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## **Terms of References** **for Individual consultant**

**to develop EECA regional policy document on transition to people-centered models of care with the focus on the role of civil society and affected communities in transition and care-provision processes to bridge the gap between community and health care workers**

### **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.

### **Objective of the assignment:**

The purpose of the activity is to develop EECA regional policy document on transition to people-centered models of care with the focus on the role of civil society and affected communities in transition and care-provision processes to bridge the gap between community and health care workers

### **Scope of work:**

Individual Consultant will be expected to:

1. Overview of the major WHO, Global Fund (particularly Community, Rights and Gender approaches), Stop TB Partnership etc. policy guidelines and strategies to inform the way of

meeting the End TB Targets and Sustainable Development goals and to provide the overview of possible involvement of civil society/communities in policy implementation.

2. Analysis of the regional context of the transition to people-centered models of TB care on the aspects of active finding of people with TB; outpatient models of TB care; communities, rights and gender approaches in organization of TB care; patients' access to health care and support services and donor's transition environment.
3. Documenting barriers and needs in access to TB care at the individual, system and policy level, based on the results of the National Dialogues conducted in countries under TB-REP2.0 project and respective National roadmaps and recommendations.
4. Analysis of the outcomes of the National dialogues and coaching visits conducted in the EECA region under the TB-REP 2.0 project, with respective national recommendations/roadmaps, regional situation assessment template, social contracting briefs, standardized package of community-based services etc. (as recommended by TBEC TB-REP2.0 team);
5. Development of recommendations on the aspects of:
  - Ways of fostering collaboration between the governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, linked to their respective functions;
  - Advocacy and communication recommendations to foster rights-based and gender-sensitive approaches in TB care, active finding of people with TB and ensuring treatment adherence and positive treatment outcomes;
  - Regional policy recommendations and roadmap for decision-makers on the role of civil society and community in people-centered models of care.

#### **Deliverables:**

- Development of the structure of the EECA regional policy document.
- Desk review of the WHO policy guidelines, Global Fund, Stop TB Partnership (CRG assessments' results and stigma assessments etc.), literature review of the existing good practices as for strategies on provision of active finding of people with TB, psychosocial support services to ensure adherence and positive treatment outcomes;
- Report writing (EECA regional policy document/roadmap) and soliciting feedback of the WHO/Euro and TB-REP2.0 partners for report endorsement (in coordination with TBEC TB-REP2.0 team).
- Preparation of the report summary in PowerPoint presentation.

#### **Technical characteristics of the product:**

- Regional Policy Paper/Roadmap should be written in English
- Size limit should not exceed 30 pages (12 Font; 1,5 interval)
- PowerPoint presentation should not exceed 12 slides

#### **Duration of the assignment and remuneration provisions:**

- The work is expected to start after signature of the specific agreement with individual consultant.
- The duration of agreement is October 19, 2020 – December 30, 2020.
- Remuneration will be paid in US Dollars, so Consultant shall have a USD bank account.
- The Consultant will be responsible for the payment of taxes according to the laws of his(her) country of residence

#### **Qualification requirements:**

##### **Experience:**

- Demonstrated experience and knowledge of the context of TB care, including donors' environment in EECA region.

- Knowledge of the guiding principles and major global and regional policy documents (UN, WHO, Global Fund, Stop TB Partnership, CRG etc.) to meet End TB targets and to guide provision of rights-based people-centered TB care.
- Demonstrated collaboration with the NTPs, WHO entities, civil society and TB affected communities in the EECA region.
- Experience in development and conducting a desk review; report writing skills.

**Skills:**

- Analytical skills
- Strong communication and rapport building skills
- Strong English writing skills
- Knowledge of Russian and English

**Education**

- PhD or Master level degree in Humanities (Public health, Social sciences etc.)
- Relevant work experience and professional trainings is an asset