

# USAID/NIGERIA LAGOS URBAN WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (LUWASH) ACTIVITY

## Annual Program Statement (APS) No.002

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Pre-application workshop (Round 1):	November 21, 2024
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Final Closing Date:	May 5, 2025
Submit application to:	<a href="mailto:NGA-LUWASH-Grants@chemonics.com">NGA-LUWASH-Grants@chemonics.com</a>

*\*Further grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through the closing date or when funding is no longer available.*

Dear Applicant:

USAID/Nigeria Lagos Urban Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (LUWASH) Activity, implemented by Chemonics International, is seeking grant applications to provide support to organizations engaged in activities that support and promote the advancement of WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) service delivery in Lagos state. The grants will be awarded and implemented in accordance with USAID and United States of America (US) Government regulations governing Grants Under Contracts and the LUWASH internal grant management policies.

LUWASH will hold two rounds of pre-application workshops based on the schedule above. This workshop will allow interested and eligible applicants the chance to ask questions about the APS and receive guidance on the application process. Interested applicants that meet the eligibility requirements defined in section III below and would like to attend this workshop must confirm their attendance by sending the participant's name and the organization's name to [NGA-LUWASH-Grants@Chemonics.com](mailto:NGA-LUWASH-Grants@Chemonics.com). Only two persons may attend from each organization. The venue and/or virtual link of the workshop will be communicated to interested participants.

LUWASH anticipates awarding up to 10 grants to eligible organizations. It is anticipated that each grant award may range from between USD equivalent to \$100,000 - \$250,000 (in Naira), but the final amount will be dependent upon grant activities and final negotiation. All the proposed work (including reporting) under the grant must be completed within 12 -18 months. There will be no extensions.

As funding and implementation time for grants awarded through this APS are limited, LUWASH is calling for submission of applications by December 6, 2024, for first round merit review. Should funding continue to be available, LUWASH will continue to accept applications after this date through the closing date of this APS (May 5, 2025) or when funding is no longer available – whichever is sooner. Once funding is fully committed, no more grants will be awarded.

LUWASH and Chemonics employees may not ask for, and applicants are prohibited from offering any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, thing of value, or compensation to obtain or reward improper favorable treatment regarding this solicitation. Any improper request from a project employee or grant applicant should be reported to the chief of party or [BusinessConduct@chemonics.com](mailto:BusinessConduct@chemonics.com).

The following Annexes are included with this APS:

- **Annex A** – Grant Application Form
  - **Annex B** – Grant Application Budget Form
  - **Annex C** – Implementation Timeline
  - **Annex D** – Applicant Self-Assessment Form
  - **Annex E** – Mandatory and Required As Applicable Standard Provisions
- Standard Provisions for U.S. and Non-U.S. Nongovernmental organizations receiving a fixed amount award can be accessed through the following URL:  
<https://www.usaid.gov/about-us/agency-policy/series-300/references-chapter/303mat>
  - Standard Provisions for Non-U.S., Nongovernmental recipients receiving all other types of grants can be accessed through the following URL:  
<https://www.usaid.gov/about-us/agency-policy/series-300/references-chapter/303mab>

## **SECTION I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **IA. OBJECTIVE**

The LUWASH Activity aims to foster a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable WASH sector in Lagos, Nigeria. Through the Capacity Building, Research, and Advocacy (CAREVO) Fund, LUWASH will award grants to eligible organizations such as CBOs, NGOs, SMEs or Limited by Guaranteed Organizations e.g., institutes and research entities located in Nigeria. These grants will focus on enhancing the capacity of these local organizations to meaningfully contribute to the delivery of effective and sustainable water and sanitation services, particularly in areas currently underserved by the Lagos Water Corporation.

Specific objectives of the LUWASH Grants Program include:

- i. Strengthening the capacity of local organizations to deliver effective and sustainable WASH services.
- ii. Promoting innovative solutions to address WASH challenges.
- iii. Enhancing collaboration and coordination among stakeholders in the WASH sector.
- iv. Expanding access to WASH services in underserved communities.
- v. Ensuring equity and inclusivity in WASH service delivery.
- vi. Supporting the long-term sustainability of the WASH sector.
- vii. Addressing critical WASH challenges, such as gaps in service delivery, water quality issues, and the need to strengthen non-state service providers.

