

Call for proposal



UNAIDS is dedicated to preventing the transmission of HIV, reducing the suffering caused by HIV/AIDS and countering the impact of the pandemic on individuals, communities and societies

Development of PrEP and condom programming road map for key populations

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT

The HIV epidemic is a long-term challenge that requires a sustainable response to end the epidemic as a public health threat. The Islamic Republic of Iran has made tangible commitments to this effect, namely incorporating the 90-90-90 goals in the 4th National Strategic Plan, which was endorsed by the High Council for Health & Food Safety in March 2017, and a Treat-All policy during the same year. However, there remains a significant structural, behavioural, and technical issues that the National AIDS Control Programme plans to address to achieve the 90-90-90 goals.

The Prevention 2020 road map provides the basis for a country-led movement to scale up HIV prevention programmes as part of Fast-Tracking a comprehensive response to meet global and national targets and commitments to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

The focus of the road map is on HIV primary prevention and the promotion and provision of effective tools to prevent HIV infections. It emphasizes on Pre- Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), condom programming focusing on key populations (KPs) at risk so that they can prevent infection. Primary prevention complements the preventive effects of treatment. Its programmes are often the first entry point for individuals to HIV testing and treatment. PrEP has shown considerable impact in reducing HIV infections when provided as an additional HIV prevention choice to Key population. it tackles the contextual factors that put people at risk of HIV infection and prevent them from accessing services. Condoms play a special role in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS because they are presently the only devices that protect against sexually transmitted HIV. However, high costs to users, limited availability and accessibility, and negative perceptions of condoms have created a gap between the number of condoms distributed and the amount needed for key populations to prevent HIV/STIs. Condom programming is a strategic approach to ensure that persons at risk of HIV/STIs are motivated to use condoms, have access to quality condoms, and can use them consistently and correctly. Improved condom programming can help close the gap in condom supply and use and reduce the spread of HIV. Moreover, experience has shown that actions to increase uptake and use of effective barrier methods are more successful and sustainable when they are part of a strategic comprehensive prevention programme.

To do so, UNAIDS is supporting to develop of PrEP and condom programming road map for key population in line with the National Strategic Plan.

DURATION OF WORK

The assignment will take place from **1 June 2021 – 30 Sep 2021**.

LOCATION

The work to be conducted in Iran.

MAIN OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this assignment is to develop PrEP and condom programming road map in line with Iran's fifth National Strategic Plan (NSP).

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The contractual partner will:

- To conduct need assessment and situation analysis pertaining to HIV prevention programme in Iran to gain background information on the various components of PrEP and condom programme framework (leadership and coordination; demand, access, and utilization; supply and commodity security; and support).
- To develop a comprehensive and integrated plan for PrEP and condom programme.
- To develop a multi-year operational plan and budget for PrEP and condom programme.
- To identify available, committed, and potential resources at the local and national levels. Determining funding gaps in the operational plan.
- To recommend on ways of expanding access and use of PrEP and condom for key populations including social marketing mechanism.
- To link the operational plan to the existing logistics system including systems for forecasting, procurement, distribution, and warehousing.
- To recommend on combining services with community empowerment activities among KPs in order to increase consistent use.
- To recommend on appropriate monitoring plan.
- Update UNAIDS regularly on the progress of the assignment. This includes a report of need assessment and situation analysis, interim report, final report on development of PrEP and condom programming road map for key populations both in Farsi and English and development of PrEP and condom programming roadmap for key populations.
- Provide the final report as agreed on CD or DVD and by email in Word™, Excel™ and PowerPoint™ formats as well as hard copies of any published material, where applicable. All raw data will be handed over electronically, or if not available electronically, in hard copy.
- Undertake to keep all information regarding the report and the content thereof confidential.

In line with UNAIDS policies and procedures on the COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings and workshops conducted within the framework of this assignment are required to be virtual.

KEY OUTPUTS

- Report of need assessment and situation analysis
- Interim report
- Development of PrEP and condom programming roadmap for key populations
- Final report on development of PrEP and condom programming road map for key populations both in Farsi and English.

ORGANISATION/INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

I. Applying institutions should fulfil following criteria:

- Have at least five years of experience in health or HIV programmes management; Has proven experience in leading, management or development of guideline, protocol, and road map in the field of health or HIV programmes.
- Have a functional financial system in place with a bank account under the name of the institution.

II. Individuals/Head Consultant and her or his team Required Skills and Experience:

a. Education

- Principal Investigator (PI): Holds MD, Ph.D or medical speciality degree in reproductive health, community/social medicine, public health, infectious disease.

b. Experience

- Principal Investigator should have at least five years of experience in health or HIV programmes management; Has proven experience in leading, management or development of guideline, protocol, and road map in the field of health or HIV programmes.
- Has a functional financial system in place with a bank account under the name of the individual.

c. Languages

- Fluent in written Farsi and English

Interested individuals/institutions/organisations are encouraged to submit their applications to the attention of Ms Elham Nourollahzadeh, Project Assistant, at nourollahzadehe@unaid.org

Titled: Development of PrEP and condom programming road map for key populations

Containing a cover email and the following four attachments:

1. Brief Proposal in English
2. CV of the Institution/organisation (if applicable) in English
3. CVs of the Head Consultant (Principal Investigator) and his or her team in English
4. Budget (please find below an example for budget table)
5. Gantt Chart

Application deadline: 27 April 2021-17 May 2021

Example of budget table:

Item	# of working days *1	#of hrs *2	# of researchers, facilitators, note takers *3	# of participants *4	# of publications *5	Unit Cost in IRR	Total IRR
Activity 1 (Name of the activity)							
Activity 2 (Name of the activity)							
Activity 3 (Name of the activity) *6							
TOTAL							

1: If your activity is based on number of days then please choose # of days column, no need to add number of hours. Please note # of working days is five days a week.

*2: If your activity is based on number of hours then please choose # of hours column, no need to add number of days.

*3: Please fill in this column with the numbers of researchers, facilitators, note takers for each activity you have planned.

*4: This column refers to the number of physical participations, which is not relevant now, given UNAIDS policies during COVID- 19 pandemic.

*5: In case of having publication please fill in the publication column the number of publications you have planned to have.

*6: Please note that in case of publication of booklet, guideline, educational material, you must consider three sub activities like following example with budget estimation for each of them:

Publication of booklets:

- 1- Cover Design
- 2- Editing, paging, lay out.
- 3- Colour Printing or black and white printing (please mention which one you choose for printing)

The selection criteria should be mentioned and providing at least 3 requests for quotations should be submitted.