

Assessment of impact of gender, key population affiliation and the National legal environment on tuberculosis vulnerability, diagnosis, and treatment in Nepal (National Consultant: Legal)

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Terms of Reference (ToR)

Background on Save the Children

Save the Children is the leading global independent organisation for children. Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. Around the world, we work every day to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. When crisis strikes, and children are most vulnerable, we are always among the first to respond and the last to leave. We ensure children's unique needs are met and their voices are heard. We deliver lasting results for millions of children, including those hardest to reach.

We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

Our vision: A world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

Our mission: To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Our values: Accountability, ambition, collaboration, creativity and integrity.

We are committed to ensuring our resources are used as efficiently as possible, in order to focus them on achieving maximum impact for children.

Background information/context

Tuberculosis (TB) is the world's leading infectious disease killer. International declines in incidence of 1.5% per year are lagging well behind the declines required (7-10%) if the Sustainable Development Goal of ending TB by 2030 is to be met. Recognition that more needs to be done, particularly in meeting the needs of the large number of people who are not diagnosed or successfully treated (approximately 4.5 million people per annum globally) has resulted in a revitalized focus on the international TB response - not least with the convening of the first United Nations General Assembly (UNGASS) high level meeting on TB set for September 2018. Concomitantly, international bodies and National TB Program are scaling up their efforts to meet the aims outlined in the Global Plan to End TB (2016–2020): reach at least 90% of all people with TB, reach at least 90% of vulnerable and hard to reach population, and achieve at least 90% treatment success for all people diagnosed.

In support of these ambitious targets, the Stop TB Partnership is supporting an array of countries to implement national Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) assessments. These assessments are comprised of 3 components: Key Populations, Legal Environment and Gender, with the recognition that these are often neglected areas of research and implementation but play an important role in successful national TB response outcomes. Each assessment examines

the respective impact of the research area on TB vulnerability, access to care and treatment outcomes in the national context.

TB is one of the leading public health problems in Nepal and one of the priority programs of Ministry of Health and Population. It is estimated that annually 69,000 new cases develop TB in Nepal. However only 28,677 cases were notified to National TB Program (NTP) in 2021. This clearly shows a wide gap in the estimated cases and reported cases in Nepal. The COVID pandemic has further aggravated the problem of missing TB cases in Nepal.

Nepal is committed to meeting the global milestones and targets as set by the Sustainable Development Goals, WHO's end TB strategy, Moscow declaration to end TB and the STPs global plan to end TB. Nepal is also a signatory to the political declaration of UN General assembly high level meeting on TB which has proposed a set of ambitious targets to end TB by 2030. Some of the other key activities that are required for countries to eliminate TB are protecting and promoting the right to health and access to affordable medicines, ending the stigma & discrimination against TB, promotion of social & psychosocial support for TB patients, meaningful participation of vulnerable and TB affected people in decision making process, strengthening gender equality in TB response, and ensuring multi-sectoral collaboration in TB response. In this regards the Stop TB partnership has selected Nepal as one of the countries for the assessment of the current situation of impact of gender, key population affiliation and the national legal environment on Tuberculosis vulnerability, diagnosis, and treatment in Nepal. The assessment in Nepal will be led by National Tuberculosis Centre (NTC) whereas technical & financial assistance for this assessment will be provided by Save the Children and Trishuli Plus with the support from STOP TB Partnership and Global Fund.

Objective

The Objective of this consultancy is to:

- Providing qualitative insights into the ways that gender, belonging to certain key populations and the legal environment of a country impact on vulnerability to TB infection, access to care, and treatment outcomes.
- Providing information on how the TB response can improve to be more gender-sensitive and more responsive to key populations.
- Assessing and making recommendations for a strengthened legal and regulatory framework for improved access to TB diagnosis, treatment, and care.

Scope of Work

- Review of existing literatures and secondary data on national laws, regulations on Tuberculosis, international conventions signatory.
- Adaptation of the assessment protocol and finalization of the protocol for the assessment.
- Primary data collection through key informant interviews (KIIs) and focus group discussions (FGDs) at seven provinces with TB survivor groups.
- Preliminary dissemination and validation of primary and secondary data through sharing at the national workshops with key stakeholders
- Finalization of report by incorporating the feedbacks and suggestions from the stakeholders provided in the validation workshops
- Finalization of the report.
- Dissemination of the report

Location and official travel involved

Domestic travel as per need.