### **IB. BACKGROUND**

The USAID/Nigeria Lagos Urban WASH Activity (LUWASH) is a five-year program which seeks to expand and improve urban WASH service delivery and infrastructure in Lagos. The program seeks to increase the availability and sustainable management of safe and climate-resilient water and sanitation services.

Since its inception in January 2023, LUWASH Activity has been leading USAID's ongoing efforts to promote sustainable and equitable access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services for underserved communities in Lagos, Nigeria. The program focuses on enhancing WASH service delivery and infrastructure by strengthening governance, increasing accountability, and improving the financial and technical capabilities of both public water utilities and private sector providers.

LUWASH transcends basic support and enhancement of the service delivery system. It is designed to foster transformation rooted in a strengthened social consensus. Recognizing that addressing WASH needs extends beyond the capabilities of utilities alone, the program emphasizes the importance of decentralized yet integrated services. The significance of Non-state Providers (NSPs) underscores the importance of effective regulation.

LUWASH seeks to strengthen significant public entities and provide support to the private sector and community-based organizations (CBOs) to enable them to play a pivotal role in WASH service provision. This includes aspects such as pro-poor protection, upholding public trust, and ensuring accountability.

Through collaboration with the State Government, Civil Society, and Private Sector Partners, LUWASH aims to increase the availability, quality, and use of safe water and sanitation services and improve the governance and sustainable management of associated sector institutions in Lagos, Nigeria. The expected outcomes of this activity include:

- Increased access to improved water and sanitation services for people in low-income communities.
- Improved performance of public and private service providers, including non-revenue water reduction, improved cost recovery, and customer orientation.
- Mobilization of additional funds from public and private financing sources to enhance services.

These will be achieved through the implementation of the following components:

1. Governance and institutional arrangements strengthened to deliver improved WASH services.
2. Improve public and non-state service provider performance.
3. Increase access to safe and sustainable water services; and
4. Increase household access to safe and sustainable sanitation and improve the quality of source water.

LUWASH theory of change holds that: If the interventions help strengthen governance and institutional arrangements to deliver WASH services; improve public and private service providers performance; increase access to sustainable water services; increase household access to safe sanitation and improve the quality of source water; **Then** availability and sustainable management of safe and climate resilient water and sanitation services in Lagos will increase.

This alignment with LUWASH's theory of change will contribute to the achievement of USAID Development Objective I under USAID/Nigeria's Country Development Cooperation Strategy: "Broadened and Inclusive Economic Growth," specifically through Intermediate Result 1.4: "Water and Resource management and services improved."

Furthermore, this activity supports USAID's Nigeria Water and Development Country Plan and the U.S. Global Water Strategy, demonstrating LUWASH's contribution to broader global water security and development goals.

## **IC. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The LUWASH project was initiated in response to the significant challenges faced by Lagos State in providing sustainable and equitable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services, particularly in low-income communities. Rapid urbanization, coupled with inadequate infrastructure and governance, has exacerbated the vulnerability of these communities, leading to poor sanitation, waterborne diseases, and environmental degradation. The lack of access to safely managed sanitation, particularly in low-income areas, threatens public health and undermines the dignity and rights of vulnerable populations, including youths and children. Furthermore, climate change has heightened the need for resilient WASH solutions, as increasing climate variability and extreme weather events exacerbate the risks to water security and sanitation infrastructure.

The grants under the LUWASH program aim to address the critical issues of limited access to safe water and sanitation services, inadequate infrastructure, and insufficient institutional capacity in Lagos State. By supporting targeted interventions and innovative solutions, the program seeks to increase the availability and sustainable management of safe and climate-resilient water and sanitation services.

Grants will prioritize innovative solutions that can address WASH service delivery challenges in Lagos. LUWASH will actively seek out and support organizations that propose innovative approaches to improving access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services. This includes exploring new technologies, alternative financing mechanisms, and community-based solutions.

LUWASH may offer grants to applicants across all the components of the Activity, which may include.

