REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
for
Impact Evaluation of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP)

Ref: SAMS/NACP/EOI/IE-ART/2016/01
Dated: 15th June, 2016

1. The Government of India has received Grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) to meet a portion of the cost of the NACP-IV and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this Grant will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Request for Expression of Interest is issued. The NACP-IV is supported by various donor partners viz. World Bank, GFATM and other donor partners, including funds of Govt. of India. The NACP-IV is being implemented by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and State / UT / District AIDS Control Societies (SACS) in 39 States / UTs of India.

2. NACP-IV aims to provide "Universal access to comprehensive, equitable, stigma-free, quality care support and treatment services to all PLHIV using integrated approach. Currently there are 527 ART Centres providing services to more than 11.57 lakh people living with HIV (PLHIV).

3. Strategic Alliance Management Services Pvt. Ltd. (SAMS) acting as Procurement Agent on behalf of National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), MoHFW, Government of India now invites eligible consultant organizations to indicate their interest in conducting Impact Evaluation of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) covering the entire Country.

4. The consultant organisation will be required to evaluate effectiveness / impact of ART components and also its attribution to overall NACP Goals, covering the 10 major parameters viz. quality of life of PLHIV; mortality of PLHIV; morbidity in PLHIV; HIV transmission rates; HIV incidence; opportunistic infection profile; incidence of TB in PLHIV; hospitalization rates; new infection in children; and cost-benefit analysis of Antiretroviral Therapy.

5. The EoI should be sent along with capability statement, demonstrating that the consultant organization and associating organization (as the case may be) have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services, including a profile of the lead organization and collaborating /associating organizations (if any), number of years of experience in conducting similar assignments, details of similar assignments (ongoing or completed) during last 5 financial years, financial turnover of last three financial years, availability of in-house key skills and experience (individual CVs are not required at this stage).

6. The shortlisting criteria shall be as follows:
   (a) The consultant organisation and associating organization (as the case may be) should have completed at least 3 similar assignments in social sector in India, preferably in public health and HIV/AIDS.
   (b) The consultant organization and associating organization (as the case may be) should have overall experience in conducting similar assignments for last 5 years as on the due date of submission of EOI.
   (c) The consultant organization and associating organization (as the case may be) should have in-house availability of key skills and experience in developing research protocols / methodology and conducting impact evaluation.
   (d) The consultant organization and associating organization (as the case may be) should have achieved average turnover of at least Rs.10 Cr. during last three Financial Years.

7. Any EOI with inadequate information and those which do not meet the above criteria or received after the closing date will not be considered. EOI should be as concise and as focused as possible to give evidence of the above requirements.

8. The consultants will be selected in accordance with the “Combined-Quality-Cum-Cost Based System” (CQCCBS) and procedures set out in the ‘General Financial Rule – 2005’ and ‘Manual of Policies and Procedure of Employment of Consultants’ issued by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

9. The EoIs should be mailed (hard or soft copy) to the address mentioned above so as to arrive no later than 17.00 hrs on July 08, 2016. Only the shortlisted consultants shall be later invited to submit detailed technical and financial proposals.

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