Gujarat State AIDS Control Society
O-1 Block, New Mental Hospital Compound,
Meghaninagar, Ahmedabad – 380 016

Expression of Interest for Target Intervention and Link Worker Scheme

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited from NGOs/CBOs, Professional Bodies and Government Agencies for working with different groups like FSWs, MSMs, IDUs, TGs, Migrants, Truckers and Other Vulnerable Groups in Rural and Urban/ Peri-urban areas of Gujarat state for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS.

EOI Forms & criteria /Terms & conditions could be downloaded from our Website:- www.gsacsonline.org. Interested Agency has to submit EOI forms (duly filled with Supporting documents) along with DD of Rs.50/- (as application fees) in favor of The Project Director, Gujarat State AIDS Control Society at Ahmadabad, in a sealed cover, having label of “EOI for TI & LWS ” to reach latest by 5.00 P.M. on or before 15.03.2019 through registered post/courier only.

Project Director
Expression of Interest

1. This notice follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) published in UNDB on 18th October, 2017.
2. The Government of India has applied for financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the fourth National HIV/AIDS Control Project and it is intended that a part of the proceeds of this financing will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is being issued. The Project is an intervention with a goal of reducing the burden of HIV/AIDS cases in the country. The components of the project are prevention, care and support and treatment, programme management and strategic information management with one of its sub-components being targeted interventions for high risk groups, as well as utilizing civil society organizations for providing access to vulnerable populations to various HIV/AIDS interventions.
3. Gujarat State AIDS Control Society now invites applications from interested civil society organizations (NGOs/CBOs) in the State of Gujarat for providing services to implement HIV/AIDS Targeted Intervention / Link Worker Scheme (LWS) with highly vulnerable population groups i.e. High Risk Groups (Female Sex Workers (FSW), Men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM), Transgendered Population (TG), Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) and Bridge Population (Truckers and Migrants) and Other Vulnerable Groups in the state of Gujarat for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS. Targeted Intervention and/or The Link Worker Scheme (LWS) are expected to provide at least the common core services for all prevention. Targeted Intervention / Link Worker Scheme for all HRGs and bridge population such as, at a minimum: condom promotion, referral for STIs, HIV and Syphilis testing, TB testing and treatment, linkages to treatment and care and support for PLHIVs, and, in the case of IDUs, needle syringe exchange and/or Opioid Substitution Therapy.
4. Additional information viz. terms of reference/ scope of work, qualifying and evaluation criteria and policy on conflict of interest is attached herewith.
5. CBOs/NGOs that are registered under societies/trusts act and are active in community work may submit Expression of Interest in the specified format with accompanying materials as per prescribed format.
6. Please note that this is not a request for proposals. The request for proposal will be issued to the short-listed NGOs/CBOs only.

Project Director
Section A: Basic Information

1. Name of the Organization: ______________________________________________

2. Postal Address: _______________________________________________________
   PIN:    District: _______________________________________________________

3. Telephone: : Telex    Fax    E-mail    Mobile No.

4. Legal status: : ( ) Society    ( ) Company    ( ) Others (specify)

5. Registration Details: : Registered on    (Date)
   By __________________________________________________________

6. Contact person: :
   Designation: :
   Mobile Number: :

Section B: Organisational Background

7. Assets/Infrastructure of the organization

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8. a. Please provide details, regarding the annual budget of your Organisation at least last 3 years (attach the detailed audited Report for 3 years).

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8.b.: Whether blacklisted/debarred by any agency (both government, private and World Bank/ UN bodies) in the past? **If yes, provide details in an Affidavit.**

8 c.: Whether any staff or board member of your organisation is part of any SACS/TSU staffs currently or in the past. **Please provide the above information in the form of an Affidavit.**

(Two separate affidavits will be required on Rs. 50/- Stamp paper each)

**Section C: Current Programmes being run by the organization**

9. Geographical location of Work - List Village, Panchayat, Block, Taluka/Sub-Division, District (Each location should be separately specified)

10. Population with which they are presently working:

   ( ) Rural/Urban : 
   ( ) Socio-economic group : 
   ( ) Occupational group : 
   ( ) Sex groups : 
   ( ) Students/Educational Institution : 
   ( ) Youth : 
   ( ) Women groups : 
   ( ) Others : 

11. Please provide basic information on the key projects carried out by your Organisation since the last three years (5 lines for each subject – attach separately).

   - Community served
   - Objective
   - Strategies
   - Main outcomes
   - Evaluation methods employed
   - Evaluation results
12. A brief write up on the programmes the organisation currently runs

(Not more than three pages)

13. Agencies with experience in Health and HIV sector. Please specify and provide details of the client/donor agency, nature of projects, project period and contract value, continuing/completed.

14. Agencies with experience of working with projects supported by SACS/DACS. If yes, provide in details name of the SACS/DACS, nature of projects, project period, and status of the project (continuing/completed/terminated). In case of termination please provide the reason for termination. Attach any relevant document issued by SACS/DACS clarifying termination or the relevant reports including evaluation reports.

