issues and evaluate the efforts governments in East Africa have put in upholding their obligations to protect, fulfill and respect SRHRs. Therefore, this call targets journalists across the East African region that is; Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi, who are all encouraged to apply for the grant.

### 3. THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF FOCUS COULD INCLUDE;

- The state of maternal health in your country;
- Legal and policy framework of abortion in your country;
- Barriers to accessing SRH services among the youth and, strategies or initiatives to address these barriers;
- Attitudes and practices (social norms) of abortion in your country.

Or any other story ideas in the area of SRHR that may have a direct or indirect bearing on the impact of unsafe abortion in any East African Country. Creativity is encouraged.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must fill the following criteria to be eligible to participate:

- Be a mainstream Journalist.
- Must be currently based in either; Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda or Burundi.
- Should be affiliated to a media house, radio station, television, online newspaper or magazine etc...

NB: Applicants may apply as individuals or in teams of editors and reporters

### 5. HOW TO APPLY

Journalists interested in applying for the grants should submit the following:

- A brief description of the story or idea, methodology, Justification and proposed budget for undertaking the investigation
- A cover letter
- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) in English with three references.

### 6. AVAILABLE SUPPORT

A Grant of **One(1.000.000/=)** to **Three(3.000.000/=)** million Uganda shillings(Ugx) is available to facilitate the documentation of the story idea and dissemination of the same.

#### **Submission deadline:**

All concepts should be submitted by Friday 30th September, 2015 5:00pm, Kampala time to **Email: [info@cehurd.org](mailto:info@cehurd.org)**. For more information call **Tel: +256 414 532283**.

**You can also hand deliver applications to our offices in Ntinda, plot 833 kiwatule-Ntinda Ssebowa zone.**