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Office Memorandum

Subject: Constitution of National Working Group for Community System Strengthening (CSS) and Community Led Monitoring under NACP.

As you are aware, communities are at the forefront of the NACP and moving forward with new phase of NACP, NACO envisions a stronger community engagement, involvement and community ownership at all levels of the programme.

Against this backdrop, a National Stakeholder Consultation on Community Systems Strengthening (CSS) was organised on 18th February 2021, with active involvement of Community members, civil society representatives, programme experts, and other development partners, bilateral agencies officials of SACS, NACO & TSUs. The report of the consultation is enclosed.

In accordance to the recommendations, NACO asked UNAIDS to seek nominations from civil societies and community networks to set up a National Working Group to guide and oversee the implementation of CSS in India as well as recommend to NACO the final draft of Implementing Framework, Standard Operating Procedures, for NACO to adopt as national guidelines as well as monitor and provide inputs on the implementation CSS and Community Led Monitoring (CLM). The term of reference (TOR) for the CSS National Working Group is enclosed.


Nominations facilitated by UNAIDS, the composition of CSS National Working Group is as below:

S. No	Role	Name	Organisation/ Affiliation
1	KP and PLHIV Community representatives	Ms. Ayesha Rai,	National Network of Sex Workers
2		Mr. Sudhir Patil	National Network of Sex Workers
3		Mr. Yadvendra Singh	India Network of Sexual Minorities
4		Mx. Sowmya T Gupta	India Network of Sexual Minorities
5		Mr. Manoj Pardesi	National Coalition of People living with HIV in India
6		Ms. Daxa Patel	National Coalition of People living with HIV in India
7		Ms. Kousalya P	Positive Women Network
8		Ms. D. Padmavathy	Positive Women Network
9		Ms. Laxmi Narayan Tripathi	National Association of Transgender Thirunangai Kinnar Arawani Hijra
10		Ms. Ranjita Sinha	National Association of Transgender Thirunangai Kinnar Arawani Hijra
11		Mrs. Laitamma Hosamani	Taaras Coalition
12		Mr. Suresh Garagatti	Taaras Coalition
13		Mr. Abou Mere	Indian Drug User Forum
14		Mr. Charan Sharma	Indian Drug User Forum
15		Ms Kusum	All India Network of Sex Workers
16		Ms Manjula Ramaiah	All India Network of Sex Workers
17		Ms Jhannabi	CSO Caucus
18		Mr. Barry	CSO Caucus

19	Youth representatives	Ms. Karon Lama
20		Mr. Sadam Hanjabam
21		Mr. Peter F. Borges
22	Community experts	Ms. Mona Mishra
23		Dr Sundar Sundararaman
24	Special invitees	UNAIDS, USAID, CDC FHI 360, SWASTI, Humsafar Trust, VHS, Alliance India, Any other Bilateral or Implementing partner working in CSS/CLM

The group may identify its own chairperson, rapporteur and moderator on a rotational basis and all meetings will be facilitated by UNAIDS. Meetings may be held at a frequency of at least once in a month (Virtually / partly physically) and as and when required in alignment with the roll out of activities by the implementing partners.

NACO may be kept apprised of the proceedings.


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To,

1. Dr Bilali Camara, Country Director, UNAIDS
2. Ms Nandini Kapoor, Adviser, UNAIDS
3. All Members of the National Working Group

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1. PPS to AS & DG, NACO
2. All Programme Divisions of NACO
3. All bilateral and implementing partners