

## **Solicitation for Technical Consultant to design and lead a rapid situational analysis of HIV services for key populations in Ukraine**

### **USAID Ukraine Community Action for HIV Control**

**February 2022**

#### **I. Background**

FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender, youth, research, technology, communication, and social marketing- creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today's interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 70 countries and all U.S. states and territories. In particular, FHI 360 is a global leader in HIV prevention, care, and treatment programs since the 1980s, pioneering strategic approaches to HIV services, adapting, and expanding its programs based on lessons learned from experience around the world. Working with national HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs throughout the world, FHI 360 has supported implementation of a combination of approaches including strategic behavioral communication, voluntary counseling and testing, condom promotion and distribution, management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), workplace programs, risk reduction among key populations, prevention programs for youth, drug use treatment, and blood transfusion safety.

FHI 360 serves as the lead technical partner to Pact on USAID Ukraine's Community Action for HIV Control Activity. This program will advance Ukraine's progress toward its 95-95-95 HIV goals and reduce the HIV burden. Community Action will reach vulnerable key and priority populations with differentiated, client-centered interventions that deliver targeted prevention, thereby slowing new infections; improve case-finding and uptake of testing, thereby improving awareness of HIV status; and facilitate efficient linkage to care, thereby increasing treatment coverage.

#### **II. Purpose**

FHI 360 seeks a **Technical Consultant to design and lead a rapid situational analysis of HIV services for key populations**. The analysis will identify gaps in service delivery and the opportunity to strengthen existing or introduce new service delivery options as part of the project's mandate to improve HIV service demand, uptake, and quality. The Consultant will also conduct the analysis of different modalities of HIV prevention, HIV testing and linkage to care and treatment services provided at the community level for different Key Population: MSM, ex-prisoners, male/female sex workers, and PWID, within the implementation of differentiated service delivery models in Ukraine. Such analysis should take into account demographic, behavioral, and other significant changes in the KPs community, reflect the needs and preferences of different sub-populations of KPs in receiving HIV prevention, HIV testing, and linkage to care and treatment services. The Consultant will work with a team of key population representatives to develop key questions, design, and implement an information collection plan,

analyze results, and propose actionable recommendations for new and expanded service delivery models. The consultant will report to the project's Technical Advisors.

### **III. Level of Effort, Period of Performance and Location**

The period of performance for this consultancy is from **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022<sup>1</sup>** to **April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. The anticipated level of effort for this assignment is 45 (forty-five) working days, to be completed within the period of performance. The work will be conducted remotely.

### **IV. Detailed Description of Tasks to be Performed**

The consultant will perform the following tasks:

1. Conduct rapid review of available data (scientific literature, results of the IBBS, programmatic reports of NGOs and CBOs, etc.). In close cooperation with the KP representative, support them to gather additional HIV services for key population. Synthesize information gathered and conduct analysis to identify recommendations for differentiated HIV services for each key population group
2. Based on the information received, develop the matrix of key population subgroups with the package of prevention, testing and treatment HIV services
3. Based on analysis, produce a report with recommendations about changes to the algorithms and modalities of delivery of community-based HIV prevention, testing, and linkage to care and treatment services for different sub-groups of key populations in the PEPFAR regions of Ukraine.
4. Based on the available evidence (scientific literature, results of the research and analyses, programmatic reports of NGOs and CBOs, etc.), conduct the analysis of the community-based prevention and testing services for different Key Population: MSM, ex-prisoners, male/female sex workers, and PWID in 12 PEPFAR regions of Ukraine. The analysis should consist of the following activities:
  - Conduct a rapid review of existing novel PrEP delivery options, and propose alternative modalities for PrEP delivery informed by client feedback, such as pharmacies, certified community sites, and safe boxes; explore feasibility of expanding/integrating PrEP to other packages to allow other health providers to offer PrEP
  - Conduct rapid stocktaking of assisted and unassisted HIV self-testing barriers through consultations with key populations and NGO/CBO partners
  - Conduct rapid review of current index testing data, tools, and recent performance assessments to identify strengths for expansion and areas for improvement, both along the index testing cascade and by NGO and CBO partner/service site
  - Conduct the review of existing approaches and standards of clients' safety across the continuum of service delivery
5. Within the analysis, gather additional information from community partners, key population representatives and NGOs via focus groups and interviews.

