



Terms of References
for Organizations, providing international consultancy services

to facilitate the national dialogue(s) between civil society, National TB Program and health services to provide people-centered TB care in two selected EECA countries of the TB-REP2.0 project

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About TB Europe Coalition (TBEC)

Established in 2009, TBEC is a regional advocacy network of civil society organizations and individuals from across the World Health Organization (WHO) Europe region, comprising Western and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The network aims to strengthen the role of civil society within the regional response to TB, and ensure political and financial commitments to end TB. Currently TBEC has more than 200 members from more than 30 countries in the region. In 2017, TBEC was registered as a legal entity in the Netherlands to step up its regional and national advocacy, capacity building and support to country-led TB advocacy initiatives. The TBEC Secretariat is located in Kyiv and responsible for the coordination, communication, administration, programmatic and policy management of the network.

Background information on the project:

After three years of successful implementation of the multi-partner Tuberculosis Regional Eastern European and Central Asian Project (TB-REP), all the 11 countries from the EECA Region are moving forward, advancing from the new model of care towards Improving DR-TB early detection and treatment outcomes within TB-REP 2.0 project. TB-REP 2.0 will be implemented during 2019-2021, consolidating the achievements and addressing the challenges of the TB-REP project.

The overall goal of the program is to foster timely TB case detection and improved treatment outcomes in patients with special emphasis on drug-resistant TB, through meaningful involvement of communities and civil society and integrated people-centered TB care delivery systems able to address the needs of key and vulnerable populations.

Partners involved in this project's implementation are: Center for Health Policies and Studies (PAS Center) - Principal Recipient, WHO Regional Office for Europe, TBEC, TB People, Global TB Caucus (GTBC). Within the program implementation TBEC is responsible for strengthening advocacy and the operational role of civil society.

Continuous technical assistance will be provided to countries to catalyze advocacy efforts, assess partnerships and advocacy strategies for civil society organizations (CSOs) and regional stakeholders, as well as forge partnerships with the national TB caucuses.

One of the key project events in 2019 is national dialogues between civil society and TB affected communities, National TB Program, and health workers in two EECA countries to establish ways forward for these stakeholders to increasingly build partnerships for quality people-centered TB care.

Objective of the assignment:

The purpose of the activity is to conduct the two-day national stakeholder dialogue(s) for bridging the gap between civil society and the health services for ensuring quality people-centered TB services.

Recommendations developed as a result of the National dialogue(s) will serve as a background for the development of the country roadmaps, outlining the next steps and mechanisms of coordination to improve effectiveness of the cooperation between National TB programs, health providers and civil society.

National dialogue(s) will be conducted during the Q2-Q4, 2019 in Republic of Belarus and Republic of Armenia.

Scope of work:

Organization, providing consultancy services will be expected to:

1. In cooperation with the TBEC secretariat:

- Lead on the development of the Concept of two National dialogue(s);
- Lead on the development of the Agenda of two National dialogue(s);
- Develop the materials and presentations for the National dialogue(s);
- Consultant pointed by the organization will facilitate of the two-day National dialogue(s) sessions;
- Lead on preparation of the report on the main findings following the national dialogue, which should include: analysis of the gaps and opportunities as for multistakeholders' cooperation for quality people-centred TB care specific to the countries' context; mapping of the available governmental and non-governmental services for TB patients and affected communities; description of functions of the TB service-providers across sectors; analysis of the barriers, experienced by people with TB through the continuum of TB care (from the symptoms to post-treatment adaptation); recommendations as for the improvement of the referral systems between TB service providers across the sectors);
- Provide a feedback to the Country roadmaps and community policy advocacy plans, developed as a follow up of the National dialogue(s).

Total number of 10 consultancy days is planned for two National dialogues (One dialogue: 2 days - facilitation of the event; 3 days - preparation and reporting).

Final number of consultancy days for preparation and reporting is subjected for negotiation in line with the budget availability and cost-effectiveness of the consultancy proposal.

Accommodation and travel costs will be covered by the TB-REP 2.0. budget.

Expected outcomes:

Organization, providing consultancy, will be expected to submit the following deliverables, in English or Russian, to the TBEC:

1. Recommendations on the selection of the National dialogue(s) participants;
2. National dialogue(s) concept;
3. National dialogue(s) agenda;
4. Writing National dialogue(s) report;
5. Providing feedback on the Country roadmaps and community policy advocacy plans.

Duration of the assignment and remuneration provisions:

- The work is expected to start after signature of the specific agreement for organizational consultancy services.
- The duration of agreement is May 2019 - December 31, 2019.

Qualification requirements:

Organization, providing consultancy services, is expected to have:

- Well-versed in the TB/Public Health, as well as good understanding of overall context of the TB programs specific to the country environment;
- Strong background in collaboration with civil society;
- Involvement in similar and/or relevant consulting or professional services of complexity and technical specialty comparable to the job under consideration;
- Recognized for competence in dialogue facilitation between local and high-level authorities in order to align efforts to foster increased ambition to develop a robust and comprehensive approach to end TB.

Consultant, nominated by the organization as a lead on the consultancy services within this agreement, should meet the following qualifications:

Experience/Knowledge of the lead consultant

- Advanced Degree (Master's) in Human Rights, Social Science, Social Policy, Epidemiology, Public Administration, Public Health or other related fields (or commensurable working experience);
- Knowledge and understanding of the national, regional and global responses to TB, particularly on people-centred TB care in the EECA region;
- Understanding of TB epidemiology, TB policies and interventions, and health systems in the country;
- Familiarity with the TB situation in the country including the donor's withdrawal and transition policies;
- Familiarity with the civil society and TB affected communities' actors in the country and the country-specific social context they operate in;
- Proven experience in developing advocacy recommendations for people-centred TB approach;
- Experience of conducting National dialogues between health and civil society providers.
- Experience of providing consultancy services under TB-REP1 project is considered an asset.

Skills

- Confident facilitation skills in small/large groups with diverse constituencies;
- Cultural sensitivity and understanding diversity;
- Ability to formulate conclusions, and recommendations for strengthening TB prevention, care and control activities and intersectoral cooperation between TB stakeholders;
- Good writing and reporting skills (in English);
- Ability to work independently and respond to feedback in a timely and professional manner;
- Proven ability to meet deadlines.

Languages

- Knowledge of English is required.
- Knowledge of Russian is desired.

Reporting requirements:

The consultant will closely coordinate with the TBEC Secretariat to ensure effective delivery of the outputs. The national dialogue(s) concept, agenda and report could be written in either English or Russian languages. It should be in Microsoft Word format, to be submitted in electronic copies to TBEC Secretariat, specifically to TBEC Capacity Building Manager, Daniel Kashnitsky – kashnitsky@tbcoalition.eu.