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Terms of References **for Individual consultant**

to facilitate the online National dialogue between civil society, National TB Program and health services to provide people-centered TB care in the Republic of Tajikistan

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.

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 2020 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. Due to the situation with COVID-19 the National dialogue will be held in online format.

Objective of the assignment:

The purpose of the activity is to conduct the online National stakeholder dialogue 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 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.

Online National dialogue (2 online meetings with a break per month) in Republic of Tajikistan will be held tentatively in September-October, 2020.

Scope of work:

Individual Consultant will be expected to:

1. In cooperation with the TBEC secretariat:
 - Lead on the development of the Concept of online National dialogue in Republic of Tajikistan;
 - Lead on the development of the Agenda of online National dialogue in Republic of Tajikistan in consultation with national partners and decision makers;
 - Develop the materials for the group works and consult on speakers presentations for the online National dialogue in Republic of Tajikistan;
 - Facilitate the online National dialogue in Republic of Tajikistan (2 online meetings with a break in the month);
 - Prepare the report on the main findings following the National dialogue in Republic of Tajikistan, which should include: analysis of the gaps and opportunities as for multi-stakeholders' 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;
 - Finalize report after comments received from TBEC secretariat and TB-REP 2.0 partners;
 - Provide a feedback to the country roadmap or recommendations/additions to the national policy documents and community policy advocacy plan, developed as a follow up of the National dialogue.

Expected outcomes:

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

1. Recommendations on the selection of the National dialogue participants;
2. National dialogue agenda;
3. National dialogue final report;
4. Feedback on the country roadmap or recommendations/additions to the national policy documents and community policy advocacy plan.

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 September 20, 2020 – November 30, 2020.
- Payment will be made based on the results of the National dialogue in Republic of Tajikistan, provision of all deliverables to TBEC team and revision of report according to comment received

from all TB-REP 2.0 partners.

- 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:

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 to the country(s) environment.

Consultant should meet the following qualifications:

Experience/Knowledge

- Educational background in social work or social science, public health, health policy epidemiology, public administration and in other relevant fields (or commensurable working experience).
- 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 country;
- Understanding of the policy context of the EECA region, particularly on transition to people-centred models of TB care; communities, rights and gender; and multisectoral accountability processes
- 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 recommendations for people-centred TB approach;
- Experience of conducting National dialogues between health and civil society providers;
- Experience of providing consultancy services under regional projects is an asset.
- Experience of providing consultancy services under TBEC projects is considered an asset.

Skills

- Proven experience in program monitoring and evaluation, particularly on evidence-based outcomes of service delivery impact;
- Confident facilitation skills in small/large groups with diverse constituencies
- 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 and 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 Russian is required.
- Knowledge of English is desired.

Reporting requirements:

The consultant will closely coordinate with the TBEC Secretariat to ensure effective delivery of the outputs. The National dialogue 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 Acting Director Yuliia Kalancha kalancha@tbcoalition.eu.