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| **Shared Framework Title** | Legal Empowerment Shared Framework |
| **Amount Requested** | $689,820 |
| **Detail on Amount Requested (Optional)** | The amount requested will cover cost on all activities listed for 2016 except those activities that seek to pursue what is shared in the shared framework. |
| **Background (Optional)** |  |
| **Summary of Plans and Relation to Overall Shared Framework Goals (100 words)** | The goal for 2016 planned activities is to make a strong case to government, including private sector, other donors and stakeholders to provide sustained support for the provision of primary justice services in the country. Thus, we will focus our activities on holding consultative meetings with stakeholders to share with them the concept of the shared framework and conduct a needs and service provision assessment, as well as a cost-benefit analysis. We will also start initial provision of services in selected areas; data collection, monitoring and evaluation will form an integral part of the 2016 activities.  |
| **Activities Proposed (500 words)** | In 2016, we aim to make a strong case to government, other donors, the private sector and communities to support the provision of primary justice services in the country within the framework of the legal aid act. We also aim to work with the Legal Aid Board to deploy paralegals in a few districts by entering into cooperation agreements with non-governmental organizations to provide services in selected districts. Our planned activities for 2016 include:1. Hold consultative meetings with Legal Aid Board, Ministries of Justice, Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Health Lands, Agriculture and Social Welfare and other government agencies;
2. Engage development partners in the justice sector to align support for primary justice services;
3. Conduct a baseline survey of primary justice needs and service provision in the country;
4. Conduct a cost-benefit analysis/research for the provision of primary justice services including the use of ICT;
5. Develop and publicize a 3 year costed strategy plan for a roll out of primary justice services;
6. Support the development of standard operational procedures (SOPs) for the LAB.
7. Support completion of the Legal Aid Guide (to be laid before parliament as statutory instrument);
8. Work with LAB to sign cooperation agreements with NGOs/ grant making support to NGOs to provide services in at least 4 districts;
9. Hire a consultant to assist in legal empowerment shared framework implementation;
10. Set up a data collection system/monitoring and evaluation framework; and
11. 11. Participate in the CEU LE course in October.
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| **Summary for Board Reports (100 words)** | The goal for 2016 planned activities is to make a strong case to government, including private sector, other donors and stakeholders to provide sustained support for the provision of primary justice services in the country. Thus, we will focus our activities on holding consultative meetings with stakeholders to share with them the concept of the shared framework and conduct a needs and service provision assessment, as well as a cost-benefit analysis. We will also start initial provision of services in selected areas; data collection, monitoring and evaluation will form an integral part of the 2016 activities. |
| **Collaborating Programs within OSF and essential partners or grantees** | We intend to collaborate with OSJI, Women’s Program and Public Health Program within OSF. Other essential partners would include Legal Aid Board, Office of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Justice, Justice Sector Coordination Office (JSCO), Judicial and Legal Training Institute, civil society organizations (Namati, Timap for Justice, AdvocAid, LAWYERS, etc.), host communities, Council of Paramount Chiefs, private sector, other donors, etc. |
| **Contributions expected from Collaborating Programs (250 words)** | Expected contributions from collaborating programs will mainly be experience sharing. For example, we hope to learn from the experiences of the PHP program in ensuring social accountability within the health care system. With the Women’s Program, we will seek to collaborate on issues dealing with the empowerment of women. On the part of OSJI, we would like to leverage on their longstanding experience working on LE issues across the global. Thus, we will seek their technical expertise and advice.  |
| **Statement of who within OSF would guide the work** | The work in Sierra Leone will be led by Nancy Sesay, OSIWA Program coordinator based in our Sierra Leone office. Nancy will be supported by our Law, Justice and Human Rights Unit and Sierra Leone country office team. Our administrative contact is Sahr Abu Koroma, Finance and Administrative Associate based in Freetown, Sierra Leone. |
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| **Approver (Lead)***(See list on* [*Reserve Funds KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/view.html)*)* | Name | Zaza Namoradze |
| Date Approved | March 2, 2016 |
| **Approver (Lead) Notes / Comments (Optional)***(To be completed by approver only)* |  |
| **Urgency level for grant approval & payments** | [ ]  **Not** Rapid Response  |  [x]  Rapid Response *(See procedure on* [*KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/files/ii.-policies/rapid-response-as-of-10-november-2014.docx/)*)* |
| **If approved, where to allocate the budget?** *(If the budget is split between multiple programs, please copy/paste this section as needed.)* | Amount | $344,910 |
| Category of Work | LXXS000 : SHARED FRAMEWORK : Legal Empowerment |
| Division/Program Code | **46524**\_ OSIWA Law Justice and Human Rights Grants  |
| Entity *(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)* | FOSI |
| Fund Class *(i.e., Lobbying/Non-Lobbying)* | Non-lobbying |
| Geography *(of benefit)* | Sierra Leone  |
|  | Amount | $344,910 |
|  | Category of Work | LXXS000 : SHARED FRAMEWORK : Legal Empowerment |
|  | Division/Program Code | **46518**\_ OSIWA Economic Governance Grants |
|  | Entity *(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)* | FOSI |
|  | Fund Class *(i.e., Lobbying/Non-Lobbying)* | Non-lobbying |
|  | Geography *(of benefit)* | Sierra Leone  |