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DESCRIPTION OF BID:	APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS AND MONITOR SOCIAL AND STRUCTURAL DRIVERS ON ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN
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1. INTRODUCTION

The South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) Trust seeks to appoint a consultant to develop an Implementation Framework to address social and structural drivers of HIV, TB and STIs affecting adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), integrating these with adolescent boys and young men (ABYM).

2. BACKGROUND

Ending AIDS by 2030 remains an ambitious goal of Project 2030 as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and includes prioritising and addressing the intersecting structural and social inequalities and inequities. Fine tuning the HIV response will contribute significantly to 10 SDGs by 2030. Over time UNAIDS is reporting a steady decline in AIDS related deaths in all age groups (UNAIDS, 2020). Of concern, however, is the slow pace in which HIV infections are declining, with Sub-Saharan African countries carrying the largest burden of HIV epidemic. As such the region remains disproportionately affected by HIV. Furthermore, there is a gap in HIV vulnerability between genders, where more women including adolescents' girls and young women are infected with HIV compared to their male counterparts. The Thembisa version 4.3. reported that 121 000 young women 15 years and older in South Africa tested positive for HIV in 2018, this is compared to 67 000 men of the same age group. The difference in young women aged 10-19 acquiring HIV is more acute compared to young men in the same age group.

The social and structural drivers of the HIV epidemic include poverty and unemployment, unequal education and dysfunctional schools, gender inequality and the low status of women, and gender-based violence. These undermine adolescent girls' young women's health and their power to negotiate and use the available, innovative biomedical prevention technologies, and undermine their ability to exercise their sexual reproductive health rights.

3. SOCIAL AND STRUCTURAL DRIVERS OF HIV, TB & STIs

The social and structural drivers are described as the main factors that shape and influence the HIV, TB and STIs risk behaviours, thus impeding an individual's or group's ability to prevent these infections, access services and adhere to prevention and treatment interventions/options. Systematically addressing the social and structural drivers is critical to interrupting and breaking the cycle of HIV, TB and STIs among adolescent girls and young women. Goal 4 of the National Strategic Plan centred its HIV prevention approach by dealing decisively with social and structural drivers of the three epidemics. SANAC seeks to develop an HIV



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combination prevention framework for scaling up efforts to address the social and structural drivers of the HIV epidemic in South Africa

The framework will include targeted social and structural interventions that will address gender inequalities and drive HIV prevention programme on AGYW in the country.

The framework will categorise, propose, and systematically package practical interventions guided by the existing policies, strategies and evidence base programmes that are already working in the country. These should include interventions to be controlled at **individual level** which are mostly behavioural in nature, although shaped by social contexts within which people live. It will also propose **community level interventions** aimed at shifting social norms, addressing gender-based violence, confronting stigma and discrimination; at **social and structural level** e.g., promotion of policy dialogue and advocacy; **economic interventions** food security, cash incentives or cash plus care interventions and empowerment of communities and groups to establish cohesive communities, promotion of leadership and support.

4. Purpose of the assignment

- To develop a framework to guide on the implementation of combination HIV, STIs and TB prevention programmes towards ending gender inequalities that fuel the risk of HIV on adolescent girls and young women in South Africa, integrate these efforts with the framework on ABYM.

5. SCOPE OF WORK

SANAC seeks to engage a consultant to undertake the following assignment:

- a) Using the existing literature relevant to the South African context and existing evidence-based programmes in leadership and participation of AGYW to decision making mechanisms or processes as well their access to human rights, including SRHR.
- b) Map social and structural drivers of the HIV, TB and STIs epidemics relevant to the South African context that undermine the HIV and AIDS response in the country.
- c) Categorise the drivers according to context and level of vulnerability in relation to power imbalances, harmful and cultural norms, and economic dependence.
- d) Propose a package of services and interventions using the examples of evidence-based programmes to address gender inequalities and causing vulnerabilities on AGYW. These should be packaged in a manner that complement the existing biomedical interventions.



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- e) Identify and unpack the responsibilities of the key role-players and institutions in the delivery of social and structural interventions to mitigate the HIV epidemic in South Africa, outlining their respective roles and responsibilities, and propose practical methods and solutions to ensure they effectively deliver on their mandates to the National HIV and AIDS response.
- f) Conduct an analysis of source of funding and develop a costing exercise to address the identified mitigating initiatives.
- g) The implementation framework to address social and structural drivers (SSD) will later be used as a guide in the development of action plans.
- h) Develop a monitoring and evaluation framework and tools to track progress in the delivery of SSD interventions.

6. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- a) Project Inception report – detailing the consultant’s approach to the overall assignment, with a detailed project conceptual framework and a workplan.
- b) A data base of available role-players/ institutions with resources and interventions that could be accessed, and processes to be followed in accessing such resources for the reduction HIV risk on AGYW. This will form part of the annexure to implementation framework.
- c) Draft and package services and interventions that are, evidence -based and context specific to address the social, and structural drivers of HIV, TB and STIs on AGYW in South Africa
- d) Stakeholder consultation workshops on the draft framework document including the report.
- e) Final Print-Ready Implementation Framework to address social and structural drivers and end inequalities.
- f) M&E framework
- g) Reporting framework
- h) Project Completion Report

7. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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



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- a) At least a Master’s degree, preferably in the field of public health, community development or related social sciences.
 - b) Excellent knowledge and ability to interpret data emanating from research institutions, the national policies and strategies and plans including the National Development Plan, Government annual performance plans, medium term expenditure frameworks and HIV& AIDS and TB is desirable.
 - c) At least 5 – 10 years of experience in conducting research and data analysis, understanding community dynamics with prevalent cultural norms and practices that are relevant to HIV and TB response.
 - d) Strong track record of technical writing and editing high-level documents in English on HIV, TB and STIs prevention related strategies.
 - e) 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

8. TIMELINES:

The consultancy is expected to be completed within **48 days** commencing from **24 January 2022 – 31 March 2022**. The budget submitted should be all inclusive.

9. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Functionality criteria:	Weighting factor:
Understanding and assessing the impact of social, and structural drivers in HIV, TB and STIs epidemics	20
The proposal indicating experience and understanding evidence-based combination prevention interventions developed nationally and internationally adapting these to be specific to South Africa.	20
Proven ability and experience in conceptualising, developing, and evaluating the implementation frameworks	30



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Proven ability in the development of professional documents including reports, presentations with graphic layout and empirical references.	10
Financial implications	20
Total	100 Points

10. ASSIGNMENT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The consultant will work under the overall guidance of the Social and Structural Drivers Technical Lead and NSP Executive Manager at SANAC and experts of Steering Committee.

Closing date and time: 14 January 2022- 17h00

NB: Service providers to attach their BEE Certificates, Tax Clearance Certificate, Certified ID Copies, Vat Registration Certificate where necessary, CIPC Registration documents. Failure to submit these will invalidate your proposal.