

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Contractual partner for implementation of selected activities to support reverse the trend of the HIV epidemic in the Philippines



World Health Organization

Representative Office
for the Philippines

1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an institutional contractual partner to support reverse the trend of HIV epidemic in the Philippines.

The proposals are due by 20 March 2021.

2. Background

The Philippines has the fastest growing HIV epidemic in the world with a 207% increase in new HIV infections from 2010 to 2019. With current national interventional efforts, the cumulative number of HIV infections is projected to double from 106,800 in 2019 to 242,200 in 2020 and quadruple to 434,400 in 2030. As of September 2019, 71,778 HIV cases had been diagnosed since January 1984. The HIV epidemic in the Philippines is largely concentrated among key populations (KP), namely males who have sex with males (MSM), transgender women (TGW), people who inject drugs (PWID), female sex workers (FSW), and young key population (YKP).

The Health Sector-HIV Strategic Plan (HSP) in 2020-2022 has adopted a Fast-Track Prevention, Testing, Treatment and Adherence Framework aimed at targeting high risk KP among MSM, TGW, YKP and PWID in high burden areas through the use of high-impact prevention, testing, treatment and adherence (HIPTTreA) strategies. By 2022, the goal of the Strategic Plan is to reverse the trend of the HIV epidemic by reducing the estimated annual new HIV infections to less than 7,000 cases. This entails expanding coverage of prevention among MSM from 26% to 80%, diagnosis of PLHIV from 72% to 90% and treatment from 62% to 90%.

WHO Philippines provides technical assistances (TA) to support the country to achieve the above-mentioned goals of the Health Sector-HIV Strategic Plan and pursue the commitment to achieving country HIV elimination by 2030. The WHO TA includes support of multiple Differentiated HIV Service Delivery projects including Love on Wheel Project in Region 3; CBO led one-stop-shop HIV facility in Region 5, 7, and 11; UN Joint HIV response activities; and USCDC-WHO Cooperative Agreement project. WHO also assists the HIPTTreA strategies and response to HIV-comorbidity including viral hepatitis. WHO aims to support the programs and partners through direct TA to implement the various strategies of the grant and to ensure that interventions are technically sound and aligned to internationally and nationally accepted guidelines.

This contractual partner will support implementation of Differentiated HIV Service Delivery projects, HIPTTreA strategies, TLD transition and HIV Testing Services (HTS) implementation, and Viral Hepatitis policy development and capacity building.

3. Timeline

The implementation timeline for the project is from **01 April to 31 December 2021**.

4. Place of Assignment

Manila, Philippines

5. Scope of Work

In collaboration with the Division Chief of IDPCD and Program Manager (NASPCP), DOH regional NASPCP coordinators, the Global Fund primary recipients (PSFI) and sub-recipients (TLF and TLY), The Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP), and relevant partners; and under the supervision and guidance of the HIV Technical Officer of WHO Country Office Philippines, the contractual partner will perform the following functions, but not be limited to, the following tasks:

Output/s and Deliverables

Output 1: Assessment of Differentiated HIV Service Delivery projects

Deliverable 1.1: Mapping and micro planning of Differentiated HIV Service Delivery projects

Deliverable 1.2: Monitoring report of the implementation of the micro planning

Deliverable 1.3: Assessment report of projects' impact to the HSP targets

Output 2: The high impact prevention, testing, treatment and adherence (HIPTTreA) strategies

Deliverable 2.1: An annual forum to discuss outputs with stakeholders and partners organized

Deliverable 2.2: A compilation of outputs for release as knowledge products developed

Output 3: Support TLD transition and HIV Testing Services (HTS) implementation

Deliverable 3.1: The sub-Technical Working Group of TLD transition supported

Deliverable 3.2: Development of HTS guidelines and training materials supported

Output 4: Support Viral Hepatitis policy development and capacity building

Deliverable 4.1: Workshop of Viral Hepatitis strategic plan organized

Deliverable 4.2: Consultation meeting of communication materials development organized

6. Qualifications

Education of staff involved:

- **Essential:** University degree in medicine from a recognized university

Experience required:

- **Essential:** At least 2 years relevant experience working in medicine and public health including HIV control. At least one publication in the international peer review journal.
- **Desirable:** Experience working in HIV with or for government health agencies in a multi-stakeholder environment in Philippines. Working experience with WHO.

Technical Skills and Knowledge:

- Sound knowledge in medicine and public health
- Sound knowledge in planning, implementation and evaluation
- Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural background and maintain a high standard of personal conduct

Language requirements:

- Written and spoken fluency in English and Tagalog is essential

Other requirements:

- Essential: No conflict of interest regarding the concerned companies which might bias judgement

In addition, the contractual partner must have no direct or indirect interest in the tobacco industry, alcohol industry, arms dealing or human trafficking.

7. Competencies

- Technical competence in the field of communicable diseases
- Ability to engage and communicate with multiple stakeholders
- Skills to respect and promote individual and cultural difference
- Capability of working harmoniously with a positive attitude at work

8. Submission Requirements

Interested institutions should submit electronic copies of the following:

- Cover letter
- Proposal with financial details and proposed timeline
- Company profile

Address all documents to:

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Please submit the electronic copy of the documents with the title “**Contractual partner for implementation of selected activities to support reverse the trend of the HIV epidemic in the Philippines**” to Mrs Ying Chen (cheny@who.int) copied to wpphlwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of proposals is on **20 March 2021**.