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AIHA Partners with RTI to Strengthen Health Systems across Africa

New contract designed to support USAID's efforts to respond to a broad range of health systems strengthening needs and public health concerns

Washington, DC, November 12, 2014 — The American International Health Alliance (AIHA) is pleased to be partnering with RTI International on the Technical Assistance and Support Contract for Africa (TASC4-AFRICA) recently awarded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The TASC4-Africa Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) has a broad technical scope and is designed to help USAID achieve its strategic objectives related to the expansion of basic health services, family planning, health system strengthening, HIV and AIDS, and other infectious diseases. This mechanism offers USAID field operating units an effective, efficient way of accessing customized and flexible services to improve people's health — particularly women, children, and other vulnerable populations.

Contracting officers in the field, as well as at USAID headquarters in Washington, DC, may issue task orders under TASC4-Africa as the need arises, and the RTI consortium will develop and implement an appropriate needs-based response.

"We are looking forward to partnering with RTI International and the other members of the TASC4-Africa consortium," says AIHA Executive Director James P. Smith. "As this project moves forward, we plan to tap into our strong network of local partner institutions across the continent and the technical expertise of many of our US partner institutions to help the team effectively address the health system strengthening needs of countries throughout the region."

Other organizations partnering with RTI International on the TASC4-Africa consortium include the African Population and Health Research Center, BBC Media Action, Brandeis University, CAMRIS, DAI, East Central and Southern Africa Health Community, Futures Institute, International Medical Corps, Management Systems International, Meridian Group International Inc., and the University of North Carolina's Gillings School of Public Health.

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