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**Request for Proposal (RFP)
For
Evaluation of Impact of Antiretroviral Therapy under NACP**

- 1) National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt of India is implementing the National AIDS Control Programme Phase IV funded by Government of India, GFATM and other donor partners.
- 2) Under the National AIDS Control Programme, the Government of India launched the free ART initiative in April 2004 at 8 hospitals. The program has adopted the public health approach for provision of ART. This implies a comprehensive prevention, care and treatment services, with a standardized, simplified combination of ART regimen, a regular secure supply of good quality ARV drugs, and a robust monitoring and evaluations system.
- 3) There has been a substantial scale-up of antiretroviral treatment (ART) services to reduce mortality and morbidity related to HIV/AIDS related deaths and to improve the quality of life of those infected by HIV.
- 4) **NACP aims to provide “Universal access to comprehensive, equitable, stigma-free, quality care, support and treatment services to all PLHIV using an integrated approach”.** Currently there are 519 ART centres providing services to more than 11.57 lakh people living with HIV/AIDS. Over the years, scale up has not just been in terms of number of centres but also to improve the quality of services provided to PLHIV. In order to achieve this, initiatives have been undertaken in the last few years like introduction of alternative first line and second line ART, Centres of Excellence for adults and pediatrics, ART plus centres, Link ART centre, Link ART plus centres and Pediatric ART.
- 5) However, NACO is planning for impact evaluation of ART initiative across the country. This involves evaluation of effectiveness of ART component and also its attribution to overall NACP goals. The major parameters would be to assess impact of ART

- a. on quality of life of PLHIV,
- b. mortality in PLHIV,
- c. Morbidities in PLHIV
- d. HIV transmission rates
- e. HIV incidence,
- f. Opportunistic infections profile,
- g. incidence of TB in PLHIV
- h. hospitalization rates
- i. new infection in children
- j. Cost – Benefit Analysis of Antiretroviral Therapy

For this, NACO invites RFP from the interested research/academic organizations that will be required to carry out following activities for conducting impact evaluation:

- Develop protocols and methodology for impact evaluation
- Develop multicentre collaborations so that the assessment is representative of entire ART programme across the country
- Implement impact evaluation covering the entire country
- Report preparation and submission

- 1) The interested organization must submit RFP for above proposal at national level.
- 2) The shortlisted organization will provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services pan –India with a capability statement (not more than 5 pages) including organization's profile, existing infrastructure including manpower, number of years of experience in conducting research/evaluation related activities. Evaluation of public health programmes, availability of key skills and experience in developing and implementing impact evaluations and other description of similar assignments, if any, executed during last 3-4 financial years.
- 3) The RFPs shall be evaluated strictly based on the substantive information / credentials / documentary evidences submitted by organization in support of the information as asked above.
- 4) The interested organization may obtain further information at the address given above during office hours [9:00 AM to 5:30 PM]. Please submit detailed technical and

financial proposals. The approx budget for the same is 1 million USD. However, the most cost-effective RFP will be considered.

- 5) Clarification, if any, may be sought within 15 days from the date of publication of RFP.
- 6) The RFP may be delivered to Under Secretary (Admin & Procurement) at the address 9th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi -110001 latest by 15:00 Hrs within 15 days from date of advertisement. Any RFP received after the closing date will not be considered.

Under Secretary (Admin & Procurement)