



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### **Consultant for South Africa's 2020 Global AIDS Monitoring (GAM) Narrative Report in response to the 2016 United Nations General Assembly Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS targets and elimination commitments**

#### **South Africa National AIDS Council**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

The South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) brings together Government, Civil Society and the Private Sector to create a collective response to the epidemic of HIV, TB and STIs in South Africa. South Africa aims to build on the commitments made in the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and to set the world on course to end the epidemic by 2030 within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). South Africa's aim is fulfilled by SANAC's vision. The vision of SANAC is a long-term one. It is to ensure a healthy life for all South Africans. SANAC's vision is underpinned by the commitment to ZERO new HIV and TB infections, ZERO preventable HIV and TB deaths and ZERO HIV and TB discrimination.

The 2016 United Nations Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: on the fast-track to accelerate the fight against HIV and to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030, adopted at the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on AIDS in June 2016, mandated UNAIDS to support countries in reporting on the commitments in the Political Declaration. This Political Declaration was built on three previous political declarations: the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS, the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS. The 2016 Political Declaration indicates that a successful AIDS response should be measured by the achievement of concrete, time-bound targets. They call for careful monitoring of progress in implementing commitments and require the United Nations Secretary-General to issue annual progress reports. These reports are designed to identify challenges and constraints and recommend action to accelerate the achievement of targets. The 2020 Global AIDS Monitoring (GAM) is the fourth year after the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2016, the international community reviewed progress towards reaching the 2020 Fast-Track commitments and expanded targets to end AIDS, notably:

- To ensure that 30 million people living with HIV have access to treatment through meeting the 90-90-90 targets by 2020.





- To eliminate new HIV infections among children by 2020 while ensuring that 1.6 million children have access to HIV treatment by 2018.
- To ensure access to combination prevention options, including pre-exposure prophylaxis, voluntary medical male circumcision, harm reduction and condoms to at least 90% of people by 2020, especially young women and adolescent girls in high-prevalence countries and key populations-gay men and other men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers and their clients, people who inject drugs and prisoners.
- To eliminate gender inequalities and end all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls, people living with HIV and key populations by 2020.
- To ensure that 90% of young people have the skills, knowledge and capacity to protect themselves from HIV and have access to sexual reproductive health services by 2020, in order to reduce the number of new infections among adolescent girls and young women below 100 000 per year.
- To ensure that 75% of people living with, at risk and are affected by HIV benefit from HIV-sensitive social protection by 2020.
- To ensure that at least 30% of all service delivery is community-led by 2020.
- To ensure that HIV investment increase to US\$ 26 billion by 2020, including a quarter for HIV prevention and 6% for social enablers.
- To empower people living with, at risk and are affected by HIV to know their rights and to access justice and legal services to prevent and challenge violations of human rights.
- To commit to taking AIDS out of isolation through people-centred systems to improve universal health coverage, including treatment for tuberculosis, cervical cancer and hepatitis B and C.

The 2020 GAM should analyse progress at country level towards achievements of the Ten Fast-Track commitments and expanded Targets, embedded in a review of overall progress of the HIV response at national level.

Data on progress through 2020 will be used to do the following:

- Assess progress and hold countries and global partners to account on progress made towards the 2020 targets.
- Serve as a baseline for the revised Global AIDS Strategy 2021–2030, and for moving towards the global AIDS targets for 2025 and 2030.
- Inform the national and subnational HIV estimates preparation that feeds into Global AIDS Monitoring reporting.

**The purpose is basically to:**

- **Analyse the 2020 data and highlight main achievements** with regards to GAM “ten commitments” and show trends over the last five years.
- Make recommendations for **increased and/or decreased trends realised based on the HIV/AIDS response in the country.**





## 1. SCOPE OF WORK:

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SANAC Secretariat intends to recruit a consultant with a solid grasp of HIV issues; namely: good knowledge of the South African context; excellent writing skills, strong qualitative and quantitative research skills, monitoring and evaluation as well as Strategic Information (SI) knowledge and skills; including an ability to work with a diverse set of people. The consultant should also have the capability of precisely summarising current data and trends using infographics where applicable.

The consultant will report to the SANAC SI Unit and work with other partners to conduct the following tasks:

- a) Participate in weekly meetings (Face-to-face or telephonic) to discuss progress and provide a status brief to SANAC.
- b) Conduct a desk review of relevant documents (i.e., policies, strategies, laws, guidelines, reports etc.) related to the HIV response to show progress to date.
- c) Review reported data, including an analysis to show trends including appropriate infographics.
- d) Compile a final narrative report and incorporate all inputs from SANAC; depicting brief narrative summaries of each of the Fast-Track Commitment; in terms of actual performance, trends, challenges and feasible recommendations.
- e) Ensure that the report is prepared and submitted within set deadlines.

## 3. TIMELINE AND DURATION OF THE CONSULTANCY

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SANAC will contract the consultant for a period of **2 months from August up to September 2021**; and the timelines are as follows:

<b>Deliverables</b>
a) Participate in weekly meetings (Face-to Face or Telephonic) as requested to discuss progress and provide a status brief to SANAC;
b) Conduct a desk review of relevant documents (i.e., policies, strategies, laws, guidelines, reports etc.) related to the HIV response to show progress to date; under each of the ten commitments;
c) Review reported data including an analysis to show trends including appropriate infographics;
d) Submit draft report to SANAC for review;
e) Compile the final report and incorporate all inputs obtained from SANAC;
f) Ensure that the final progress report is submitted within set timelines.





## 2. QUALIFICATIONS

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The consultant is expected to have the following qualifications:

- a) Advanced university degree in Public Health, Development Studies, Economics, Public Policy, Social Sciences, and/or a related technical field.
- b) 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
- c) 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.
- d) Aptitude for policy, strategic planning, system development and organizational skills, including results orientation.
- e) Excellent skills in infographics.
- f) Excellent analytical and English writing skills.
- g) Exceptional organizational and time management skills required to meet deadlines.
- h) Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

## 3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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### South Africa National AIDS Council (SANAC) Secretariat

- Contracting and supervision of the consultant's work plan including milestones for delivery of the work as agreed.
- Orientation of the consultant including clarification of individual roles and collaboration.
- Facilitation in obtaining some government documents and data where necessary.
- Reviewing the deliverables and providing consolidated comments to the consultant.

## 4. 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](mailto:beullah@sanac.org.za)





**Closing date for the application is Friday; 30 July 2021.**

