



Terms of References for Individual Consultant

to develop framework for the roadmap on cooperation between National TB programs, health providers and civil society in the EECA region 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.

The project is implemented with the financial support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).

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.

In countries of the EECA region there is a gap in:

- engagement between TB programs, providers of health care and civil society in countries of the EECA region;
- understanding of the role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in the TB care continuum is limited.

Continuous technical assistance will be provided to countries to improve the interface between public health system and community based organizations in order to ensure continuum of care, and how they can benefit from the people-centered model of care.

One of the key project outcomes is development of Country Roadmaps, sustained through a joint statement or a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National TB Program (NTP) and national CSOs/CSOs platforms.

Through the Country Roadmaps the mechanism of coordination between all country stakeholders and CSOs should be provided and through the signing of MoU government stakeholders and CSOs should achieve sustained relations.

Objective of the assignment:

The purpose of the activity is to advocate for policy changes and forge sustainable relations between all country stakeholders in the fight against TB.

The framework roadmap will be developed in 2019 prior to National dialogues, then adopted by national consultants in relevant countries and discussed with national stakeholders.

Scope of work:

Individual consultant will be expected to:

1. In cooperation with the TBEC secretariat:
 - Develop the framework roadmap to be applied in specific countries of the EECA region.
 - The framework roadmap should be informed by the epidemiological, political situation of the East Europe and Central Asia region and be in line with existing recommendations for the region such as of WHO and Stop TB Partnership.
 - Develop the template of the MoU or joint statement between NTPs and civil society.

Total number of 6 consultancy days is planned for development of the framework roadmap to be applied in specific countries of the EECA region.

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

Consultant will be evaluated based on the qualifications, consultancy fee will be negotiated based on the consultant's expertise and evaluation results.

Expected outcomes:

Individual Consultant, will be expected to submit the following deliverables, in English or Russian, to the TBEC:

1. One framework roadmap to be applied in specific countries of the EECA region;
2. Template of the MoU or joint statement at the National level between NTP and civil society to be applied in specific countries of the EECA region.

Duration of the assignment and remuneration provisions:

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

Qualification requirements:

Individual Consultant, providing consultancy services, is expected to have a strong background in TB and civil society, as well as good understanding of overall context of the TB programs specific in the EECA region environment.

Consultant should meet the following qualifications:

Experience/Knowledge

- Educational background in public health, health policy epidemiology, public administration and in other relevant fields (or commensurable working experience).
- 5 years' of professional experience corresponding to the requested expertise;

- Knowledge and understanding of the national and regional responses to TB, particularly on WHO recommended strategies for people-centred TB care in the EECA region;
- Understanding of TB epidemiology, TB policies and interventions, and health systems in the EECA region;
- Familiarity with the donor's withdrawal and transition policies as well as needs of key and vulnerable populations in the EECA region;
- Familiarity with the civil society and TB affected communities' actors in the EECA region;
- Proven experience in developing recommendations for the public health interventions;
- Experience of providing consultancy services under regional projects is an asset.

Skills

- 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 or Russian);
- Cultural-sensitive communication skills;
- 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 desirable.

Reporting requirements:

The consultant will closely coordinate with the TBEC Secretariat to ensure effective delivery of the outputs. The framework roadmap and the Template of the MoU/joint statement 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 Advocacy & Policy Manager, Yuliia Kalancha – kalancha@tbcoalition.eu