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Terms of References

for Individual Consultant/Consortium of consultants

To develop operational guidelines and conduct in-country baseline assessments in line with MAF-TB checklist (tentatively in 5 countries of WHO/Euro region) and support civil society national activities to boost the accountability processes

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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 of the project:

The aim of [Challenge Facility for Civil Society](#) (CFCS) grants, provided by the Stop TB Partnership¹, is to transform the TB response so that it is rights-based, gender-transformative, people-centered and accountable.

The CFCS grant for the EECA region supports community and civil society actors at national and regional levels to implement key actions to achieve the targets and commitments made in the Political Declaration on the Fight against Tuberculosis (Political Declaration on TB) which was endorsed at the UN High-Level Meeting on TB (UN HLM on TB). This Political Declaration on TB was signed by UN member states in 2018 a set of clear goals, guidelines and commitments that countries agree to take on and implement to combat tuberculosis by 2030. In particular, this concerns improving access to diagnosis and treatment; protection of human rights and overcoming stigma and discrimination against people with tuberculosis;

¹ <http://www.stoptb.org/global/awards/cfcs/about.asp>

introduction of treatment models focused on human needs; socio-psychological support of patients; support for research and efficient use of financial resources.

CFCS grant serving to strengthen the engagement and effectiveness of TB affected, community-based entities at national level to progress efforts to identify and overcome barriers to access, and to advance partnerships between civil society and TB affected communities in neighboring countries.

The regional project "PRO-ACT TB 2022" led by TBEC focused on Europe region (particularly Eastern Europe and Central Asia) to enhance civil society and community coordination and capacity to strategically contribute to national and regional efforts and reaching the targets of Political Declaration on TB. The project addresses the regional and national operational dimensions of the meaningful involvement of affected communities and civil society in TB response and ensure the learning channel between neighboring countries to share evidence on effective approaches of community advocacy for sustainable TB finance and rights-based, gender-equitable and people-centered TB services.

The objective of the assignment:

To support meaningful engagement of civil society and TB affected community in the national processes related to implementation of the multisectoral accountability framework on TB (MAF-TB) and related MAF-TB checklists.

The MAF-TB aims to guide the strengthening of accountability by Member States, as well as multisectoral partners and stakeholders, at national, regional and global levels in order to accelerate progress to end the TB epidemic by 2030. Ensuring meaningful engagement of civil society and TB affected communities in the National multisectoral mechanism is a critical aspect to speed up a progress towards ending TB. The role affected communities and civil society play in TB response, including oversight and input towards regular review over the implementation of the commitments of Political Declaration resulted from the United Nations General Assembly High-level meeting on TB cannot be overestimated.

Individual consultant/Consortium of consultants, which meet qualification requirements is encouraged to apply for the call to support civil society and TB affected communities' involvement in the MAF-TB related processes, with the particular focus on participation in MAF-TB baseline assessments in five pilot countries of the EECA region.

The scope of work:

- Conduct a desk review on MAF-TB background documents and existing approaches to develop a research protocol operationalizing the MAF-TB checklist, with the focus on the Annex 2 on civil society and communities' engagement in the End TB response;
- Develop research tools: guides for focus-group discussions, key informant interviews, questionnaires - as needed for civil society and TB affected communities' focused MAF-TB baseline assessment in countries;
- Develop a structure of the analytical report template to document the outcomes of the in-countries baseline assessments and a template for the regional report summarizing in-countries experience;

- In cooperation with TBEC Secretariat to develop the terms of reference for the National civil-society/communities-led research teams;
- Conduct a regional capacity-building session on research methods for the National civil-society/communities-led research teams in 5 pilot countries;
- Organize three regional supervisory meetings for the National civil-society/communities-led research teams in 5 pilot countries;
- Provide a feedback to the 1st and 2nd drafts of five in-countries report with baseline assessment results;
- Develop regional recommendations summarizing in-countries experience to inform the regional policy paper;

Duration of the assignment and remuneration provisions:

- The work is expected to start upon signature of the specific agreement with the individual consultant/ each of consultant from consortium.
- The duration of the agreement is September, 2020 – December 31, 2020.
- Payment will be made based on the results of the submitted report, provision of all deliverables to TBEC team and revision of report according to comments provided.
- Remuneration will be paid in US Dollars, so the individual consultant/ each of consultant from consortium should have a USD bank account.
- The individual consultant/ each of consultant from consortium will be responsible for the payment of taxes according to the laws of his(her) country of residence

Qualification requirements:

- University degree in public health, social and medical fields
- Demonstrated experience in development of the research methodologies, conducting research and preparing analytical reports
- Knowledge of the key international and national strategies and policies on TB, particularly communities, rights and gender approaches
- Expertise in the functioning of the National TB programs and National governance approaches
- Knowledge of the grass-root needs and networking with the civil society and TB affected communities across the region of eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Experience in development and conducting capacity-building events
- Experience of collaboration with WHO entities, Stop TB partnership and other international organizations and technical agencies
- Experience of working with the MAF-TB approach is a plus
- **Languages:** good knowledge of English and Russian (in case of consortium the language knowledge could be complementary distributed among the consortium members)