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| **Shared Framework Title** | Fostering a New Era in Global Drug Policy |
| **Proposal/Activity Title** |  |
| **Amount Requested** | $300,000 |
| **Detail on Amount Requested (Optional)** |  |
| **Background (Optional)** | With its wide ranging implications on governance, security, political stability and human security, drug trafficking constitutes a serious threat to West Africa. In recent years, the region has become a major transit route for drugs destined mainly to European markets, with local production and consumption in West Africa increasing. So far, West African governments’ responses against the phenomenon have been focused on toughening punitive measures with no alliances with civil society organizations. Worst, most CSOs in the region lack the necessary expertise to make a meaningful contribution to the effort.OSIWA’s contribution has been to support initiatives drawing connections between drug policy reform and human rights, on the one hand, and between drug policy reform and good governance, on the other hand. Within the framework of the shared framework, OSIWA has shared with other OSF’s programs and foundations knowledge and experiences, strengthened its own capacities in drug work, brought together in West Africa reform-minded CSOs and governments’ officials and hopefully expect to contribute making the UNGASS on drugs in 2016 a turning point in the global drug policy debate.Regardless of the outcome of UNGASS 2016, OSIWA will continue advocacy to raise awareness of the drug trafficking problem and its ramifications, including for governance in West Africa. |
| **Summary of Plans and Relation to Overall Shared Framework Goals (100 words)** | In addition to its ongoing initiatives on drug in West Africa, OSIWA’s planned work in 2016 includes working to ensure that: (i) at least 1 of the 3 champions - Benin, Ghana and Senegal - adopt progressive drug policy reforms (**SF Objective 1**); (ii) provide support to the pilot harm reduction program in Senegal and share it and advocate for harm reduction programs in Benin and Ghana (**SF Objective 2**) and (iii) support the West African Drug Policy Network (WADPN) for further advocacy and awareness raising on drug policy reform in West Africa beyond UNGASS 2016 (**SF Objective 1**). |
| **Activities Proposed (500 words)** | **Activity 1: Supporting CSOs for targeted advocacy for progressive Drug Policy Reforms in three countries -** *$105,000 ($35,000 x 3)*: **March-December 2016**Maintain the focus on the 3 champions - Benin, Ghana and Senegal - by continuing engagements with CSOs from the three countries to assess the achievements, analyze outputs from the UNGASS and adopt strategies on the way forward ($5,000 each). In addition, grants (of about $30,000 each) will be provided to CSOs in each one of the 3 targeted countries to engage governments, state institutions and the general public on drug policy reform issues. – **$105,000.00**.**Activity 2: Support Senegalese pilot harm reduction program and advocate for the implementation of similar programs and approach in of its adoption in the other two champions (i.e. Benin and Ghana) -** *$75,000*: **March-October 2016**Contribute to the effective functioning of the only government-run harm reduction facility in West Africa managed by the Government of Senegal. Use the Senegalese example to share lessons and advocate for harm reduction programs in Benin and Ghana – **$75,000.00**.**Activity 3: Support CSOs’ Communications and Advocacy on Drug Policy Reform in the entire West Africa -** *$120,000*: **March-December 2016**Continue our support to the West African Drug Policy Network (WADPN) that has been established by OSIWA in collaboration with OSF’s Global Drug Policy Program (GDPP) and Kofi Annan Foundation (KAF), for further advocacy and awareness raising on drug policy reform in West Africa beyond UNGASS 2016. The activities covered by the grant will include social media campaigns, production and distribution of policy briefs, personal stories, short videos, infographics, etc. - **$120,000.00**. |
| **Summary for Board Reports (100 words)** | Drug trade constitutes serious threats to West Africa because of its implications on governance, political stability and human security. Thus far, West African governments have focused on toughening punitive measures. Within the framework of the shared framework, OSIWA’s contribution has been to share knowledge and experiences, strengthen its own capacities, and bring together reform-minded CSOs and governments’ officials. This project aims to allow OSIWA and its partners take stock of the outcomes of UNGASS and build on the current momentum to continue advocacy to raise awareness of the drug trafficking problem and its implications, including for governance.  |
| **Collaborating Program(s) within OSF and essential partners or grantees** | The main allies with which OSIWA will collaborate include OSF’s Global Drug Policy Program (GDPP), Latin America Program, and Public Health Program, OSIEA, OSISA, the Kofi Annan Foundation (KAF) as well as national and regional CSOs’ networks including the West Africa Civil Society Institute, West Africa Commission on Drugs and the West Africa Drug Policy Network. |
| **Contributions expected from Collaborating Program(s) (250 words)** | In the course of the implementation of the above-mentioned activities, OSIWA seek to collaborate with OSF’s International Harm Reduction Development Program and rely on its technical expertise and advocacy to promote harm reduction and policy reform in the region. We hope to continue our ongoing collaboration with GDPP in our work with the West Africa Civil Society Institute, West Africa Commission on Drugs and the West Africa Drug Policy Network and other CSOs in West Africa on inter alia advocacy around policy outcomes of UNGASS. |
| **Statement of who within OSF would guide the work (Point of Contact)** | Mathias Hounkpe will guide the work with OSIWA. |
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| **Approver (Lead)***(See list on* [*Reserve Funds KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/view.html)*)* | Name |  Leonard Noisette |
| Date Approved |  |
| **Approver (Lead) Notes / Comments (Optional)***(To be completed by approver only)* |  |
| **Urgency level for grant approval & payments** | [x]  **Not** Rapid Response  |  [ ]  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 | $300,000 |
| Category of Work | **DXXS000** |
| Division/Program Code | 46512\_Foundations- Transparency & Public Accnt : OSIWA Political Governance Grants |
| Entity *(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)* | ZUG |
| Fund Class *(i.e., Lobbying/Non-Lobbying)* | LOBBYING |
| Geography *(of benefit)* | Regional OWFF\_WAFR |