Section D: Documentation Required

15. Copies of the following documents need to be provided with self attestation by competent authority of the organization

- Society Registration Certificate and Memorandum of Association & Articles along with the latest filled return./Trust Deed
- Activity Report/Annual report of the organization for the last three years
- Annual Audit Report of the organization for the last three years
- Income Tax Registration and Exemption Certificate if any
- FCRA Registration Certificate if any
- List of Board/Governing Body members with Contact details and occupation
- Copies of the affidavit as required above

16. Name of the person who filled this form

Qualification and experience : 

Designation :

Address :
TOR/Scope of work Involved

Under the fourth phase of the National AIDS Control Program (NACP-IV), Targeted Intervention (TI) and the Link Worker Scheme (LWS) have been designed to intensify and consolidate the prevention services, focusing on the at-risk population in the urban, semi-urban and rural areas. The Scheme aims to address complex needs of HIV prevention, care and support, in urban, semi-urban rural areas through identification and training of field level workforce of Outreach Workers, Peer Educators, Zonal Supervisors, Cluster Link Workers and other stakeholders on issues of HIV/AIDS, gender, sexuality and Sexual Tract Infections (STI). Mobilizing difficult-to-reach, others at risk populations, such as High Risk Groups, to access the public health services for STI, HIV Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTC), TB diagnosis and treatment, Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) for PLHIVs etc. is a component of the Project. Their follow up back to communities is also envisaged. It also seeks to address the issues of stigma and discrimination in urban, semi-urban and rural areas of India.

The Scheme envisages to “Reach out to High Risk Groups (HRGs) and other “at risk” population in urban, semi-urban rural areas with information, knowledge, skills on STI/HIV prevention and risk reduction.

The projects also aims at improving access to information materials, commodities (condoms, needles/syringes) through collaborating with nearest TI or government health facilities, testing and treatment services ensuring that there is no duplication of services or resources.

For details please visit NACO website

Expected Deliverables

- The NGO/CBO contracted by SACS is expected to maintain separate full time staff as per the provisions and ensure that they are performing as per their TOR.

- The TI/LWS project would work with specified groups in a geographic location as designated by SACS.

- The TI/LWS project is expected to provide regular services (as per the provisions in the contract and project proposal) to the target groups.

- The TI/LWS project is expected to perform based on the performance indicators as agreed in the contract. Further, Mobilizing difficult-to-reach, others at risk populations, such as High Risk Groups, to access the public health services for STI, HIV Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTC), Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) etc. Their follow up back to communities is also envisaged. It also seeks to address the issues of stigma and discrimination in urban, semi-urban rural areas of the respective districts.

- The TI/LWS project is expected to maintain financial records and other documents in the TI/LWS project office as agreed in the contract and would be required to report to SACS/NACO.

- TI/LWS implementing NGO/CBO (senior management team) is expected to provide support in terms of advocacy and networking with local stakeholders to ensure that there is an enabling environment is maintained in the project area.
Qualifying and Evaluation criteria

1. NGOs/CBOs/Networks who are legally registered under Societies Registration Act of 1860, Charitable and Religion Act, 1920, The Indian Trust Act, 1920, Cooperatives professional bodies such as IIPA, IMA.

2. In case of NGOs, Minimum requirement is three years of registration as on due date of submission of EOI. In case of CBOs, Minimum requirement is one year as on due date of submission of EOI. The CBO board members should be from respective community and CBO should have been constituted as per by-laws.

3. Agencies already having experience of at least 3 years in case of NGOs and 1 year in case of CBOs in social development sector with experience of working in similar projects as required in the scope of work (mentioned in the website) i.e. experience of working with marginalized communities (HRGs, vulnerable groups such as women, old aged, children, sexual minorities, PHAs, persons with different abilities, migrants, TGs Truckers, Women, Youth), with field level operation (i.e. field offices and staffs) in the same geographical area.

4. Agencies are required to submit an affidavit indicating that they have never been blacklisted/debarred by any agency (both, government, private or World Bank/UN bodies). In case the agency has been blacklisted/debarred in the past, the details of such blacklisting/debarment should be provided in the Affidavit. Affidavit should also indicate that no staff or board member is part of any SACS/TSU staffs currently or in the past which may create conflict of interest.

5. The annual report and audited account statement for 3 years in case of NGOs and of one year in case of CBOs.

6. The agencies with experience in Health and HIV sector would be preferred especially in Rural area. The agencies should submit the details of the project/s implemented and presently implementing (name of the Client/donor agency, nature of projects, project period, contract value, continuing/completed).

7. Agencies should submit the details of projects supported by any SACS/DACS (name of the SACS/DACS, nature of projects, project period - continuing/completed, terminated) with any SACS in the country. If terminated reason for termination).
World Bank’s Policy on Conflict of Interest

Bank policy requires that consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the client’s interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and that in providing advice they avoid conflicts with other assignments and their own corporate interests. Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Borrower. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:

(a) Conflict between consulting activities and procurement of goods, works, or non-consulting services (i.e., services other than consulting services covered by these Guidelines): A firm that has been engaged by the Borrower to provide goods, works, or non-consulting services for a project, or any affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services resulting from or directly related to those goods, works, or non-consulting services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation (before Loan effectiveness) or implementation of a project, or any affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods, works, or services (other than consulting services covered by these Guidelines) resulting from or directly related to the consulting services for such preparation or implementation. This provision does not apply to the various firms (consultants, contractors, or suppliers) which together are performing the Contractor’s obligations under a turnkey or design and build contract.

(b) Conflict among consulting assignments: Neither consultants (including their personnel and sub-consultants), nor any affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm, shall be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultants. As an example, consultants assisting a client in the privatization of public assets shall neither purchase, nor advise purchasers of, such assets. Similarly, consultants hired to prepare Terms of Reference (TOR) for an assignment shall not be hired for the assignment in question.

(c) Relationship with Borrower’s staff: Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants) that have a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower (or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the loan) who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of: (i) the preparation of the TOR for the assignment, (ii) the selection process for the contract, or (iii) the supervision of such contract may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.

(d) A consultant shall submit only one proposal, either individually or as a joint venture partner in another proposal. If a consultant, including a joint venture partner, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified. This does not, however, preclude a consulting firm to participate as a sub-consultant, or an individual to participate as a team member, in more than one proposal when circumstances justify and if permitted by the RFP.