**Under Component 1**, LUWASH will support grants that facilitate WASH sector community engagement efforts and promote advocacy and strategic communication to influence sector financing and raise awareness about WASH issues. This includes establishing or strengthening forums such as the Water Consumers Associations (WCAs), Community Development Associations (CDAs), and Community Development Committees (CDCs). These forums will serve as platforms for advocacy and awareness campaigns, promoting increased budget allocations to expand infrastructure investment for enhanced and sustainable WASH services. Furthermore, the capacity of forum members will be strengthened to understand the social and economic value of water, equipping them to effectively advocate for the importance of utility water consumers paying their water and sanitation bills.

LUWASH will also support grants aimed at mobilizing funds and support for WASH services improvements in Low-income communities. This involves developing frameworks for community mobilization, establishing communities of practice for private WASH service operators, and strengthening community-based WASH management structures.

**Under component 2**, LUWASH may provide grants to foster collaboration between relevant state agencies and local SMEs in delivering innovative WASH services to designated areas of Lagos, particularly pro-poor communities. Opportunities may include.

- **Capacity Building:** Grants could be provided to support the development and implementation of customized capacity building plans for NSPs involved in WASH service delivery.
- **Community Management:** Grants may be allocated to strengthen community management of water facilities, enhance customer responsiveness, and improve feedback mechanisms.
- **Inclusive Participation:** Grants could be used to develop strategies for effective involvement of women, youth, and persons with disabilities in the urban WASH sector.
- **Customers responsiveness to service providers:** interventions that will strengthen the relationship between service providers and customers for effective service delivery and cost recovery while providing customer centric services.
- **Community-Based Water Quality Surveillance (CBWQS):** Innovative Community Based Water Quality monitoring/surveillance to support Low-Income Communities (LICs), improve on their own community-based water quality helping to prevent future re-occurrence of disease outbreaks and develop a platform where citizens can report and view real-time water quality data in their area
- **IoT-Based Smart Water Kiosks (specific to Low-Income Communities within Lagos):** Deploy smart water kiosks in underserved areas that use IoT technology to monitor water quality, usage, and maintenance needs in real-time.
- **Cross-Sector Partnerships for Water Access:** Initiate partnerships with telecoms or fintech companies to leverage their infrastructure (e.g., mobile money platforms) for water bill payments or to piggyback water pipelines on their existing network infrastructure

In addition, LUWASH will also support grants focused on Private Sector Engagement (PSE), aiming to strengthen institutional development and capacity building, implement policies that facilitate a more

integrated and sustainable WASH sector, stimulate innovation and improve service delivery, and foster sustainable business models that contribute to the program's long-term goals.

**Under Component 4**, LUWASH will prioritize and support grants that:

- Upgrade Public Sanitation Facilities: Support minor and cosmetics renovation or maintenance as well as asset management of existing public sanitation facilities in low-income communities.
- Pilot Urban Community-Led Total Sanitation: Implement innovative programs to promote community-led total sanitation in Low-Income Communities (LICs) identified in Lagos areas.
- Ensure WASH Access for Vulnerable Groups: Develop and implement WASH programs in schools and health facilities to ensure that vulnerable youths and children have access to essential services.
- Develop innovative Behavior Change Communication,

Promoting Climate Resilience and Sustainability

- Fecal Sludge Reuse: Pilot innovative programs to explore the reuse of fecal sludge through small-scale biogas and composting technologies, contributing to reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- Community Management and Engagement: Develop and pilot strategies to empower communities to manage WASH services, foster long-term sustainability and improved governance.
- Develop innovative Climate Change Adaptability Measures, Education and Behavior Change Communication program that promotes safely managed WASH and source water. Proposals that assess and address climate stressors and vulnerabilities are encouraged.

### **Innovation in WASH Delivery**

LUWASH will actively support grants that explore innovative technologies to enhance WASH service delivery. Potential areas of focus include:

- Blockchain-Based Water Credits: Develop a system to promote equitable access to water and sanitation.
- Gamification of Water Conservation: Encourage community participation and reduce water usage through gamified approaches.
- Cross-Sector Partnerships: Foster collaborations to improve water access and sustainability.
- Innovations to foster data management across water and sanitation services value chain.

