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to implement the Monitoring and Evaluation system for the TB Europe Coalition (TBEC)

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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 300 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.

The current assignment is planned as a synergy of 2 projects:

1. EU4H Operating Grants “Enhancing the capacity and capability of European civil society to drive a person-centred TB response in Europe 2.0” focused on sustainable development of the TB Europe Coalition.

TB is one of the leading infectious disease causes of death in the world, surpassed only by COVID-19 in 2020, and is the leading cause of death among People Living with HIV (PLHIV). The WHO Europe region in particular is home to several high-priority countries for drug resistant TB. TB Europe Coalition (TBEC) is the only regional civil society network working exclusively on TB in the WHO Europe region and, with 320 members across 34 different countries throughout the WHO European region, representing 17 EU Member States of the European Union, is uniquely positioned to increase the political will amongst decision-makers and strengthen necessary capabilities amongst its members to end the TB epidemic across the region. The project strives to continue to strengthen TBEC’s role as the leading voice of TB-interested civil society across the WHO Europe Region, by building the capacity of civil society to push national governments to ensure that political commitments to end TB are met. This is particularly important given the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the TB epidemic; current estimates suggest that the pandemic has set back progress made on tackling TB by at least 5 years and will result in a significant rise in TB mortality. TBEC has identified three key objectives for the 2023 work plan: 1) High performing, accountable and united regional TB network; 2) Building CSO capacity and skills to effectively influence policies; 3) TBEC to support the integration of a human rights approach to national TB responses. TBEC's objectives are directly relevant to the EU4Health’s objectives, including disease prevention & health promotion, prevention, and improving access to healthcare, among others. The foreseen activities will further increase the EU's existing public health knowledge on TB, advance coordinated efforts to fight DR-TB and TB-HIV co-infection, as well as mental health comorbidities, thereby reducing the financial burden on national healthcare systems.

2. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria (further on referred to as “Global Fund”) provides support to Tuberculosis (TB) survivor or Key Population (KP) networks, organizations or groups at country level through the 3 regional TB networks as an extension of existing Community Engagement Strategic Initiative (CE SI) contracts.

TB Europe Coalition (TBEC) has prepared a proposal in response CE SI Additional TB Support. The technical assistance will be provided Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine. All the four countries were listed by the Global Fund the priority countries eligible to receive support.

TBEC liaised with the four countries to discuss the opportunities for receiving additional funding under identified Track 1 (Global Fund New Funding Model 4 (NFM4) TB affected community engagement) and Track 2 (Consultations on TB affected community networks/associations (focus on TB survivors and TB Key and Vulnerable populations KVPs) and related interventions. During the discussion, areas of support as well as expected outcomes on each of the Tracks were brought to attention.

The objective of the assignment:

To ensure the implementation of the filling in of indicators of monitoring and evaluation system for the TB Europe Coalition Strategy 2021-2023, including, and the development of lessons learned documentation.

The scope of work:

1. Evaluating ongoing and past 3 years initiatives undertaken by TBEC.
2. Conducting interviews with the Secretariat team.
3. Complete the indicators within the existing M&E framework due to the TBEC strategic plan for 2021-2023.
4. Documentation of the lessons learned from the implemented projects.

Expected outcomes:

A comprehensive and successfully filled in indicators of M&E system for the TB Europe Coalition Strategy 2021-2023 and a well-developed lessons learned documentation.

Duration of the assignment:

- The work is expected to start after signature of the specific agreement for individual consultancy services.
- The duration of the agreement is October - December 2023.
- The Consultant will be responsible for the payment of taxes according to the laws of their country of residence.
- Remuneration will be paid in US Dollars, so consultant shall have a USD bank account.

Qualification requirements:

The Consultant should meet the following qualifications:

Experience/Knowledge

- Bachelor or Master's Degree in Economics, Public administration, Public health, Social Work, or Social or Political science;
- Minimum of 7 years of Monitoring and Evaluation experience with responsibility for designing and implementing M&E systems for results-based management, covering a wide range of topics including theories of change, quantitative and qualitative data collection methodologies, indicator formulation, evidence-based decision-making, strategic planning and reporting, and evaluation techniques
- Knowledge of a variety of data collection and evaluation methodologies and experience developing MEAL Frameworks at a project, program or organizational level
- Experience designing and implementing participatory monitoring, evaluation, and knowledge management tools and processes.
- Experience providing consultancy services under regional projects is an asset.
- Excellent understanding of donor representatives in EECA countries and globally.

Competencies:

- Focuses on achieving results;
- Sets priorities, produces quality outputs, meets deadlines and manages time efficiently;
- Has a dynamic, positive and adaptive attitude towards work-related challenges, bringing innovative and effective solutions to them;

- Writes and presents clearly and convincingly;
- Ability to work independently and respond to feedback in a timely and professional manner;
- Proven ability to meet deadlines.

Languages

- Knowledge of English and Russian is required.



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