NOTICE OF VACANCY
Technical Assistant on Prophylaxis (PreP) and Antiretroviral (ARV) Lines

1. Summary
The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an individual for Prophylaxis (PreP) and Antiretroviral (ARV) Lines under Special Services Agreement (SSA) contract. The proposals are due by 25 March 2019. The local consultancy will contribute to the introduction and scale-up of innovative approaches and new ARV in the field of HIV, the dissemination of best practices and knowledge management.

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 the past years, there have been many global innovations at the global level such as PEP, PREP, self-test and LF-LAM to improve the efficiency of the HIV response. The WHO will provide support to the DOH National AIDS and STI prevention and control programme (NASPCP) to introduce these innovations in the country and to strengthen knowledge management.

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

4. Place of Assignment
Manila, Philippines

5. Scope of Work
In collaboration with the Division Chief of the Health Public Services team and HIV Program Manager (NASPCP), and under the supervision and guidance of the HIV Technical Officer of WHO Country Office Philippines, the consultant will perform the following functions:

- Facilitate the scale up of PrEP
- Facilitate the introduction and scale-up of self test
- Follow up the introduction and scale-up of LF-LAM test kits
- Facilitate the registration of new drugs in accordance with global recommendations
- Strengthen the implementation of PEP
- Support the organisation of study tour to health facilities with good practices
- Systematically gather, organise and disseminate updates, evidence, best practices, data and knowledge for internal and external audiences
• Conduct periodic visits to key health facilities for monitoring and mentoring.
• Support the DOH to conduct operational research, epi-reviews and program reviews, as required.
• Assist in drafting funding requests and related documents, as required.
• 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.

Output/s
Work with DOH and its partners to deliver at least the following:

Deliverable 1: PrEP scaled up
Deliverable 2: Self-test pilots finalised
Deliverable 3: LF-LAM introduced and scaled-up
Deliverable 4: New drugs registered
Deliverable 5: PEP strengthened
Deliverable 6: Knowledge management systems in place
Deliverable 7: Travel reports

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 Technical Assistant is expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work.
   The Technical Assistant will need to travel to the subnational level, with appropriate
   approvals of her/his supervisors

8. **Submission Requirements**
Interested institutions and/or individuals should submit electronic copies of the following:
   - Cover letter
   - Curriculum Vitae

Address all proposals 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 proposals with the title Prophylaxis (PreP) and Antiretroviral (ARV) Lines, Special Services Agreement (SSA) to Ms Leila Coppens (coppensl@who.int), [Ms Patricia Arroyo (arroyop@who.int)] and wpphlwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of proposals is on **25 March 2019**.