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<sup>1</sup> The start date might be subject to a change to a later day, will be determined upon finalization of approval processing of Consultant Agreement.

6. Synthesize information gathered and conduct analysis to identify recommendations for community-based HIV services for each key population group
7. Based on analysis, produce a report with recommendations about changes to the algorithms and modalities of delivery of community-based HIV prevention, testing, and linkage to care and treatment services for different sub-groups of key populations in the PEPFAR regions of Ukraine.
8. Providing other oral and/or writing recommendations about the delivery modalities of HIV prevention, HIV testing, and linkage to care and treatment services to different subpopulations of KPs from the PEPFAR regions of Ukraine.

## **V. Deliverables/Milestones**

The consultant will produce the following deliverables within the period of performance and expected LOE.

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1. A report with the following information – by March 21st, 2022:
  - HIV infection risk profiles of different sub-populations of SW, MSM, PWID, former prisoners, that reside in the PEPFAR regions of Ukraine;
  - the delivery modalities of HIV prevention, HIV testing, and linkage to care and treatment services to different subpopulations of SW, MSM, PWID, former prisoners from the PEPFAR regions of the Ukraine;
  - matrix with the KP subgroups, social factors and division criteria;
  - recommendations about changes to the algorithms and modalities of delivery of community-based HIV prevention, HIV testing, and linkage to care and treatment services for different sub-populations of SW, MSM, PWID, former prisoners in the PEPFAR regions of Ukraine.
2. A report with information about of the community-based prevention and testing services for different Key Population in the PEPFAR regions of Ukraine that includes the following parts – by April 10th, 2022:
  - rapid review of existing novel PrEP delivery options, and proposition of alternative modalities for PrEP delivery;
  - rapid stocktaking of assisted and unassisted HIV self-testing barriers;
  - rapid review of current index testing data, tools, and recent performance assessments to identify strengths for expansion and areas for improvement;
  - review of existing approaches and standards of clients' safety across the continuum of service delivery;
  - report with recommendations about changes to the algorithms and modalities of delivery of community-based HIV prevention, HIV testing, and linkage to care and treatment services for different sub-populations of KPs in the PEPFAR regions of Ukraine.
3. A report with other oral and/or writing recommendations about the delivery modalities

of HIV prevention, HIV testing, and linkage to care and treatment services to different subpopulations of KPs from the PEPFAR regions of Ukraine – by April 29th, 2022.

## **VI. Evaluation Criteria/Required Qualifications**

The consultant is expected to have the following qualifications and skills, at a minimum:

1. Experience in the field of HIV/AIDS for at least 3 years.
2. Sensitivity to cultural differences and understanding of the political and ethical issues surrounding people living with HIV/AIDS and KP, good knowledge of the healthcare system of Ukraine.
3. Experience in developing and conducting analytical and desktop reviews, evaluation reports and other materials on HIV prevention, HIV testing and treatment services for different KPs.

## **VII. Instructions to Apply**

Offerors wishing to respond to this solicitation should submit a copy of their CV in English, filled Form of Consent and Price Offer in English according to Annex 1 to [iorlova@fhi360.org](mailto:iorlova@fhi360.org) by **February 11th, 2022**. Price Offer must contain a rate per working day in UAH currency.

The offerors might receive email request from FHI 360 to provide additional information that will be deemed as necessary for selection process.

## **VIII. Disclaimers**

- 1) FHI 360 may cancel this solicitation at any time.
- 2) FHI 360 may reject any or all responses received.
- 3) Issuance of the solicitation does not constitute an award commitment by FHI 360.
- 4) FHI 360 reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on failure of the offeror to follow solicitation instructions.
- 5) FHI 360 will not compensate any offeror for responding to solicitation.
- 6) FHI 360 reserves the right to issue award based on initial evaluation of offers without further discussion.
- 7) FHI 360 may choose to award only part of the activities in the solicitation, or issue multiple awards based on the solicitation activities.
- 8) FHI 360 reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.
- 9) FHI 360 will be contacting each offeror to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.

### **Annexes enclosed to this solicitation:**

Annex 1: *Form of Consent and Price Offer*