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BID VALIDITY PERIOD:	90 DAYS (COMMENCING FROM THE BID CLOSING DATE)
DESCRIPTION OF BID:	APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP THE NATIONAL HIV, TB AND STIS IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR INMATES
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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP THE NATIONAL HIV, TB AND STIS IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR INMATES

1. INTRODUCTION

The South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) Trust seeks to appoint a consultant to develop the national HIV, TB and STIs Implementation Framework for Inmates that will provide SANAC stakeholders with a comprehensive action plan to implement a response to HIV, TB and STIs Prevention, Care, Treatment and Support in the Correctional Settings.

2. BACKGROUND

South Africa (SA) has the 10th highest detention rate in the world. Approximately 300,000 detainees pass through the prison system each year with a population of 144,453 inmates in 2017, placed in 227 correctional settings across the country.

HIV and TB are leading causes of morbidity and mortality in prisons, and a significant public health issue affecting all regions of the world. The UNAIDS Strategy 2016-2021,¹ the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Health Sector Strategy on HIV 2016-2021,² and the WHO End TB strategy identify people in prison as a key population whose needs must be addressed to achieve the targets for ending AIDS and TB.

South Africa has the highest number of people living with HIV in the world estimated at 7 million. Despite this, data on HIV prevalence in the prison populations are limited. The Department of Correctional Services reported HIV prevalence amongst inmates to be 19.8% in 2006. As with many other countries in sub-Saharan Africa, HIV and tuberculosis (TB) in South African prisons cannot be de-linked from systemic disadvantages which are fueled by over-crowdedness and inhumane conditions and the excessive use of incarceration.

Several documents have been developed which collectively guide HIV and TB management in prisons which include: The 2004 White Paper on Corrections in South Africa, which emphasizes rehabilitation as a core function of the prison system, the 2014 White Paper on Remand Detention, the National Strategic Plan on HIV, TB and STIs 2017-2022, the Department of Health Guidelines for the Management of TB, HIV and STIs in Correctional Facilities (2013), as well as the National Policy to Address Sexual Abuse of Inmates in Correctional Facilities.

In line with Goal 3 of the NSP 2017-2022 SANAC aims to ensure that all key populations are reached with targeted HIV prevention interventions and we:

- Increase engagement, collaboration and advocacy of key and vulnerable populations in the development and implementation of social and health support activities.
- Provide an enabling environment to increase access to health services by key and vulnerable populations.

SANAC, through the NSP 2017-2022, recognizes that some population groups within correctional settings, such as people who use drugs, people living with TB or HIV, men who have sex with men, transgender people, women (and their accompanying children), and young people, have specific vulnerabilities to HIV or TB and particular needs that must be addressed. The outbreak of COVID-19, which was declared a global pandemic by WHO in March 2020, has highlighted once again the vulnerability of people in correctional settings. It is against this background that the SANAC in collaboration with its stakeholders, agreed to develop an Implementation Framework for mounting an effective national response to HIV, TB and STIs in correction settings that meets international health and human rights standards, prioritizes public health, is grounded in evidence-based interventions and best practices.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

SANAC seeks to engage a consultant to undertaking the following pieces of work, using participatory approaches:

- a) Conduct a literature review of current and existing Policies and Acts which pertain to HIV, TB and STIs Prevention, Care, Treatment and Support in the Correction Settings.
- b) Conduct a desk review to document / review the list of evidence-based interventions to address HIV/TB, viral hepatitis B & C and STIs for people in the Correction Settings.
- c) Lead the facilitation of SANAC stakeholder consultations with relevant stakeholders (including the National Department of Correctional Services, the National Department of Health, and technical and policy experts including UNODC, Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services, SANPUD, Human Rights Experts, CDC and Global Fund, Sonke Gender Justice, Just Detention and program Implementing Partners within the Correction Settings)
- d) Based on the literature review and stakeholder consultations, lead the development of the National HIV, TB and STIs Implementation Framework for Inmates

4. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- a) Project Inception report – detailing the consultant’s approach to the overall approach, detailed project conceptual framework and workplan.
- b) Literature Review Report on the current and existing Policies and Acts which pertain to HIV, TB and STIs Prevention, Care, Treatment and Support in the Correction Settings.
- c) Desk Review Report on the list of evidence-based interventions to address HIV, HIV/TB, TB, viral hepatitis B & C and STIs for people in the Correction Settings.
- d) Consultation Workshops / Focus Group Discussions Report on the progress to date as well as recommended future actions towards a comprehensive action plan to implement a response to HIV, TB and STIs Prevention, Care, Treatment and Support in the Correction Settings

- e) Final Print-Ready National HIV, TB and STIs Implementation Framework for Inmates that includes a Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting, and Communications Plans.
- f) Project Completion Report

5. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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

- a) At least a master's degree, preferably in the field of public health or related social sciences.
- b) Excellent knowledge of national policies and strategies and plans on HIV& AIDS and TB is essential.
- c) Good domain and understanding of the context of health issues in prisons of SADC region, including WHO and UN standards, regulations and work around legislation on health are desired.
- d) At least 3-5 years of experience in conducting research and data analysis, particularly on HIV and TB response in the prison or correctional facilities in South Africa.
- e) Strong track record of technically writing and editing high-level documents in English on HIV prevention related Strategies.
- f) Knowledge and / or understanding of the SANAC and its stakeholders, with strong stakeholder management skills and experience working at different levels of the South African Government Structure

6. TIMELINES:

The consultancy is expected to be completed in **90 consulting days** between **1 April – 30 June 2020**. Direct costs for travel and workshops should be included in the budget for provincial consultations.

7. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Functionality:	
Minimum Functionality Score	70
Total must equal:	100%

Functionality criteria:	Weighting factor:
Analysis of recent data on the epidemic and response on HIV, TB and STI prevention at national and subnational levels	10
Document effective evidence-based prevention interventions developed in South Africa and abroad and adopt these to be specific to South Africa.	20

Draft of the National HIV, TB, STI Framework - document and PowerPoint as approved by TWG and changes incorporated and workplan	30
Final National HIV, TB and STI Framework developed report - document and PowerPoint with graphic layout.	40
Total	100 Points

8. ASSIGNMENT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The consultant will work under the overall guidance of the TSU Technical Lead and NSP Executive Manager, with technical and coordination support from the Key Populations Technical Advisor.

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