



## APPLICATION AS LIFE PLANNING YOUTH AMBASSADOR TERMS OF REFERENCE

### BACKGROUND:

The Challenge Initiative (TCI) is a global initiative which kicked-off in Nigeria in September 2016 and formally launched in February 2017. It is an ambitious program to accelerate demand-driven participation and spark up a national Family Planning Movement in Nigeria. The Initiative is designed to take the Nigeria Urban Reproductive Health Initiative (NURHI) proven impactful model of intervention to more cities, and geographies, using a new streamlined, agile, sustainability and highly leveraged approach to ensure rapid scale up of the proven model with states expressing interest in becoming part of the high impact interventions.

The Challenge Initiative (TCI) offers a groundbreaking opportunity to have a dramatic impact on reproductive health for underserved urban poor communities. By working with local governments that demonstrate a political commitment to increasing contraceptive choices, under its new “The Challenge Initiative Youth Programming” effort, it will intentionally expand access to include married and unmarried adolescents and youth in urban cities.

The overall goal is to scale up effective, proven AYRH approaches to increase modern contraceptive rates in TCI geographies. Integration of adolescent and youth reproductive health (AYRH) into The Challenge Initiative (TCI) will accelerate universal access to modern contraceptive methods, information, and quality services; increase intent to use modern contraception among women ages 15-24 in priority geographies; delay the age of first birth among young women; and increase healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies among youth.

### INTRODUCTION:

The Challenge Initiative (TCI) is identifying and working with urban young people to understand their context and realities, their communities and safe spaces, and their ability to demand and receive Reproductive Health information and services.

TCI Adolescents and Youth Component is currently looking for young Nigerians interested to become Life Planning (LP) Youth. The Life Planning Youth will serve as an interface between TCI and young people to ensure that the priorities of young people are reflected in the programs of TCI and that their advice is used to better address their needs. It will also be a platform to build capacity and improve young people’s understanding of reproductive health and rights, population dynamics and data and to empower young people by creating opportunities for youth to take action.

It also provides the opportunity for young people to learn leadership, advocacy and media skills, and gain a greater appreciation for diversity by serving alongside people they would not otherwise meet through exposure and participation in relevant meetings and trainings.

Life Planning Youth Ambassadors will be young people (male and female) between the ages of 15 to 35 years residing in any of the TCI-AYRH proposed Intervention States and be able to speak to the priorities of young people in the State they represent. Twenty (20) Youth Ambassadors shall be selected per State to support the TCI State Teams. They will be incorporated into existing State structures.

Being a member of the Life Planning Youth Ambassadors requires a time commitment, approximately between 6 hours a month or more, depending on ongoing activities. LP Youth Ambassadors will share their point of view regarding different issues and support interventions in their communities related to the priorities of adolescent and youth as relevant to the mandate of TCI Adolescents and Youth Component. They may also be called upon to participate in events at local and national levels. LP Youth Ambassadors will maintain communication with TCI Youth Program Officers and with fellow LP Youth Ambassadors. Being a member of the LP Youth Ambassadors means that members must want and be able to dedicate the necessary effort and commitment required for the team to operate successfully.

LP Youth Ambassadors are not TCI staff and will not receive a salary or allowances from TCI.

## Mandate of the LP Youth Ambassadors

The LP Youth Ambassadors liaise with the TCI - Youth Program Officers and State Program Coordinators in identifying the RH concerns of youth in their communities and provide recommendations about how to address them and in developing local initiatives and activities. Each member of the LP Youth Ambassadors will serve for a period of one year, renewable and/or discontinued at the discretion of TCI and in discussion with the LP Youth Ambassadors. TCI reserves the right to end a membership before the conclusion of the specified term.

## FUNCTIONS

LP Youth Ambassadors have three main functions, primarily at the State level, in line with TCI's mandate: Participatory, Liaison and Advisory.

### Participatory

- Participate in the development of initiatives related to the recommendations issued at LP Youth Ambassadors consultations;
- Participate in activities organized by TCI, as required;
- Participate, when requested, in relevant local events; and,
- Reporting to TCI based on the timeframe outlined by TCI.

### Liaison

- Liaise between their peers, as appropriate, and LP Youth Ambassadors, especially with regard to the development of common youth initiatives and partnerships;
- Advocate and inform adolescents and youth about TCI's mandate, initiatives and activities in their locality and feeding back the viewpoints of their peers to TCI;
- Identify sources of, and facilitating access to, information and expertise regarding youth engagement at TCI from the perspective of the State they represent; and,
- Keep TCI informed of activities that are relevant to program and activities of the team.

### Advisory

- Provide ideas and solutions to the major challenges impacting adolescents and youth reproductive health;

- Recommend approaches for communicating with and outreach to adolescents and youth, as well as for the development of issues and theme/event-specific strategies;
- Study and discuss issues on the agenda prior to participation in TCI-sponsored forums or meetings;
- Recommend program activities and initiatives for youth engagement at TCI; and,

## QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

A Life Planning (LP) Youth Ambassador will be a young person (female or male) who is;

- Between 15 and 35 years old;
- In or out of school and could be affiliated with a civil society organization;
- A Nigerian citizen, known, acceptable and resident within a TCI implementing states (Ogun, Niger, Plateau and Edo);
- Possess good understanding of the cultural and religious sensitivities.
- Comfortable voicing his or her perspective and the perspective of other young people amongst high-level leaders.
- A member of at least one youth network promoting health and rights of young people;
- Able to express views effectively in both oral and written (English) communication forms;
- Willing to advocate for the inclusion of youth priorities in TCI-sponsored programs and activities in the State and the local and/or youth community;
- Committed to promoting the diversity of expressions and identities of youth in the states;
- Willing to commit time to the activities of the LP Youth Ambassadors (6hours per month, or more, depending on projects and activities).

## HOW TO BE A LIFE PLANNING AMBASSADOR

1. Write an essay (200 words maximum) stating
  - (i) Why you want to be a member of the Life Planning Youth Ambassadors and
  - (ii) What you would do to ensure that the reproductive health and rights needs of young people in your community are addressed by TCI;
  - (iii) and/or appear for a one-on-one interview.
2. A letter of recommendation from someone who can support your qualification based on the criteria for membership. The letter should include a contact number, email and signature. The letter of recommendation should be addressed to  
 The Director,  
 The Challenge Initiative (TCI),  
 Abuja Head Office,  
 No. 10 Aderemi Adesoji Street, Off Samuel Jereton Mariere Street,  
 (Behind Apo Legislative Quarters) Apo, Gudu District, Abuja. and  
 sent via email to Priscilla Usiobaifo [pusiobaifo@nurhi.org](mailto:pusiobaifo@nurhi.org) cc [oopawale@nurhi.org](mailto:oopawale@nurhi.org); [dakila@nurhi.org](mailto:dakila@nurhi.org)

All interested young persons should complete the application questionnaire provided on this link on or before **August 10, 2018**. Please note that only those who qualify will be contacted.