



REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

Reference: RFQ-2014-07

Consultancy: Drafting the 34 PCB Background Paper on Thematic Session on
“Addressing social and economic drivers of HIV through social protection”

1. Overview

The 33rd UNAIDS Program Co-ordinating Board (PCB) meeting agreed that the themes for the 34th and 35th meetings be respectively *Addressing social and economic drivers of HIV through social protection* and *Halving HIV infections among people who inject drugs*. The discussions on the social economic drivers of HIV offer two major opportunities. It comes before the Post 2015 discussions of the September 2014 68th UN General Assembly meeting. Effective positioning of HIV in September meeting is critical. Consolidating the relationship between the end of AIDS and end of poverty discussions is another critical opportunity presented by the 34th PCB meeting.

2. Social economic drivers and social protection

Addressing the social and economic drivers of HIV through social protection requires a strong grasp of the changing profile of the AIDS epidemic and its response, and the interplay of social economic drivers of the AIDS response and the broader social protection movement.

Structural – legal, political, social-economic - factors are beyond individual knowledge, awareness and control which influence HIV risk and vulnerability. Social protection, on the other hand, seeks to reduce extreme poverty, inequality, inequity and exclusion. It refers to initiatives that provide income or consumption transfers to the poor, protect the vulnerable against livelihood risks, and enhance social status and rights of the marginalised.

Although the pathways from social protection to HIV outcomes are complex, social protection contributes to achieving HIV outcomes in two ways. It addresses the structural drivers of HIV and directly enhances HIV program activities through incentives and behavioural economics approaches.

3. Scope of the assignment

The final delivery of the consultancy is the draft background paper for the 34 PCB thematic session. The draft background document should be technically sound drawing on leading literature, country experiences, pushing the frontiers of understanding on the subject and leading to logical recommendations. It should reflect UNAIDS co-sponsors, member countries and civil society perspectives. It should also be politically supportable by articulating consensus and managing potential constituency disagreements on the topic. Final draft must be presented in English.

Working directly and collaboratively with the Senior Advisor Social Protection, relevant UNAIDS staff and partners including members of Social Protection Working Group and in line with relevant deadlines, the consultant will:



- Draft the background document as per outline in Annex 1 including incorporating relevant feedback
- Participate remotely or in person in relevant planning meetings of the PCB thematic session. In person participation is not mandatory
- Participate in the July 1-3, 2014 session including capturing and articulating the discussions and providing a summary report

4. Deliverables

- Final 30 pages background document plus annexes
- A summary report of the 34 PCB thematic session

5. Duration

The consultancy is expected to start on April 14, 2014 until July 3. Participation in the PCB July 1-3 is required and travel costs should be included in the total bid.

5. Requirements, knowledge and experience

Advanced university degree in public health or social science

Experience:

Essential: A minimum of 10 years' experience working on complex health and development programs in senior capacity at national and international level. Thorough understanding of the HIV epidemic and its impact and proficient knowledge of broader development and poverty alleviation interventions and their impact on the AIDS response is essential. Experience with UNAIDS and other UN management structures and process is an advantage.

Language: Advanced knowledge of English and knowledge of another UN language

Timeline:

The work must be completed by mid-May, 2014 to be used at the 34th PCB to be held from July 1-3, 2014 in Geneva

Evaluation:

UNAIDS will evaluate proposals based on the best value for money principles.

Questions:

Questions can be submitted to Bids@unaids.org not later than March 28, 2014 in writing by email.

Deadline for providing quotations:

Quotations including the bidder's CV outlining qualifications and experience, proposed approach and financial bid must be submitted by **Friday, April 4, 2014** to TechnicalBids@unaids.org with the subject line: **RFQ-2014-07**