



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SURVEY ON HIV AND TB COMMUNITY LED RESPONSE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1. Introduction

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continue to impact countries and communities across the globe, including South Africa. To mitigate the spread of the virus, on 15 March 2020, President Ramaphosa declared a state of disaster, and on 27 March 2020, announced a national lockdown. The initial 21-day lockdown period was planned to afford the South African healthcare system with much needed time to prepare for a high number of COVID-19 patients, with strict social-distancing measures to limit the spread of the virus, and ‘flatten the curve’, including delaying an increase in the number of people infected with COVID-19.

The lockdown resulted in disruption of services and movement of people to seek services and affected health-seeking services especially for people living with HIV and wider key population groups. As such, community-led organisations and groups are adapting their existing programmes to include COVID-19 awareness and prevention. They are also addressing the health, social and economic consequences, from gender-based violence to loss of livelihoods and lack of access to food.

Despite the challenges the outbreak of COVID-19, SANAC remains committed to the core principle of meaningful community and civil society engagement. This commitment extends to their engagement in efforts to respond to the new pandemic and mitigate its effect on the global HIV and TB responses.

2. Purpose

SANAC is conducting a survey of community-led organizations and networks who work in the HIV and TB field, in order to learn about the impact that COVID-19 has

had on their existing HIV and TB work and services, as well as the new efforts they have been undertaking in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The findings of the report will inform SANAC on the critical role and impact of HIV community-led responses as well as the current challenges and opportunities they face due to COVID-19.

3. Objectives

The objective of the survey is to determine the HIV, TB and STIs service delivery¹ disruptions encountered by community led and community based organisations in the context of COVID-19, including eliciting advocacy measures in place.

4. Deliverables

The expected deliverables for the service provider are as follows;

- a) **Inception report** prior to initiating the study, to be submitted electronically in English and detailing the below. The report is to be discussed with SANAC and partners, adjusted as needed and to be approved by SANAC
- b) **Methodology approach** (sampling framework, data collection strategy and methodologies, tools, criteria etc.).
- c) **Work plan** for the survey including data collection processes as well as a quality assurance plan for the survey process and deliverable.
- d) **Draft baseline report** after data collection, detailing the below:
 - i. Summarising the methodology of the survey and specifying any limitations / complications and changes to the initial design.
 - ii. Collect and analyse the data.
 - iii. Recommendations for policy change.
 - iv. Proposed indicators and monitoring methods for measuring impact and sustainability of interventions, collect, and analyse baseline data related to this.
 - v. Conclusions and recommendations to enhance the project success.

¹ Service delivery for this survey is defined broadly, for example, services could include health education; outreach; ART delivery; supplying masks, soap and sanitizers; peer support for ART adherence; nutrition support; financial support; counselling, testing, and prevention services; support for harm reduction, including commodities and medications; psychosocial support; paralegal support; community-led monitoring; advocacy to protect and expand the space for communities to provide these services; and more.

- e) **Final baseline report** taking into account the feedback from SANAC, partners, and adjustments of the draft report.
- f) **Database** including all community-led organisations participating in the survey (in excel or similar).

5. Timelines

The expected implementation period of the survey is within three months from October to December 2020.

6. Reporting

The service provider will report to SANAC SI Unit on a regular basis as agreed in line with the workplan.

7. Submission of proposal

Prospective service providers to submit a short proposal indicating their proposed methodology to conduct the survey including budget and CVs of personal to be deployed.

8. Qualification

The consultant is expected to have the following qualifications:

- a) Strong knowledge and understanding of the South Africa HIV and TB epidemic and national response, the legislative, and policy environment including the National Strategic Plans on HIV, STIs and TB and SANAC's mandate, including COVID-19
- b) A minimum of 10 years' experience in Public Health, Development Studies, Economics, Public Policy, Social Sciences, and/or a related technical field and Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV and TB.
- c) Aptitude for policy, strategic planning, system development and organizational skills, including results orientation.
- d) Excellent skills in infographics.
- e) Excellent analytical and English writing skills.
- f) Exceptional organizational and time management skills required to meet deadlines.
- g) Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

Proposals to be submitted to Andries@sanac.org.za by 15h00 on 19 October 2020