

Call for Expressions of Interest and Proposal

Job Title: #007

National consultant for revision of technical content for the website on HIV self-testing distribution

1. Background:

HIV self-testing (HIVST) has been recommended by WHO since 2016 to facilitate access to HIV testing especially for key populations who may hesitate to access facility-based testing due to being fear of stigma discrimination, confidentiality issue or inconvenience. Viet Nam introduced HIVST since 2017 starting with pilot project in selected provinces including Can Tho, Thai Nguyen supported by WHO and Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh city (HCMC) supported by USAID. The results from pilot supported MOH in development of the national guidelines on community-based HIV testing including HIVST which was approved by MOH in 2018. Up to date, community distribution model is used to distribute HIVST. This model requires peer educators to handling HIVST kits to clients at the testing sites or at their house. While this approach can optimize follow-up client after testing and link them to prevention and/or care facilities, it can reach limited number of key populations due to constraint of human resources and could not reach key populations that may not willing to meet face to face with peer educators. To address this gap, a web-based application was developed to support distribution of HIVST kits. This distribution approach will be piloted in in Can Tho where community-based HIVST distribution is implemented. The objectives of this pilot is to assess the uptake of HIVST through online distribution and willingness to report the results from clients and success of linkage to PrEP for HIV negative clients and to care and treatment for HIV positive clients. The potential consultant is requested to develop/revise technical contents for the website to ensure the information provided in the website is accurate, updated and informative to the key populations.

2. Work to be performed

a. Specific objectives of the consultancy activity:

- Develop protocol for the pilot study
- Obtain local IRB for the pilot
- Develop technical content for the website on HIV self-testing (HIVST)

b. Description of the tasks/process involved in carrying out the activity:

- Work with WHO technical staff to understand the scope of work and develop timeline for proposed activities.

- Work with and provide guidance to the website developer team to review and finalize the websites contents.
- Work with VAAC to discuss the website content

c. Method (s) to carry out the activity:

- Study WHO guidelines on HIV testing in general and HIV self-testing in particular to understand the WHO policy and strategy on HIV testing including HIVST
- Discuss with WHO, VAAC and community to understand the current situation of HIVST in Viet Nam and the needs and preferences of communities on HIVST distribution and linkages.
- Develop protocol for the pilot study and obtain local IRB for the study
- Develop technical contents for the websites, obtaining comments and revise/finalize the contents

3. Specific requirements

Qualifications required:

- The university degree of Doctor of Medicine or public health from recognized university with postgraduate training on HIV/AIDS

Experience required:

- Minimum 5- year experience of working in the area of HIV.
- Demonstrated experiences in HIV programme especially HIV testing, diagnosis and service linkages
- Previous experience working MOH and provincial health system

Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

- Advanced knowledge in HIV
- Demonstrated capacity in working with local province in implementation of pilot project
- Familiarity with WHO recommendations related to HIV testing including HIVST

Language requirements:

- Written and spoken fluency in English is essential.

Competencies

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to plan and prioritise challenging workloads
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team
- Fostering integration and teamwork

4. Place of assignment

Hanoi, Vietnam

5. Medical clearance

The selected Consultant will be expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work.

6. Travel

The Consultant is not expected to travel.

7. Budget

Please take note of the following when submitting application:

- The contractor will be responsible for paying taxes, if any.

Those who are interested can contact our focal person with contact detail at the end of the announcement before 28 April 2020.

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