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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy service for epidemiological mapping and size estimation of Tuberculosis Key and vulnerable populations to identify disease burdens, barriers and gaps in case detection

1. Introduction and Background

Service, Health and Development for people living with HIV /AIDS (**SHDEPHA+**) is a national non-governmental organization, registered on 21 November 1994 with registration number **SO 8216**, to mobilize resources to help people living with HIV/AIDS and to fight the spread of the disease. Based on its mission, SHDEPHA+ is committed to reducing income and non-income poverty, hunger, human suffering, diseases and the impact and spread of HIV/AIDS by empowering marginalized and vulnerable people, most at risk populations, and communities in general to achieve community based and sustainable human development.

Although originally focusing on people living with HIV/AIDS, over the years SHDEPHA+ has expanded beyond HIV/AIDS and related issues to other developmental interventions and now covers both infected and affected by HIV/AIDS including Tuberculosis (TB) KVPs. Defined in the **Global Plan to End TB (2023-2030)**, TB Key and Vulnerable Populations are people who have increased exposure to TB due to where they live or work, have limited access to quality TB services and are at increased risk of TB because of biological or behavioural factors that compromise immune function.

One of the UN HLM on TB Political Declaration commitment aims at prioritizing high-risk groups and other people who are vulnerable or in vulnerable situations. The government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Health's National TB and Leprosy program have intentionally put plans towards realization of the declaration and ensuring that strategic and nuanced TB initiatives that focus on TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and support among these prioritized populations (TB KVPs) are in place. To realise this, localizing and determining KVPs size is an important initial step.

Under such consideration, SHDEPHA+ through its funding from Stop TB partnership, seeks to contract a consultant to conduct TB epidemiological mapping and size estimation of Tuberculosis Key and vulnerable populations to identify disease burdens, barriers and gaps in case detection.

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Objectives of the Activity:

- The primary objective of this consultancy is to Conduct an epidemiological mapping to identify locations with a high population of the TB Key and Vulnerable Populations (KVPs) in Tanzania
- Estimate the size of the TB Key and Vulnerable Populations
- Provide recommendations for targeted TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment and care interventions.

Duration of the assignment

- The consultancy services is expected to be carried out over a period of 9 days

Key activities to be implemented (Scope of Work):

- **Conduct literature review:** The consultant will need to review existing literature and data related to TB among Key and Vulnerable Populations. The Consultant will also summarize relevant findings and identify gaps in the existing knowledge.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Identify and engage key stakeholders, including government health agencies, non-governmental organizations, CSOs and community representatives. Further consultations will also be conducted to gather insights on local contexts and challenges related to TB among Key and Vulnerable Populations.
- **Conduct epidemiological mapping:** Develop a comprehensive plan for TB epidemiological mapping and Implement the mapping activities, analyzing and synthesizing the collected data.
- **Size Estimation:** Develop and implement a methodology for estimating the size of TB Key and Vulnerable Populations in Tanzania . The consultant will also be required to provide a detailed report on the estimated size and distribution of the populations.
- **Provide recommendations:** Based on the findings, the consultant will provide recommendations (that align with national TB control strategies) for targeted TB interventions among Key and Vulnerable Populations.

Expected deliverables

- Inception report detailing the methodology for the mapping and size estimation
- Report on epidemiological mapping and size estimation of Tanzania TB KVP
- Recommendations for targeted interventions

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Qualifications:

The ideal consultant should possess:

- A graduate degree in a health-related or statistical field from an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated experience in TB epidemiology, mapping, and working with TB Key and Vulnerable Populations.
- Proven experience in data collection, data analysis, reporting and communication skills.
- Familiarity with the local context and challenges related to TB in Tanzania

Proposed Budget for the consultancy:

- Interested consultants are invited to submit a detailed budget proposal, including fees, travel expenses, and other relevant costs.

Proposal Submission:

- Interested consultants are requested to submit their proposal/expression of interest (maximum 3 pages) on an understanding of the assignment, a CV including information about experience in similar assignments. Submit your applications (**indicating the TOR title in the subject line**) by Tuesday 27th February 20224 through : procurement@shdepha.org and info@shdepha.org

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NB: Interested applicants may obtain (Questions and clarifications) by contacting the procuring department through **Email: at procurement@shdepha.org** with the subject line "**Request for Clarification**" and the **TOR Title** before 23rd February 2024.

- SHDEPHA+ reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.