PROJECT PROPOSAL ON HEALTH PROMOTION AND AWARENESS CREATION OF **CORONA VIRUS**

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community based programs, health campaigns and the media play a significant role in spreading information and raising awareness on different health based issues most especially disease prevention and health enhancement in large populations. They enable to influence and change public opinion and behavior on an issue. This can lead to public pressure on the local policy actors, which therefore indicates that community based projects can indirectly influence decision makers as well. Furthermore, health promotion programs or projects play a role as an advocacy tool. NRI focuses on health promotion and awareness creation about Coronavirus (COVID-19) that has recently become a threat to the lives and health of all people across the world with South Sudan inclusive. The project majorly targets the high risk areas of Shirikat/gumbo ports, juba airport and schools. With the help of funds from different donors, the project is expected to yield various positive short-term and long-term outcomes concerning health and awareness about coronavirus.

2.0. BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANISATION

Nile Resilience initiative (NRI) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization registered with the ministry of Justice and the Relief and Rehabilitation, Commission since 2019. Our programs include Health and Nutrition, Food and Security and Livelihoods, Education, WASH, Protection (GBV), Peace Building and Women empowerment.

2.1 Vision

Healthy Empowered, peaceful and economically empowered communities capable of working towards realization of their individual and collective common aspirations

2.2 Mission

NRI seeks to contribute towards people' wellbeing in order to reduce suffering, causes of conflict through realization of people's potentials and participation in promoting their health education for all, peaceful co-existence, community resilience and livelihoods

2.3 Values of the organization

The organization primarily operates in line with the following values:

- Accountable
- Transparent
- Efficient
- Effective
- Results-oriented
- Objectivity
- Respect for diversity

2.4 Strategic objectives of NRI

 Increased provision of essential life-saving health and nutrition services in conflict affected communities.

- 2. Increased access to quality education through providing age appropriate learning opportunities
- Providing safe and protected environment to conflict affected populations by preventing and responding to psychological distress violence, abuse, and exploitation
- 4. Improve resilience and empowerment through capacity building and provision of appropriate livelihood opportunities
- 5. Strengthen local communities' capacities to promote an agenda for peace, human rights and women empowerment
- 6. Optimize health benefits of sustainable use of safe water and basic sanitation and waste management

3.0. DESCRIPTION OF FOCAL PROBLEM

As of Feb 12, 45 204 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and 1116 deaths had been reported in 25 countries. The majority of cases and, at the time of writing, all but one death have been in China, despite efforts in the country to halt transmission through shutting down transport, quarantining entire cities, and enforcing the use of face masks. International flights have been cancelled and affected cruise ships quarantined. At this stage, it is unclear whether the severe acute respiratory syndrome corona virus (SARS-CoV)-2 outbreak will run its course, as SARS-CoV did in 2003, or will become an endemic cause of viral pneumonia.

One issue is how prepared the world's health systems are to respond to an outbreak

of this scale. It's clear the large number of cases of COVID-19 is testing the health system in China. Yet, China was able to build a hospital for affected patients in a matter of days. No other country could mobilize resources and manpower at such speed. While health systems in high-income countries would be stretched by the

outbreak, the most devastating effects would be in countries with weak health systems, ongoing conflicts, or existing infectious disease epidemics. In these countries, it is imperative to rapidly detect and contain the virus at points of entry to prevent community transmission and health systems from being overwhelmed. Health authorities in Africa are on high alert for the virus, given the continent's extensive trade and transport links with Asia. The capacity in Africa to screen, isolate, and treat patients and perform contact tracing is being built under the leadership of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and WHO.

As in all outbreaks, there is an urgent need to develop effective diagnostics, community awareness creation programs, therapeutics, and vaccines. Several experimental diagnostic platforms are already in use in China and elsewhere. The whole-genome sequence of SARS-CoV-2 had been obtained and shared widely by mid-January, a feat not possible at such speed in previous infectious disease outbreaks. This sequence will allow fine-tuning of existing technologies and development of better diagnostics and targeted therapeutics. Several potential treatments have been proposed, including a Janus kinase inhibitor known as baricitinib. However, no antiviral treatment has been approved for coronaviruses, and despite two outbreaks of novel coronaviruses in the past two decades, vaccine development is still in its infancy. WHO has announced that a vaccine for SARS-CoV-2 should be available in 18 months, but achieving this will require funding and public interest to be maintained even if the threat level falls.

On 13th March 2020, Sudan reported its first novel corona virus case in Khartoum, a man who died on 12 March 2020 and had visited the United Arab Emirates in the first week of March. Sudan has stopped issuing visas for, and flights to, eight countries, including Italy and neighboring Egypt, over fears of the coronavirus

outbreak. This therefore indicates that there is a high likelihood that the virus could easily spread to other high risk areas such as Juba airport, schools, and Shirikat/gumbo ports since they harbor a relatively large number of people. This justifies the need to create awareness about coronavirus (COVAD-19) and consequently engage in health promotion campaigns with an aim of enabling the public to adopt different preventative mechanisms angst coronavirus.

