



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy Service for Legal Environmental Assessment for TB Services in Tanzania

1. Background and Context

Tanzania TB Community Network (TTCN) is a national network Civil Society and Communities bringing together community voices to inform policies and improve programming on tuberculosis (TB). Our mission is to support improvement of health and wellbeing of communities through coordination, capacity building and promotion of innovative leadership among CS and communities to effectively contribute to ending TB in Tanzania.

People with TB experience infringements of their human rights on a daily basis. In far too many cases, they lack access to effective testing and treatment, face discrimination in employment and health care settings, and are unnecessarily detained and isolated against their will. Yet, even as TB has surpassed HIV as the top infectious disease killer in the world and the global threat from multidrug-resistant TB continues to grow, the ethical and legal issues around TB remain largely neglected in national TB programs and research agendas. There has long been a call for a shift toward a “human rights-based approach” in TB—building policies and programs explicitly on the norms and values set out in international human rights law, treating people with TB as rights holders in their interaction with the health system, and working to overcome stigma and discrimination as individuals who fear discrimination and coercion may avoid diagnosis and treatment.

At the UN, heads of state committed to removing discriminatory laws and policies against people with TB, protecting and promoting their human rights and dignity, as a key part of a strategy to improve the TB response and end the epidemic. TTCN is committed to advancing the promotion and protection of equity and human rights for people affected by TB. This commitment aligns to the United Nations High Level Meeting on TB Political Declaration, the End TB Strategy, the Global Plan to End TB and the Nairobi Strategy on TB and Human Rights. As part of this commitment TTCN with support from the Stop TB Partnership is seeking a consultant to Conduct Legal Environmental Assessment (LEA) for TB services in Tanzania.

2. Objective of the Assignment

The main objective of this assignment is to identify and review TB and any other related laws, regulations, guidelines, policies and practices that have an impact in the national response to TB. Specifically, the assignment aims to.

- a) To identify and analyse the existing national legal and regulatory framework to show how they affect overall TB response at different levels.
- b) Conduct a critical analysis of a defined list of legal and regulatory frameworks related to TB and show how they undermine or support national TB response within the United Republic of Tanzania.
- c) Conduct analysis of the laws, policies and regulations that are TB related and see through the process the extent to which the population right to access TB services is



protected with emphasis on Key Vulnerable populations' access to TB related services.

- d) Critically examine the level of sensitization, understanding and compliance with the TB related laws among the lawmakers, law enforcers and service deliverers/providers when enforcing and delivering TB related services.
- e) Provide specific recommendations on concrete actions that can be taken on laws and regulations considered necessary to be reformed to improve TB response.

3. Scope of Work

- a) Identifying and collecting relevant policies, legal and research documents for literature review
- b) In collaboration with NTLP & TTCN team, Organize and facilitate Virtual/Physical meetings to establish grounds for LEA development and validation.
- c) Mapping out of stakeholders to be consulted
- d) Reviewing access to justice including institutional frameworks for access to justice and law enforcement in relation to health services with particular attention to TB prevention, treatment and care.
- e) Assessing the current legal, regulatory and policy environment in terms of the extent to which it is conducive to TB response.
- f) Identifying protective laws, regulations, policies and programmes, which support human rights and access to health services within the context of TB.
- g) Identifying punitive laws and prohibitive policies which pose barriers to human rights and access to health services within the context of TB.
- h) Identifying gaps and weaknesses in the current legal, regulatory and policy frameworks for TB Prevention, treatment and care and impact mitigation
- i) Compiling recommendations for public health –related legal and policy environment, law review and reform, strengthening access to justice as well as ensuring enforcement of rights, and creation of an effective response to TB.

4. Deliverables

- a) Inception report detailing the general understanding of the assignment, methodology, work plan, and deliverables.
- b) LEA report
- c) LEA Policy brief and scorecard.

5. Qualifications of the Consultant

a) Required Skills and Experience Education:

- Advanced University degree in Law



b) Functional Competencies:

- Expert knowledge of human rights, legal framework, health and the law.
- Experience of conducting legal environment assessments.
- Knowledge of the national legal and political context.
- Significant experience working with national institutions and conducting advocacy.
- Extensive knowledge of the national TB sector.
- Ability to research and write at a high level.
- Expert knowledge of government processes.
- Ability to research and conduct interviews with key informants; and
- Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc.) and advance knowledge of spreadsheet and database packages.

c) Core Competencies:

- Ability to produce high quality outputs in a timely manner while understanding and anticipating the evolving client needs.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently, produce high quality outputs.
- Sound judgment, strategic thinking and the ability to manage competing priorities.
- Demonstrates integrity by modelling TTCN's values and ethical standards.
- Promotes the vision, mission, and strategic goals of TTCN.
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.
- Treats all people fairly without prejudice; and
- Fulfils all obligations to gender sensitivity and zero tolerance for sexual harassment.

d) Experience:

- Minimum of 7 years of relevant experience is required.

e) Language:

- Excellent written and spoken English.

6. Documents to be included when submitting the proposal.



- Personal CV, including information about past experience in similar assignments and contact details for referees.
- Financial proposal
- A Cover Letter stating why you are qualified.

7. Duration

The consultant will be engaged for a period of 30 days after signing the contractual agreement.

8. How to Apply

All application documents should be sent to TTCN through email ttcn@ttcn.or.tz by **15th December 2023**.