

## Terms of Reference

### **for the consultant to develop the Framework, Methodology and Instrument(s) to assess the impact of the transition from Global Fund's support to national funding on the programmatic sustainability of OST services**

#### ***Background***

In 2018 EHRA received numerous concerns from the community representatives from number of EECA countries regarding the sustainability of OST programs in their countries. In all these countries governments started to co-finance the OST programs as a part of transition measures.

In response to these signals EHRA decided to analyze the situation with sustainability of the OST services in a number of EECA countries. The focus of such analysis will be on the understanding the impact of transition related processes on the sustainability of programmatic aspects of OST services including its management, quality aspects, service delivery at levels of coverage recommended by the World Health, organization as well as monitoring functions.

For this purpose, EHRA is planning to develop the Framework, Methodology and Instrument(s) which will allow to explore the impact of the transition related processes taking place in countries on the sustainability of the programmatic aspects of OST services being provided.

This process also helps assessors to identify key barriers existing in countries that must be addressed before sustainable transition of OST programs is possible.

#### ***Consultancy task***

In order to assess the impact of transition on the sustainability of the programmatic aspects of OST services in the selected countries the OST Programmatic Sustainability Assessment Framework (OPSAF) should be developed which will identify the specific thematic areas of sustainability to be analyzed as well as indicators specific for each area identified to be measured. Specific methodology for such assessment as well as the relevant instrument\tool allowing to do such measurements should be developed as well.

Specifically, the programmatic sustainability of OST services could be analyzed by understanding the impact of transition related processes on such aspects of the quality of OST service provision (but not exclusively limiting by them only) as<sup>1</sup>:

- Coverage of estimated opioid user population
- Waiting time to first treatment admission
- Methadone/buprenorphine dosage
- Availability of OST (including new initiations) in prisons
- Coverage of OST medicine by state /health insurance
- Toleration of illicit drug consumption (after dose induction phase)

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<sup>1</sup> Please see the framework for the development of indicators for quality monitoring of harm reduction services, with a focus on opioid agonist therapy (OAT) at  
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monitoring%20quality%20and%20coverage%20of%20harm%20reduction%20study%20Europe.pdf

- Diagnosis or detailed assessment of current substance use, individualized treatment planning
- Availability of take-home OST
- Counselling required

Other programmatic aspects to be assessed could be composition of the OST services being provided, standards being applied, monitoring system in place, involvement of NGOs and community representatives in services provision etc.

Additionally, the proposed Framework should allow to consider the influence of the local political and financial aspect of the OST service provision on its programmatic sustainability within the transition.

### ***Stages of work***

- Before developing the OPSAF and the assessment methodology the already existing transition readiness and sustainability assessment tools should be reviewed such as [Transition Readiness Assessment Tool \(TRAT\)](#) developed by EHRN, tools being developed by Curatio, APMG, WHO, Palladium, Aceso Global/APMG etc.
- After the review is done the consultant could proceed with drafting the OST Programmatic Sustainability Assessment Framework. The draft Framework should be agreed with the EHRA.
- After the OPSAF is developed and agreed with EHRA consultant could proceed with development of the specific methodology for the required assessment as well as development of the relevant instrument\tool allowing to do the required measurements

The consultant is expected to stay in close communication with the EHRA staff members designated to supervise this work including participation in conference calls when required.

### ***Expected result***

Next products should be delivered as a result of the work being done by consultant under this ToR:

- OST Programmatic Sustainability Assessment Framework (OPSAF) which should indicate and justify the areas of OST programmatic sustainability to be analyzed as well as indicators specific for each area identified to be measured;
- Methodology to assess the programmatic sustainability of OST services in accordance with the developed Framework;
- Instrument(s) required to do such assessment including the instruction for local consultants on how to use the them.

### ***Timeframe***

- EHRA should be provided with the draft Framework by 20.03.2019
- EHRA should be provided with the draft description of the assessment methodology as well as the instrument(s) by 25.03.2019
- To provide EHRA with the final products by 30.03.2019

### ***Payment***

EHRA will pay a lump sum for services indicated above in ToR. Total fee for services under this ToR is 5 000 USD (including the taxes). Payment will be done within 10 days after services provided and confirmed by EHRA.

### ***Requirement to the consultant***

Submitted applications will be evaluated by a selection committee at the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association. To assess the tender applications, the following criteria will be used:

- Relevant experience in development of the similar kind of framework documents as required within the ToR as well as research methodologies (links on the examples of relevant documents should be provided in the Letter of Interest); (30 points maximum).
- High level of knowledge of OST programs including their programmatic, organizational, financial and political aspects (should be clear from the Letter of Interest); (30 points maximum).
- High level of knowledge on the Global Fund related sustainability and transition processes. The experience of country, regional or global level involvement in such processes is highly appreciated (should be clear from the Letter of Interest); (30 points maximum).
- Excellent written and spoken English (knowledge of Russian could be an advantage); (10 points maximum).

The maximum possible amount of points is 100.

***How to apply***

The candidates are invited to submit their CV and Letter of Interest by e-mail referenced under title "Consultant to develop OPSAF" to [ivan@harmreductioneurasia.org](mailto:ivan@harmreductioneurasia.org) by 24:00 EET, 04 of March 2019.

Letter of Interest and CV should clearly reflect the competencies of the candidate required to complete this task.