Applicants are encouraged to propose innovative approaches and ideas that address key sector challenges and opportunities. These ideas should aim to improve governance and institutional arrangement to deliver improved WASH services, improve public and private services provider performance, increase access to safe and sustainable water services and increase household access to safe and sustainable sanitation and improve the quality of source water.

Grant activities funded by USAID through LUWASH must meet the following general criteria:

- Grants must promote the project objectives set forth in this Annual Program Statement (APS) and contain expected outcomes and results consistent with and linked to the project's overarching goals. The proposed activities may be the sole or primary work of an organization, or a special dimension or function of an organization largely dedicated to other project as stated in section IC.
- Sufficiency and intensity of proposed activities with clearly illustrated causal linkages between hierarchy of results.
- Execution of grant activities must take place in Lagos.

- The activities funded by the grants should be focused on achieving results that are pertinent and technically robust, with an emphasis on being results-oriented or performance-based.
- Grants will cover only necessary and allowable costs linked to the execution of the activity such as program staff salaries, consultant fees, training, meetings and seminars, publications, purchase and/or rental of equipment, office and travel expenses, and other direct costs. The specific costs to be funded must conform to the USAID guidelines for funding activities.
- If deemed necessary by LUWASH, the grants will also include expenses related to activities aimed at mitigating the environmental effects of the grant-funded activities. These mitigation measures should clearly outline associated resource needs.

## **ID. AUTHORITY/GOVERNING REGULATIONS**

LUWASH grant awards are made under the authority of the U.S. Foreign Affairs Act and USAID's Automated Directive System (ADS) 302.3.5.6, "Grants Under Contracts." Awards will adhere to guidance provided under [ADS Chapter 303](#), "Grants and Cooperative Agreements to Non-Governmental Organizations" and will be within the terms of the USAID Standard Provisions as linked in the annexes, as well as the LUWASH grants procedures.

ADS 303 references two additional regulatory documents issued by the U.S. Government's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the U.S. Agency for International Development:

- 2 CFR 200 [Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Subpart E](#) (U.S. applicants are subject to 2 CFR 200 in its entirety)

Full text of 2 CFR 200 can be found at [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl) and 2 CFR 700 at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=531ffcc47b660d86ca8bbc5a64eed128&mc=true&node=pt2.1.700&rgn=div5>. LUWASH is required to ensure that all organizations receiving USAID grant funds comply with the guidance found in these circulars, as applicable to the respective terms and conditions of their grant awards.

Under the LUWASH grant program, USAID retains the right at all times to terminate, in whole or in part, LUWASH grant-making authorities.

## **SECTION II. AWARD INFORMATION**

LUWASH anticipates awarding up to 10 grants to eligible organizations. It is anticipated that each grant award may range from between USD equivalent to \$100,000 - \$250,000 (in Naira), but the final amount will be dependent upon grant activities and final negotiation and may be lower or higher than that range. The duration of any grant award under this solicitation is expected to be no more than 18 months. The specific type of grants to be issued will be decided during the negotiation process.

## **SECTION III. ELIGIBILITY**

**IIIA. ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:** For this APS, applicants must be Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) (not-for-profit and for-profit), local cooperatives, Small and Medium Enterprises, and other business associations including women-owned businesses currently operating in Nigeria, and already working in or familiar with the WASH sector.

