

Terms of Reference for the M&E expert for the multi-country proposal development

The consortium of EECA regional community networks is looking for the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Expert familiar with the Global Fund M&E requirements to join the team in preparing a multi-country advocacy and capacity building proposal.

Context

In April 2016 the Global Fund Board adopted a refined allocation methodology to increase the impact of its investments. Under the refined methodology, funds were set aside for catalytic investments. Catalytic investments serve the critical objective of catalyzing country allocations to ensure delivery against the 2017-2022 Global Fund Strategy. They aim is to do so by investing in priorities that are unable to be addressed through country allocations alone, yet are deemed crucial to ensure the Global Fund investments are positioned to deliver against its strategic aims.

One of the distinct modalities identified by the Global Fund's Board for the operationalization of catalytic investments in 2017-2019 is multicountry approaches. The Global Fund has identified a key multicountry strategic priority for each disease for the 2017-2019 funding cycle and for HIV component this is "sustainability of services for key populations". US\$ 13,000,000 has been made available by the Global Fund to address sustainability of services for key populations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia region

In November 2017 the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA), Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM), Eurasian Network of People Who Use Drugs (ENPUD), Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network (SWAN) and Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS (EWNA) established a Regional Communities Network Consortium (RCNC) to develop a concept note for a multicountry project to be submitted to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in April 2018.

The goal of the Consortium's regional program is to ensure sustainability of HIV prevention, treatment and care for key affected populations by community efforts through increased accessibility to high quality non-discriminatory, evidence based and gender-oriented services in EECA".

Key tasks for M&E expert

The RCNC seeks for a consultant to develop a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework for the Regional Consortium's multicountry project proposal to the Global Fund.

- To review draft documents developed by the Regional Consortium, including the concept note, analysis of the regional context and the description of planned activities and to support team in formulating expected results of the planned advocacy and capacity building activities;
- To suggest to proposal development team the M&E approach that best suits the multicountry project proposal by the Regional Consortium and based on the GF guidance;
- To propose a Performance Framework or a set of Work-plan Tracking Measures that best suits to report on progress and outcomes of the project implementation, including:
 - Measurable and achievable qualitative milestones and/or process indicators with emphasis on key outcomes/results of the project activities;
 - Expected results under each of four project objectives (based on the Concept Note and other materials provided by the Regional Consortium members);
 - A set of evaluation questions to assess the impact of the multicountry project;
 - Approaches to data collection for the project's M&E.

- To review the Performance Framework /set of Work-plan Tracking Measures based on the feedback of the Regional Consortium;
- To draft relevant section(s) of the multicountry project proposal, including the description of the M&E approach in the format requested by the Global Fund;
- To review the *Section 1: Summary of the regional context* and the *Section 2: Funding Proposal* of the project proposal in order to ensure their accordance with the M&E framework;
- To develop M&E work plan (both regional and national levels) and help develop M&E budget for the proposal .

The tasks under these Terms of Reference will also require that the Consultant attends the Regional Consortium meeting in Vilnius, March 6-7, 2018 and in April, 2018.

The expected date of start of the contract is March 1, 2018. Deadline for providing all deliverables – 20th of April, 2018.

Key qualifications:

- Expertise in the area of M&E for HIV programs;
- Experience of work with the Global Fund funded projects and knowledge of the current Global Fund requirements and approaches to M&E;
- Extensive understanding of the EECA regional context of the epidemic, funding context and challenges faced by key affected populations;
- Understanding approaches to measuring the results and effects of advocacy, community strengthening and capacity building activities;
- Excellent English and good Russian.

If you are interested in cooperation with EHRA on the subject, please send your C.V. and daily rate to info@harmreductioneurasia.org no later than 26/02/2018 11:59 pm.