

Standard 'Call For Proposals' (CFP)

Human Rights Initiative for access to quality TB services

Introduction and Background

UNOPS has hosted Stop TB Partnership Secretariat as of 1 January 2015. The Stop TB Partnership ("STBP"), under the direction of the Executive Secretary, is leading the way to a world without tuberculosis (TB), a disease that is curable but still kills three people every minute. Founded in 2001, the Partnership's mission is to serve every person who is vulnerable to TB and ensure that high-quality treatment is available to all who need it.

STBP, through this Call for Proposal (CFP), invites proposals from qualified organizations interested in receiving grant support for a project that will map 23 USAID priority countries, to identify where governments are obligated to ensure the human right of access to quality TB services and where those obligations are being met or not. Subsequently the project will develop a series of legal and policy strategies and interventions to bring the human rights commitments of governments and highlight where there is room for improvement in meeting these obligations.

Access to affordable and effective TB services is more than a desirable outcome- in accordance with many national constitutions, regulatory structures and international treaty commitments, it is a basic human right. Many of the 23 USAID priority TB countries have committed to either national or international binding legal obligations to ensure that the entire population has access to quality TB services. While many countries are bound to provide these services, in practice this has not been achieved.

The objective of this CFP is to identify an organization that can map governments' human rights obligations, document human rights linkages and obligations, develop health equity strategies, reform legal frameworks and litigation results for access to quality TB services.

1. General instructions for proposal submission

How to submit?

Grantees are requested to submit their complete application as per the grant application instructions provided in the CFP and in an electronic form (PDF) to the below e-mail address.

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When to submit?

Deadline: **Monday, 06 February 2017, 12:00 noon (Geneva time)**

2. Eligibility criteria as per project agreement

Eligibility criteria for this grant are:

- A. International/non-governmental organization or specialized institute.
- B. Demonstrated experience and expertise in:
 - Access to Health care and Coverage Law and Policy
 - Public health Law, Policy and Ethics

- Innovative solutions for the most pressing health concerns facing the nation and the world through research, scholarship, and reflective engagement with partners in the public and private sectors;
 - Litigation of health-related rights at the national, regional and international levels;
- C. Presence and/or network to carry out the project activities in multiple countries.
- D. Good working relationships with key stakeholders in the TB space, including but not limited to governments, national TB programmes, TB affected communities and key populations e.g. migrants, prisoners, etc, and with UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health.
- E. Legal expertise or scholarship with first-hand experience in conducting systematic legal analysis of national and international legal frameworks. In-depth expertise and established research base on national and global health legislation and policies, including right to health accountability mechanisms.
- F. Administrative, financial, and technical capacity to carry out the project activities within the time frame required.

3. Description of scope of work

Support is requested for a project that will initially map 23 USAID priority countries to identify where governments are obligated to ensure the human right of access to quality TB services and where those obligations are being met or not. Subsequently the project will develop a series of legal and policy strategies and interventions to bring the human rights commitments of governments and highlight where there is room for improvement in meeting these obligations.

The organization who will undertake the project will work in close collaboration with Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, their partners and stakeholders, in strong coordination with partners engaged in the implementation of the Nairobi Strategy, and will be required to:

1. Partner with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health - the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health - and produce a report on the status of TB in one or more countries/ regions highlighting the degree to which countries are meeting their human rights commitments towards access to quality TB services and commodities. This component will be undertaken after discussion with the Special Rapporteur.
2. Develop guidance on national health equity strategies to address needs and barriers of different marginalized populations, including with respect to access to TB services as needed (with the strategies identifying the marginalized groups, the causes and extent of inequities for each population including mechanisms to ensure accountability and participation, propose solutions to reduce and eliminate inequities), and identify countries and local partners best positioned to engage in developing a national health equity strategy;
3. Utilize legal and judicial avenues to protect the rights of migrants by working with local advocates and push for expanded access to quality TB services at the national and sub national level by upholding the government's obligations under the right to health, (which prohibits any level of discrimination against migrants regardless of their legal status);
4. Pursue litigation and other legal strategies through partner organizations to protect of the rights of prisoners to receive adequate medical services, including access to quality TB prevention and treatment services.

The expected duration of the project is for one year starting.

4. Evaluation process

In line with UNOPS evaluation principles of fairness, transparency and integrity, an independent Grant Evaluation and Selection Committee will be responsible for the review of proposals and the Grantee selection.

A two-stage procedure will be utilized in evaluating the proposals, with evaluation of the technical component being completed prior to any budget component being considered. The budget component will be evaluated only for those applicants whose technical component meets the requirements for the CFP. Any non-compliant proposal may automatically be eliminated from the evaluation process.

The technical component, which has a total possible value of 100 points, will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Technical Criteria	Maximum Score
Nature of the proposing organization, legal status (registration with government approved authority), and organizational and financial capacity (annual financial statements, membership and affiliation to association or umbrella groupings).	20
Demonstrating existing technical experience in access to Health care and Coverage Law and Policy, Litigation of health-related rights and Innovative solution to public health concerns.	30
Project approach, work plan of activities and timeline;	30
Provide technical legal support to utilize legal and judicial avenues to protect the rights of migrants	20
Maximum Score: Technical Component	100

Only proposals that have a Technical Component receiving more than 70 points out of the potential 100 points shall be considered for financial evaluation.

Financial proposals will be evaluated following the completion of the technical evaluation.

A detailed budget breakdown covering all costs and only costs which directly relate to efficiently carrying out the grant activities shall be submitted. Grant overheads may not exceed 10% of the total budget.

A grant will be awarded to the grantee with the most attractive combination of technical and financial proposals.

5. UNOPS Grant Support Agreement

The UNOPS Standard Grant Support Agreement (GSA) containing UNOPS General Conditions for Grant Support Agreements (*Annex D of the [UNOPS Grant Support Agreement template](#)*) is herewith attached. The GSA constitutes an integral part of this CFP as it is mandatory to accept this agreement with its conditions before submitting a proposal.

6. Interest / Grantee Application template

If your organization is interested in submitting a grant proposal in response to this CFP, please kindly submit a grant application addressing the technical and financial requirements outlined in sections two to four of this CFP.

My organization _____ is hereby formally interested in the advertised grant program/component and is submitting a proposal within the established timeframe.

Authorized signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____