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<b>BID VALIDITY PERIOD:</b>	<b>90 DAYS (COMMENCING FROM THE BID CLOSING DATE)</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION OF BID:</b>	<b>THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP TO PRINT THE TG POLICY BRIEF FOR DISSEMINATION AND REVIEW, PROOF READ AND DESIGN THE REPORT/LITERATURE REVIEW</b>
Please Indicate whether the bidder is a: Service Provider or Independent Consultant	
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) Trust, in collaboration with civil society seeks to appoint a consultant to proof read, design and finalize the Transgender report and print the final TG policy brief for dissemination. The Policy brief will be a key tool to present research and recommendations to providing comprehensive action plans to respond to HIV, TB and STIs Prevention, Care and Treatment to transgender women who have been identified as a key population according to the National Strategic Plan (2017-2022).

## 2. BACKGROUND

South Africa has the largest and most high-profile HIV epidemic in the world, with an estimated 7.7million people living with HIV in 2018. South Africa accounts for a third of all new HIV infections insouthern Africa. In 2018, there were 240,000 new HIV infections and 71,000 South Africans who died from AIDS-related illnesses. Transgender women (TGW) are at increased risk for acquiring and transmitting HIV, but there are limited HIV incidence data for this key populations in Africa. Understanding HIV prevalence and incidence provides important context for designing HIV prevention strategies, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) programmes. Transgender women in Sub-Saharan Africa are twice as likely to be living with HIV as men who have sex with men. However, transgender women are often neglected by both policy and research in South Africa. Transgender women's health needs are often obscured by their inclusion in studies focussed on MSM and/or sex workers. This practice may also lead to healthcare avoidance among transgender women.

The South African National AIDS Council's LGBTI HIV Plan recognizes transgender women as a key affected population. It aims to address this through peer-led interventions, in which members of the transgender community will identify other at-risk individuals to provide them with psycho-social support as well as targeted information and services. The inaugural Botshelo Ba Trans bio-behavioural HIV survey conducted in three South African cities revealed that transgender women in South Africa encounter unique socio-economic, cultural and political determinants that shape their access to care. It also revealed very disproportionate HIV prevalence when compared other key populations. The study provided unique insights into the drivers of HIV amongst transgender women, and the means for targeted interventions in this community. The study was conducted in Western Cape (Cape Town),Gauteng (Johannesburg Metropolitan) and Eastern Cape (Buffalo City).

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.

It is against this background that the SANAC in collaboration with its stakeholders, agreed to develop a policy brief for mounting an effective national response to HIV, TB and STIs amongst the transgender women community that meets international health and human rights standards, prioritizes public health and grounded in evidence-based interventions and best practices.

### 3. SCOPE OF WORK

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

- a) To finalize the already developed literature review that was completed by HSRC
- b) To proof read the report and engage and include the latest research
- c) Design and Layout the report
- d) Print 500 finalized copies of the report for dissemination
- e) Print the final Policy Brief=500 copies

### 4. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- a) Finalized report with printed copies
- b) Finalized Policy brief with copies

### 5. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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

- 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 of Transwomen in the 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 with key Populations.
- e) Strong track record of technical 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 30 consulting days between 1 April – 30 April 2022 June.

## 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%).

- Demonstrated track record / knowledge of Key Populations (Transgender issues) will be an added advantage with regards to access to services, stigma, medical procedures etc) and HIV, TB and STIs response in South Africa
- Demonstrated experience in conducting research and data analysis, particularly on HIV and TB response
- Financial proposal

## 8. ASSIGNMENT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The consultant will work under the overall guidance of the TSU Technical Lead and KP Technical Advisor.