Southern Africa

CONSULTANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
TERMS OF REFERENCE

POSITION TITLE: People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) Population Size Estimate and Drug Treatment Services Consultant

ORGANIZATION: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Institutional Contract

REGIONAL OFFICE: Lusaka, Zambia

DUTY STATION: Home-based

PROPOSE PERIOD: September – November 2020

ACTUAL WORK TIME: 70 working days

Fee Range: B

1. BACKGROUND OF THE ASSIGNMENT:

Zambia remains one of the worst hit countries with HIV and AIDS. Since the first recorded case the government has invested in the prevention treatment care support so a reduce the impact on the population. Zambia subscribes to key international declarations and program recommendations and these have yielded in a steady reduction in HIV and AIDS related morbidities and mortalities. The National AIDS Strategy Framework (NASF) 2017-2021, whose primary objective is to reinforce protective sexual behaviours by addressing knowledge, attitudes, skills and social norms using a combination of strategic approaches and methods, show that although the HIV indicators show a general improvement in terms of diagnosis of new infections, treatment of infected individuals. In Zambia it has been established that 90% of infections come are due to unsafe heterosexual activity but it becomes important to look at the last 10 percent so that gaps in the response are reduced and that no one is left behind. In revising the current has acknowledged the need to increase all efforts for key populations. In so doing contributing to the greater reduction in new infections and overall improved access by these underserved populations. NAC lists and focuses on the following key population groups; Men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender people, sex workers (SW), People who inject drugs (PWID) and inmates.

The Revised NASF 2020-2023 has further prioritised implementation of High Impact Interventions (HII) focusing on reaching key populations as part of its strategy to reduce new infections and improve life expectancy of PLHIV. It is generally acknowledged that they have been some positive strides in the provision of HIV services for these populations, but challenges are still present. More work needs to be done in developing specific policies and guidelines aimed at improving not only the provision but also the utilisation of HIV services to them. For optimum interventions, it is required and highly recommended that target populations are understood in terms of sizes, behavioral practices and general impact of HIV and AIDS in that population, how and to what extent they contribute in driving new infections.

The NASF cites that: Key population will always remain under-served if there is less strong political will and resolve to not only recognise their vulnerability but also to take concise steps to provide appropriate services that address their needs and vulnerabilities. Limited data on key populations make it impossible to determine the size, vulnerability and solutions to HIV prevention for these groups.

A first step in designing HIV and AIDS interventions for PWID in Zambia is therefore to gather as much evidence as possible about this population. This is what has driven the NAC to undertake population size estimation, mapping and identification of type of HIV and AIDS prevention services for this population. This will serve to complement current efforts that are being carried out by other partners in the country. The information therefrom will serve not only in the design but in the monitoring of interventions including harm reduction services that are and will be subsequently made available.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as the co-sponsor under UNAIDS is responsible for supporting national efforts in addressing HIV and AIDS Prevention treatment and care for inmates and people.
who inject drugs. In 2020 UNODC Zambia project office plans to support a Rapid assessment on people who inject drugs (PWID) and people who use drugs (PWUD) in Zambia to serve as base for the establishment of harm reduction services and drug dependency treatment services to the public sector. UNODC together with other UNAIDS co-sponsors aim to promote the inclusion in national drug policies, in accordance with national legislation and as appropriate, of elements for the prevention and treatment of drug overdose, in particular opioid overdose, including the use of opioid receptor antagonists such as naloxone to reduce drug-related mortality; inability to address and provide adequate services to priority populations, especially key populations mainly because of inconsistent, poor quality or non-existent data on HIV prevalence, testing, and treatment among these groups.

2. PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT:

Under the general supervision of NAC and UNODC, the institution will undertake to:

1. Conduct a population size estimation of people who inject drugs (PWID) and people who use drugs (PWUD) in selected parts of Zambia;
2. Conduct a mapping of drug treatment services including harm reduction in selected parts of Zambia;
3. Support the drafting of harm reduction services guidelines for service providers.

These will be based on UNODC/WHO/UNAIDS guiding tools.

Deliverables and Timeline
The under stated deliverables are expected to be done within 70 working days (August 2020 to January 2021)

3. DATES AND DETAILS OF DELIVERABLES/PAYMENTS:

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<td>Inception report including final workplan and budget</td>
<td>Three (3) Days</td>
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<td>Draft Protocol and Data Collection Tools</td>
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<td>Stakeholders validation of the draft Protocol and Tools</td>
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<td>Final Protocol and Tools</td>
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<td>Submission of the Protocol and Tools to the Ethics Committee- Including resubmission (where needed)</td>
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<td>Field work- Data Collection</td>
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<td>Drafting Report on Findings</td>
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<td>Final Report-PWID Population Size and HR services</td>
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<td>Consultancy Progress Report</td>
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<td>Draft HR Service Guidelines</td>
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<td>Facilitate a stakeholders validation Meeting of the HR Service Guidelines</td>
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15. Final HR Service Guidelines
   Three (3) days
   Sixty-five working days after signing the contract

16. Facilitate Training workshop for Policy makers
   Two (2) Days
   Sixty-seven working days after signing the contract

17. Final Consultancy Report
   Three (3) days
   Seventy working days after signing the contract

Total 70 days

The payment fee will be paid as per the common UN rules and procedures and in four instalments:

- The first instalment amounting to 30% of the total cost of the contract will be paid after the submission of the workplan and inception report, assessed and approved by UNODC ROSAF (Deliverables 1).
- The second instalment amounting 20% of the total cost of the contract will be paid after the delivery of the progress report (Deliverables 2-7).
- The third instalment amounting 20% of the total cost of the contract will be paid after the delivery of the progress report (Deliverable 8-12).
- The fourth and final instalment amounting to 30% of the total cost of the contract will be paid after the delivery of the consultancy the consultation meeting report, final presentation meeting and final consultancy report has been submitted, assessed and approved by UNODC ROSAF (Deliverable 13-17).

EVALUATION CRITERIA/EXPERTISE SOUGHT (REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, YEARS OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE, OTHER SPECIAL SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED):

- An advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in the fields of public health, epidemiology, bio-statistics or related field is required. A first-level university in the fields of public health, epidemiology, bio-statistics or related field, in combination with additional two years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.
- At least 10 years of professional experience in the relevant field is required.
- Greater understanding and knowledge of HIV and AIDS in Zambia is an added advantage.
- Experience working with key populations (PWID, SW, LGBTIQ, Prisoners) is essential.
- Experience in harm reduction programming is desirable.
- Strong protocol development and research record, outstanding writing ability and people-skills required.
- Oral and written fluency in English. Knowledge of other UN languages would be an asset.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Proposals should be sent to Ms. Nellie MUKUKA: nellie.mukuka@un.org on or before the 28 September 2020, with subject line: “Consultant: HIV and AIDS in People Who Inject Drugs (PWID)”

A completed application must include: Financial (within the range) and technical proposal, CVs and Personal History profile/UNDP P11 form of the experts involved. (incomplete applications will not be considered)

For enquiries, please contact Mujinga NGONGA at mujinga.ngonga@un.org

These TOR’s will also be available on UNODC website: https://www.unodc.org/southernafrica/en/consultancies-and-opportunities.html

Correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only

UNODC reserves the right not to make an appointment.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 28 September 2020