1. Summary
The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an individual to provide consultancy work on HIV testing and treatment cascade in Luzon. The submissions are due by 5 February 2019.

2. Background
More than thirty years into the HIV pandemic, the Philippines finds itself facing a growing HIV incidence. Previously a ‘low and slow’ country, the HIV incidence in the Philippines has grown rapidly beginning mid-2000s. Prior to 2007, the HIV incidence in the country was one new HIV infection diagnosed a day. However, that has dramatically increased to 32 new HIV infections diagnosed every day in 2018. The 2017 global report from UNAIDS showed that the Philippines has the highest proportional increase in the number of new infections in the world with a 141% increase from 2010 to 2016. From Jan 2013 to Sept 2018, over 47,000 cases were reported.
In 2018, under the new Global Fund grant, assistant regional coordinators will be placed in 9 regional DOH offices to support the regional HIV coordinators to prevent the spread of HIV. With the aim of expanding access to HIV testing, treatment and viral load as well as supporting non-Global Fund sites, the WHO will provide technical advice to regional HIV coordinators and the assistant regional coordinators (Save the Children-Global Fund project) in defined areas.

3. Timeline
The implementation timeline for the project is from 1 March 2019 to 31 Dec 2019.

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 and the Save the Children – Global Fund project assistant regional coordinators, and under the supervision and guidance of the HIV Technical Officer of WHO Country Office Philippines, the consultant will perform the following functions:

- Provide continuous technical support to the DOH regional offices, Global Fund principal recipient and sub-recipients and assistant regional coordinators for planning, implementation and monitoring of the HIV response in Luzon in line with WHO recommendations.
- Advocate and collaborate for engagement of other relevant stakeholders at the subnational levels.
- Provide technical inputs and suggest innovative responses to increase access to the multiple interventions included in the HIV cascade: targeted prevention among key populations; new screening and testing strategies among key populations, including
pregnant women and TB and STI patients; treatment and viral load testing of all people living with HIV.

- Based on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis), facilitate mechanisms to enhance screening-testing-treatment linkages.
- Provide technical assistance in local planning and review processes.
- Support and strengthen the capacity of the regions to maintain inventory reports and forecast commodities timely.
- Conduct periodic visits to key health facilities for monitoring and mentoring.
- Provide technical assistance to compile, analyse, interpret and act on HIV cascade data at all levels.
- Participate in capacity-building meetings and team meetings of the WHO, as necessary.
- Render other duties and responsibilities that may be assigned by the IDPCD and the WHO.

In coordination with WHO Philippines and the Department of Health, the selected contractual partner shall perform the following activities:

Output 1: Work with DOH and its partners for a significant increase in prevention, treatment and care of PLHIV, to deliver at least the following:

Deliverable 1.1: Documented increase in the number/proportion of key populations, including pregnant women and STI and TB patients screened and tested in the community, at the health facility and local government level in Luzon.

Deliverable 1.2: Documented increase in the number/proportion of people living with HIV accessing ARV treatment at the health facility and local government level in Luzon.

Deliverable 1.3: Documented increase in the number/proportion of people on ARV treatment accessing viral load testing at the health facility and local government level in Luzon.

Deliverable 1.4: Documented reduction in the number of patients lost to follow up from screening to testing, from testing to treatment and from treatment to viral load test at the health facility and local government level in Luzon.

Deliverable 1.5: Monthly travel reports with key findings including HIV cascade data and strategic recommendations.

6. Qualifications
The contractual partner must fulfil the following qualifications:

Education and Certifications
- Essential: University degree in health, social sciences or other related fields from a recognized university
- Desirable: Postgraduate degree in public health

Work Experience
- Essential: Relevant experience working in public health
- Desirable: Experience working in HIV or any other communicable disease(s) with or for government health agencies in a multi-stakeholder environment
Technical Skills and Knowledge
- Sound knowledge of planning, implementation and evaluation
- Advanced MS Excel skills

Language Fluency:
- Expert fluency in English and Filipino

The following competencies are mandatory:
- 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
- Willingness to travel extensively to their assigned regions

7. Other Requirements
- The Consultant is expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work.
- The Consultant will need to travel to the subnational level, with appropriate approvals of her/his supervisors

8. Submission Requirements
Interested individuals should submit electronic copies of the following:
- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae

Address all submissions to:
Dr Gundo Weiler
WHO Representative in the Philippines
Ground Floor, Building 3, Department of Health San Lazaro Compound
Rizal Avenue, Sta Cruz, Manila

Please submit the electronic copy of the submissions with the title HIV SSA-Luzon to Ms Leila Coppens (coppensl@who.int), Ms Patricia Arroyo (arrayop@who.int) and wpphlwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission is on 5 February 2019.