

## Terms of Reference

### for a consultant on the collection of data on cases of human rights violations in the Republic of Moldova

***The Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) as part of the three-year multi-country project “Sustainability of Services for Key Populations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia” (#SoS\_project), implemented by the Alliance of Public Health Charitable Foundation in consortium with the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV (100% Life), the Central Asian Association of People Living with HIV and the Eurasian Key populations Health Network, regional networks, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and a number of technical partners, announces an open tender for a consultant to collect data on cases of human rights violations in the Republic of Moldova to implement Objective 2 of the project - to reduce the most important human rights and gender barriers to accessing HIV prevention and care services.***

Gathering data on human rights violations among people who use drugs, ensuring follow-up, and reporting to the UN human rights treaty bodies will help remove barriers to access to HIV prevention and care services for people who use drugs in EECA countries. In addition, mentoring and technical assistance to partners from national communities will help build community capacity in collecting data on human rights violations and understanding the follow-up system for its systematic and effective use.

The collection of data on cases of human rights violations among people who use drugs in Moldova will serve as the evidence base for advocating for amendments to existing national legislation aimed at respecting and protecting the rights of people who use drugs, and will become the basis for subsequent submission of reports to the UN human rights treaty bodies.

#### **Tasks of the consultant and expected results:**

##### 1. Conduct semi-structured interviews with:

- people who have 1 conviction and have served sentences in prison in connection with narcotic drugs (2 minimum);
- people who have 1 criminal record and received a suspended sentence in connection with narcotic drugs (2 minimum);
- people who were held accountable, but chose treatment in connection with narcotic drugs (2 minimum);
- people who have received a fine for storage / use in connection with narcotic drugs (2 minimum);
- people who have more than one criminal record and have been serving sentences in places of detention in connection with narcotic drugs (2 minimum);
- people who have more than one criminal record, but have not served their sentences in prison (2 minimum).

##### Selection of respondents:

- Respondents should include both men and women;
- experience in criminal / administrative prosecution over the past 5 years;
- age 18-50 years old.

The interview guidelines will be developed by EHRA jointly with the selected consultant. A representative of EHRA will assist in conducting the interview (travel to Moldova).

2. According to the form provided by EHRA for each interview, make a brief description with the most striking quotes.

3. Prepare a general descriptive report with general trends and citations of 5-10 pages maximum. In addition to the information gathered as a result of the interview, the report should include:

- Statistics by type of punishment (fines, terms and for how much);
- How the size of fines relates to average income, minimum wage.

***Timeline:***

1. The first draft of the report – by October 20, 2019;
2. The final report, taking into account comments from EHRA, - by November 15, 2019.

**Consultant Requirements:**

The submitted applications will be evaluated by the selection committee of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association. The following criteria will be used to evaluate the bids (the maximum possible number of points is 100):

1. Knowledge of Russian and Romanian languages (20 points);
2. Relevant work experience, knowledge and experience in the field of harm reduction are an advantage (the application must contain documents or links to transcripts of interviews and / or analytical reports prepared by the applicant) (45 points);
3. Literate written Russian or English (15 points);
4. Work plan with stages and deadlines (20 points).

**The cost of work:**

The amount of the contract may not exceed \$ 1,000 (paid upon completion of work and the provision of a final report to EHRA).

**How to apply**

Applicants must submit their CV and application (letter of interest) in free form to <mailto:maria@harmreductioneurasia.org>, the subject of the letter is “Consultant Moldova”, the **deadline for submission is before 24:00 EET on August 25, 2019**. The CV and application should clearly reflect the competency of the candidate necessary to complete this task, as well as include the proposed number of working days for each stage and the timing of their implementation.

**General terms**

Interested consultants should pay attention to the following conditions:

- EHRA will sign an agreement with the winner of the competitive selection. The contract will define a detailed work plan and payment terms.
- The winner of the competitive selection agrees to provide confirmation of their daily rates before signing the contract.
- EHRA reserves the right (but does not commit itself to obligations) to enter into negotiations with one or more applicants in order to obtain clarifications or additional information, as well as to agree on the timing of work.

*If you have any questions or need clarification regarding this ToR, please contact Maria Plotko at <mailto:maria@harmreductioneurasia.org> no later than **August 20, 2019**.*