Services the Supplier will provide

The consultant will work as per the objective and scope of work outlined above.

Experience and skill set required

The consultant will have the following professional qualifications, skills and experience:

Education

- A minimum of Bachelor’s degree in law

Experience

- At least 3 years of experience in relevant field
- Prior experience in development of national strategies, plans and guidelines
- Strong understanding of TB community rights and gender.
- Experience of working with key population, TB and communities will be an asset
- Demonstrated ability of planning, reviewing, analyzing and report writing.

Language requirement

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Nepali

Key Activities:

1. Desk review related to TB CRG documents in Nepal
2. Consultation with Government, partners, TB communities in Nepal
3. Focus Group Discussion [FDG]
4. Key informants’ interview [KIIs]
5. Sharing of the draft findings
6. Finalization/dissemination of the assessment report
7. Preparation of the Action Plan through consultation/workshops

Expected Deliverables

SCI expects the following deliverables

Deliverable number	Deliverable title	Submit to	Tentative Delivery date
1	Secondary data review	Senior Director	31 October 2022
2	Adaptation of the assessment protocol and finalization of protocol	Senior Director	4 November 2022
3	Finalization of data collection tools	Senior Director	8 November 2022

4	Collection of primary data through KIIs and FGDs	Senior Director	18 November 2022
5	Sharing and validation workshop of the preliminary findings	Senior Director	30 November 2022
6	Submit the Action Plan	Senior Director	By 20 December 2022
7	Dissemination of final report	Senior Director	By 26 December 2022

Timeline

Estimated Commencement Date: 21 October 2022

Estimated End Date: 30 December 2022

Level of Efforts: 30 workdays

Coordination, Supervision and Validation

Coordination and supervision:

The consultant will coordinate with SCI, NTCC, Trisuli Plus, the Global Fund. The consultant must promptly report any problems or critical issues that arise while implementing their activities. The consultant engage Stop TB partnership if needed throughout the assessment.

Validation:

SCI, NTCC will review and validate the deliverables of the consultancy to ensure they respond to the terms of reference.

Status updates/reporting

The consultant will provide monthly report to Senior Director.

Acceptance

All the deliverables will be accepted by Senior Director.

General assumptions and dependencies

- The consultant will coordinate all the required consultation meetings.
- The consultant will manage logistic part of consultation meeting, as required.

Proposal review and Award criteria

Proposal review and Award of the contract will be based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight	Sub-Criteria	% Weight
ESSENTIAL	NA	Proposed consultant has bachelor's degree in Law with at least 3 years of experience in relevant field.	..
		Mandatory SCI policies	..
		Company Registration (if applicable)	..

Criteria	Weight	Sub-Criteria	% Weight
		VAT / PAN registration	..
Commercial	40	Measured on Inverse proportional Basis (overall Rate)	40
Capability	60	Qualification and Experience of Proposed Consultant	15
		Understanding of TB community rights and gender	15
		Overall methods proposed to accomplish the task	20
		Presentation / Interview (for shortlisted bidder/s only)	10
Total		Resulting Weighted	100

How to apply for the services

Proposal Submission Guideline/Required Documents

- Proposal Submission Deadline- **17th October 2022**
- Required Documents-
 - Filled out Consultancy Proposal Form (enclosed with this ToR)
 - CV(s) of the proposed consultant(s) with full date of birth in dd/mm/yyyy format.
 - For firms: Copies of- Firm registration certificate, VAT registration certificate, tax clearance certificate of FY 2077/078.
 - For Individuals (Nepali): Copies of citizenship certificate and PAN/VAT registration certificate;

If an individual is a full-time staff member of another organization, a no objection/consent letter signed by the organization head must be submitted along with the proposal. This is not applicable for proposals sent through a firm.

Proposals should be submitted via email to eoiconsultant.nepal@savethechildren.org