- Applicant must be registered in Nigeria and complaint with all applicable civil and fiscal regulations.
- Applicants may only submit one application per prime organization under this APS.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate successful past performance in implementation of integrated development programs related to LUWASH Activity priority areas.
- Applicants must have established outreach capabilities with links to the beneficiary group(s) identified in the program description. This should be reflected by the incorporation of the beneficiary perspective in the application.
- Applicants must not be debarred, suspended, excluded or otherwise ineligible to receive US Federal funding.  
Applicants must display sound management in the form of financial, administrative, and technical policies and procedures and present a system of internal controls that safeguard assets; protect against fraud, waste, and abuse; and support the achievement of program goals and objectives. LUWASH will assess this capability prior to awarding a grant.
- Applicants must sign certain required certifications prior to receiving a grant. The certifications are attached to this solicitation (Annex E) and LUWASH will review them with applicants.
- For any grant award(s) resulting from this solicitation that is other than in-kind, equivalent to \$25,000 USD or more, and has no anticipated subawards, grantees will be required to provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) at the time of award. If the applicant already has a UEI number, it should be included in their application. Otherwise, applicants will be expected to get a UEI number before an award is made. The LUWASH will assist successful applicants with this process. More information on UEIs can be found [here](#).
- The project will work with the successful grantee to draft a marking and branding plan which will be annexed to the grant agreement.
- Faith-based and community groups will receive equal opportunity for funding in accordance with the mandated guidelines laid out in ADS 303.3.28 except for faith-based organizations whose objectives are for discriminatory and religious purposes, and whose main objective of the grant is of a religious nature.
- The project will work with the successful grantee to draft a marking and branding plan which will be annexed to the grant agreement.
- Applicants should adhere to actions on gender equality and social inclusion as established in the APS and/or any other actions established by LUWASH that are guided by [ADS Chapter 205 - Integrating Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in USAID's Program Cycle](#)

LUWASH encourages applications from newly organized entities of at least 6 months old, who meet the above eligibility criteria.

## **SECTION IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

### **IVA. INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS**

Applicants must propose strategies for the implementation of the program description described above, introducing innovations that are appropriate to their organizational strengths.

### **IVB. GRANT APPLICATION**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.



Instructions and a template to be utilized when developing the full application are provided in the Annex A. Applicants shall present their technical application and budget in the formats provided and shall follow the instructions and guidelines listed in these annexes.

All grant activity costs must be within the normal operating practices of the Applicant and in accordance with its written policies and procedures. For applicants without an audited indirect cost rate, the budget may include direct costs that will be incurred by the Applicant to provide identifiable administrative and management costs that can be directly attributable to supporting the grant objective. The application must be signed by an authorized agent of the Applicant.

#### **IVC. PRE-AWARD RISK ASSESSMENT**

All organizations selected for the award are subject to a pre-award risk assessment conducted by LUWASH, to ascertain whether the organization has the minimum management capabilities required to handle US government funds.

#### **IVD. INELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

LUWASH grant funds may not be utilized for the following:

- Construction or infrastructure activities of any kind. Construction also includes improvements, renovation, alteration, and refurbishment.
- Ceremonies, parties, celebrations, or “representation” expenses.
- Purchases of restricted goods, such as: restricted agricultural commodities, motor vehicles including motorcycles, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, contraceptive products, used equipment; without the previous approval of LUWASH, or prohibited goods, prohibited goods under USAID regulations, including but not limited to the following: abortion equipment and services, luxury goods, etc.
- Covered telecommunication and video surveillance equipment or services – per the standard provision entitled “Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment”, grant funds including direct and indirect costs, cost share and program income may not be used to (1) procure or obtain; (2) extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or (3) enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services (“CTES”) as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition covers certain telecommunications equipment and services, including, but not limited to, phones, internet, video surveillance, and cloud servers, produced or provided by Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities) unless LUWASH has determined that there is no available alternate eligible source for the CTES. For fixed amount awards, this restriction is only applicable if any of the milestones are for telecommunication or video surveillance services or equipment.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Purchases of goods or services restricted or prohibited under the prevailing USAID source/ nationality (Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria).
- Any purchase or activity, which has already been made.
- Purchases or activities unnecessary to accomplish grant purposes as determined by the LUWASH Project.
- Prior obligations of and/or, debts, fines, and penalties imposed on the Grantee.

- Creation of endowments.

#### IVE. SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applications shall be submitted in English and may not be more than 20 pages. Please refer to the Annex for further guidelines on page/word count limits.

Applications (including the budget and supporting documentation) should be submitted in electronic format (email) to [NGA-LUWASH-Grants@Chemonics.com](mailto:NGA-LUWASH-Grants@Chemonics.com) and should reference: **LUWASH APS No. 002\_ (insert name of your organization)**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and for the first review circle, applications must be submitted no later than the deadline indicated on the APS cover page. LUWASH will continue to accept applications through 11:59 Nigeria time, on May 5, 2025, or until funds are no longer available. Late or unresponsive applications will only be considered at the discretion of LUWASH.

