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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HIV, TB AND STIs AMONG ADOLESCENT BOYS AND YOUNG MEN IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. Introduction

The South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) seeks to appoint a consultant to develop an Implementation Framework for the Prevention and Control of HIV, TB and STIs among Adolescent Boys and Young Men (ABYM) in South Africa.

The She Conquers evaluation report has recommended the intentional inclusion of men and boys in HIV prevention programmes, and continual exploration of ways to strengthen their inclusion in social and structural interventions. There was also an emphasis on the importance of strengthening the delivery of the multi-sectoral core package of services to all youth sub-groups in their diversity.

2. Background

Young people in South Africa – and especially adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) – are exceptionally vulnerable to HIV and have huge emphasis and investment in the national HIV response. At the same time, this narrowed the focus which isolates and neglects adolescent boys and young men (ABYM) in the response. Though youth demonstrated a concern about HIV and desire to protect themselves through above-average adoption of some methods of HIV prevention, reduction in HIV new infection remains low. Few interventions exist that target ABYM, except circumcision programs and as a result, the epidemic among ABYM is surging.

HIV prevalence has increased almost 7-fold among adolescent boys aged 15-19 years, from 0.7% in 2012 to 4.7% in 2017. While HIV incidence has declined by 26% among AGYW aged 15-24 years (from 2.04% in 2012 to 1.51% in 2017), HIV incidence has increased by 11% among ABYM (from 0.44% in 2012 to 0.49% in 2017). Condom use among South African youth remains low (below 70%) and compared to girls, ABYM are more likely to have sex before the age of 15 years (19.5% vs. 7.6%), and more likely to have multiple partners (25.5% vs. 9.0%). Adolescent boys who know their HIV status and are on treatment are also far less likely to be virally suppressed than their female counterparts (65.3% vs. 95.8%). In addition, evidence suggests men are, on average, are less likely to utilise healthcare services and HIV-related deaths among men outnumber those among women.



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Adolescent boys and young men face unique risks of their own concerning HIV and their broader health. Violence, poverty, and expectations associated with masculinity set the most vulnerable ABYM up for a host of risky behaviours in adulthood that not only increase their chances of acquiring HIV, but also of passing it on to their sexual partners. These ABYM are a “pre-high-risk group”, and it is strategic to reach them before they enter the high-risk stage.

Data show that boys and girls are equally vulnerable to sexual abuse, yet boys are often stigmatized as potential perpetrators, limiting their access to post-violence care. Gender-Based Violence, discrimination, marginalisation, and some of the other social and structural drivers that are faced in society are linked to the micro and macro environment which contribute significantly to their decision-making. Disadvantaged ABYM with disabilities continue to experience difficulties accessing basic services that provide empowerment on sexual reproductive health rights (SRHR). It is increasingly important to explore alternative strategies that are inclusive of ABYM and address some of the biomedical, social, and structural drivers that exacerbate HIV risk but also provide solutions that are contextually relevant in South Africa.

3. Scope of Work

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

- Review existing ABYM programmes and initiatives including culturally and contextually relevant community-based approaches.
- Lead the development of an ABYM implementation framework that is contextually customised and appropriate.
- Develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for tracking the progress of the ABYM implementation framework.
- Develop a reporting framework for the monitoring of the ABYM implementation framework.

4. Expected Deliverables

1. Print-ready ABYM implementation framework with targets and costing
2. Print-ready Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for tracking the progress of the ABYM implementation framework.
3. Print-ready Reporting Framework for the monitoring of the ABYM implementation framework

5. Qualifications and Experience

The consultancy requires should meet the following criteria:



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- Registered service provider with at least 3 years of experience, in developing strategic frameworks with BBEE registration.
 - Knowledge of HIV, TB and STIs 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.

6. 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 HIV, TB and STIs.
- Ability to deliver the requirements on time and be responsive to all communications from SANAC.
- Ability to work under pressure.

7. Timelines

- The level of effort expected is from 23 August 2021 -31 December 2021 of the assignment is from the **90 consulting days**.

8. 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%).

- Methodology and approach to delivering the ToR (40%)
- Internal capacity (capacity, resources, and capability) to meet the requirements of the TOR (30%)
- Experience of Lead Consultant that will be assigned to the contract (10%)
- Financial proposal (20%)

9. Supervision

The service provider will be supervised by the SANAC Executive Manager: NSP Implementation and the ABYM Advisory Group

10. Payment schedule for the task



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- This will be between August 2021 – December 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 lodging expenses necessary for this assignment.

11. Application process

Application must reach the below mentioned person by the **09th of August 2021** at 16H00. Only electronic submission will be accepted.

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