4.0. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The project will focus on creating or increasing awareness and promoting different health initiatives concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the different areas of Shirikat/gumbo ports, juba airport and schools. In this case, the project will focus on the following key issues;

- Comb through the key selected areas of Shirikat/gumbo ports, juba airport and schools to sensitize masses about the dangers of contracting corona virus and how best they can protect themselves against the virus.
- 2. Identify the most vulnerable areas at a high risk of getting many cases of coronavirus and according more attention to such areas.
- 3. Sensitize the public through community education on the importance of adopting different preventative mechanisms such as masks and health sanitizers, in the bid to avoid the contraction of COVID-19.
- 4. Develop, adopt and print of IEC materials on COVID-19 and disseminating them to the general public most especially in the priority areas.

- 5. Conduct different awareness creation based workshops mostly in the target ports of entry and exists by collaborating with the different community members.
- 6. Conduct assessment on population awareness on COVID-19 in Juba city.
- 7. Conduct additional research on the level of knowledge about COVID19 among the population in the priority areas and the extent to which
 such knowledge can be improved

4.1 Participation

The project has been designed with participation of community leaders and the entire population of the selected priority areas. These areas will be accorded the utmost attention concerning creating awareness about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and engaging in health promotion mostly concerning the possible approaches that can be undertaken to improve on safety against coronavirus.

4.2 Coordination and Collaboration

The project director and coordinator will work closely with the leaders of the project director and coordinator will work closely with the leaders of the the different selected schools and areas of Shirikat/gumbo ports and juba airport so as to enable a smooth process of health promotion and awareness creation about Coronavirus. The funds to be received will assist in improving knowledge about the causes, signs, symptoms and prevention of Coronavirus in the selected schools and other priority areas. This will help in improving the health standards of the school going children and the larger population in the areas of Shirikat/gumbo ports and Juba airport since they are considered the most potential areas at a risk of contracting Coronavirus mainly due to the high population in such areas. Parents and guardians of the young school going children will continue to receive guidance

on how to help in the advancement of the project. They will mostly help to ensure that the children are subjected to different preventive measures against the contraction of coronavirus. The leaders in the different priority areas will also help in encouraging people to respond to the different initiatives and activities run throughout this project. This will to a greater extent help in achieving the different goals and objectives of this health promotion and awareness creation project.

5.0 PROPOSED BUDGET

Table 1. Financial breakdown

Budget Framework

| S. | Item/Activity | Months/Num | Amount in USD |
|-----|---|--------------|---------------|
| No. | | ber of units | |
| 1 | Heath and Awareness promotion | 3 | 8,010 |
| 2 | Ports and crowded place visits | 3 | 210 |
| 3 | Costs on awareness campaigns | | 3,000 |
| 4 | Training sessions, media, and workshop facilitation | 3 | 45 |
| 5 | Administrative costs a) Project manager | 3 | |
| | b) Accountant | | 545 |
| 6 | Stationery/communication/office roaming | 3 | 86 |
| 7 | Contribution to office space | 3 | 120 |
| 8 | Typing services | 3 | 98 |
| 9 | Supervision monitoring | 3 | 65 |
| 10 | Monitoring and Evaluation | 3 | 50 |
| 11 | Risk mitigation | 3 | 90 |

| 12 | Miscellaneous costs | 3 | |
|----|---------------------|---|------------|
| | | | 200 |
| | TOTAL | | 12,519 USD |
| | | | |

The NRI is envisaged that grants for Coronavirus (COVID-19) awareness and health promotion as well as for capacity building will be submitted to promote and create awareness on COVID-19 in Juba, South Sudan and meets the capacity of NRI to cover up the particulars indicated against the priority risk areas (ports of entrance and exit) indicated in the budget proposal hereunder.

The table below presents the budget for health awareness and promotion program on Covid-19 and capacity building of NRI including marginalized deprived persons in the area of access to health information in Shirikat/gumbo ports, juba airport and schools.

Table 1: Budget Summary

5.1 Funding

The funding or financial assistance to help in running the different activities of the project will be obtained from different donors, grants, and from internal revenues of the organization. The organization has only managed to a portion of the budget and connate fund all the activities which may affect the general outcomes of this health promotion and awareness creation project. NRI therefore seeks to raise funds amounting to USD **12,519** to enable it effectively execute the different activities of the project.

6.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The project coordinator will be solely responsible for keeping a close look on the progress of the project. In this case he will undertake routine supervision of the

project activities and take the responsibility of reporting the progress of the project

to the different stakeholders. This will form a basis for identifying areas that need

improvement towards making the project a success.

7.0 SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT

The sustainability of this project will be guaranteed because the project involves the

participation and collaboration of all concerned line offices and community. These

will involve from planning to evaluation of the project.

8.0 EXPECTED OUTPUT

8.1 Short term inputs

High knowledge possession by the general public about the different mode of

transmission, signs, symptoms and preventative measures of coronavirus

(COVID-19)

8.2 The long-term output

A great improvement in the health standards of school going children and the

entire population in the areas of Juba airport and Shirikat/gumbo ports and

schools.

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