In addition to the application forms, applicants should submit the following to LUWASH.

- Application Budget Form and Note
- Implementation Plan - Applicant Self-Assessment Form
- A copy of the Applicant’s valid legal registration and related documents
- Copy of the organization's charter and/or by-laws

Please submit all questions concerning this solicitation via email to [NGA-LUWASH-Grants@chemonics.com](mailto:NGA-LUWASH-Grants@chemonics.com). LUWASH will assist applicants in understanding the application process. The LUWASH Activity may not respond individually to each question submitted. Instead, questions and responses related to this APS 002 will be sent to all applicants on or before November 25, 2024.

#### SECTION V. APPLICATION MERIT REVIEW CRITERIA

Full applications will be evaluated against the merit review criteria in the table below.

Merit Review Category	Rating (Points)
Feasibility of Design & Technical Approach	40
Management & Programmatic Capacity	20
Sustainability/Financial Self-Reliance	20
Past performance	20
<b>Overall Rating (out of 100 points)</b>	<b>100</b>

These merit review criteria elements are described more fully below.

1. *Feasibility of Design & Technical Approach. 40 points*
  - a. The quality and feasibility of the application in terms of the viability of the proposed technical approach, (i.e., how the proposed technical approach can reasonably address the statement of problem and reasonably demonstrate the ability to achieve the intended outcomes). The Appropriateness of the proposed methodology, innovativeness, and clearly phased activities, and demonstrated ability to achieve the intended outcomes.
  - b. A clear demonstration of how progress and impact will be tracked, measured, and reported, with clear and appropriate expected accomplishments, with expected results

and performance indicators, with clear modalities for contributing data to any of USAID LUWASH result area/indicators target.

- c. The extent to which the proposed activity integrates gender equity and social inclusion, demonstrating a strong commitment to benefiting women, youths, persons with disabilities, and other excluded groups.
  - d. show collaboration between CSOs and SMEs, the extent of collaboration with relevant state agencies and community systems, etc.
  - e. The extent to which the proposed activity corresponds to the needs of the target group(s) and will directly benefit them.
2. *Management & Programmatic Capacity. 20 points*
- a. Evidence of the capability to undertake and accomplish the proposed activities leading to improved urban WASH service delivery.
  - b.
  - c. The extent to which the application demonstrates the organization's effectiveness in terms of internal structure, technical capacity, and key personnel, in meeting the LUWASH objectives for the grant. In addition, the organization must demonstrate adequate financial management capability. The evaluation will primarily consider the backgrounds, qualifications, reputation, suitability, and expertise of its key personnel, as well as the organization's past achievements, including its track record in developing self-sustaining, enduring activities.
  - d. Established and successful institutional presence in Lagos
3. *Sustainability/Financial Self-Reliance. 20 points*
- a. The extent to which the funded activity will result in building and strengthening the capacity of the community and local organizations as well as state system to enhance sustainability of the initiative.
  - b. The potential for leveraging additional resources, funding, or partnerships beyond the grant amount to support the activity, and whether the activity itself is sustainable or will promote sustainability of the organization as well as LUWASH interventions in Lagos.
  - c. Evidence of similar project that is still functional after at least four years of completion and handing over to the community. Please give name, location, funder and other details
4. *Past Performance. 20 points.*
- a. Previous or ongoing experience implementing similar activities. This examines an Applicant's references and experience, which is a critical factor in assessing the capacity of the organization to implement the activity.

Additionally, LUWASH will ensure environmental soundness and compliance in design and implementation as required by 22 CFR 216.

## **SECTION VI. AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

All costs funded by the grant must be allowable, allocable, and reasonable. Grant applications must be supported by a detailed and realistic budget as described in Section IV.

Issuance of this APS and assistance with application development do not constitute an award or commitment on the part of LUWASH, nor does it commit LUWASH to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, LUWASH reserves the right to accept or reject

any or all applications received and reserves the right to ask further clarifications from the offerors. Applicants will be informed in writing of the decision made regarding their application.

**Annexes:**

- I. Supplemental Documents: [APS-2024-002\\_Application Document](#)