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BID/RFQ NUMBER:	RFQ SANAC 002/02/2021
CLOSING DATE:	16 February 2021
CLOSING TIME:	14:00 AM
BID VALIDITY PERIOD:	90 DAYS (COMMENCING FROM THE BID CLOSING DATE)
DESCRIPTION OF BID:	APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA
Please Indicate whether the bidder is a : Service Provider or Independent Consultant	
RFP/ RFQ TO BE EMAILED TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESSES: Email address: Beullah@sanac.org.za Copied: Karabo@sanac.org.za Copied: Mbali@sanac.org.za Copied: Andries@sanac.org.za	
Only Email submission will be accepted due to total lockdown in South Africa	



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ERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. Introduction

The South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) Trust seeks to appoint a consultant to develop a Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in South Africa.

2. Background

Globally, the burden of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) remains a public health concern. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that worldwide more than one million STIs are acquired each day and an estimated 340 million curable bacterial STIs per year. In South Africa, it is a cause for concern that with – 7.7 million people living with HIV in 2020 – also has a high volume of STIs. In 2017, there were an estimated 2.3 million new cases of gonorrhoea, 1.9 million new chlamydia cases and 23,175 new syphilis cases among women aged between 15 and 49. Among men of the same age there were an estimated 2.2 million new cases of gonorrhoea, 3.9 million new cases of chlamydia and 47,500 new cases of syphilis. STIs threaten the goal of achieving HIV epidemic control in the country, as HIV and STIs share a complex, synergistic, bidirectional relationship. The disease burden of classic STIs has historically been heavy and continues to be a serious public health problem in South Africa. Morbidity from both ulcerative and non-ulcerative infections, particularly in women, is significant. Much can be done to control the spread of STIs, alleviate harmful consequences and vastly improve peoples' quality of life. To address this global and critical issue and to enable countries to reach targets set for the relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, the WHO developed the Global health sector strategy on sexually transmitted infections 2016–2021 ("the Global STIs Strategy" for short), and it was adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2016. The Five strategic directions underpin the Global STIs Strategy, namely, 1) Information for focused action; 2) Interventions for impact; 3) Delivering for equity; 4) Financing for sustainability; and 5) Innovation for acceleration.

As SANAC, for the remainder of the current NSP, focus remain on; intensifying the national STIs response and ensure progress towards ending STIs as a public health concern; implement efforts to dramatically reduce the burden of illness and number of deaths associated with them, while improving health and well-being.



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Considering the available literature on the disease burden of STIs and in line with the Goals of the National Strategic Plan on HIV, TB and STIs 2017 – 2022 (NSP), SANAC in collaboration with its stakeholders, agreed to develop a Strategic Framework for the prevention and control of STIs in South Africa that will provide a framework to guide an accelerated country response for the prevention and control of STIs, towards the attainment of international development goals.



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3. Scope of Work

SANAC seeks to engage a consultant to undertake the following pieces of work, grounded in human rights, and using participatory approaches:

- Review of the SA progress against for the Global Strategy for the prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: 2016 - 2021: towards ending STIs
- Review of the SA progress against the Framework for the Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections in the SADC Region
- Lead the development of the SA Action Plan, including target setting, towards the elimination of STIs – in line with the current NSP
- Develop an Advocacy brief for ending sexually transmitted Infection epidemics as public health concerns by 2030.

4. Expected Deliverables

- a) Documented progress towards reaching the goals of the Global strategy for the prevention and control of Sexually Transmitted Infections: 2016 – 2021
- b) Documented progress towards reaching the goals of the Framework for the Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections in the SADC Region
- c) Final Draft of the SA Action Plan towards the elimination of STIs – in line with the current NSP
- d) Final Draft of an Advocacy brief for ending STIs as public health concerns by 2030

5. Qualifications and experience

SANAC Trust intends to contract a service provider or consultant with extensive experience that includes:

- Master's degree in public health, Social Sciences or Communications. A PhD will be added advantage.
- Knowledge of STIs / HIV response in South Africa.
- Aptitude for policy, strategic planning, system development, and organizational skills, including results orientation.
- Minimum of 5 years' proven track record in designing visually engaging infographics on HIV, TB and STIs
- Knowledge and / or understanding of the SANAC and its stakeholders
- Excellent English language writing and editing.



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Competencies and special skills requirement:

Demonstrate strong written communication, analytical ability, and ability to rapidly integrate information from various sources.

- Knowledgeable of current SANAC activities including the HIV NSP and STIs.
- Ability to deliver the requirements on time and be responsive to all communications from SANAC.
- Ability to work under pressure.

6. TIMELINES:

The level of effort expected is **30 consultancy days** from 22 February - 9 April 2021

7. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

The selection of the best offer will be based on the combined scoring method: (the qualifications and methodology will be weighted 80%, combined with the price offer, which will be weighted 20%).

- Technical proposal demonstrates clear process and methodology for delivering high quality products in line with the ToR (30%).
- Demonstrated track record / knowledge in public health and HIV, TB and STIs response in South Africa (25%)
- Demonstrated track record in infographic design, data visualization and animation for high quality publications (25%)
- Financial proposal (20%)

8. Supervision

The service provider will be supervised by the Executive Manager: NSP Implementation at SANAC.

9. Payment schedule for the task

This will be 30 days maximum (Between February – April 2021).

- The payment will be made as follows: • 1st instalment – 25% (after delivering the Inception Meeting Report);
 - 2nd instalment – 50% (after delivering the 1st Draft of the 3 x Deliverables); and
 - Final instalment – 25% (after submission of Final Deliverables)
- SANAC shall cover all travel and logging expenses necessary for this assignment



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1. Mode of Application

- Interested applicants must submit the following;
 - a. A brief Concept Note with a streamlined budget,
 - b. Curriculum Vitae detailing previous related experience together with at least 3 references.

Applications should be sent to: The Procurement Officer: Ms Beullah Mthombeni, email address beullah@sanac.org.za

Closing date for the application is Friday; 16 February 2021 @ 14:00