



## Request for Proposals

### Me and my healthcare provider campaign: Brazil, Haiti, Jamaica and Mexico

Proposals will be received until 11 March 2019 at 08:00 UTC +02:00

#### 1. Purpose:

This Request for Proposals (RfP) is a call for organisations based in Brazil, Haiti, Jamaica and Mexico to express interest in partnering with IAS on the Me and My Healthcare provider campaign.

The partner organization should have a website and must be a locally registered network of people living with HIV or organization run by or advocating for and delivering services to key populations. The organization should have been registered for at least 2 years.

#### 2. About the IAS Me and My Healthcare Provider campaign

The IAS Me & My Healthcare Provider campaign, established in 2016 as part of the IAS Nobody Left Behind initiative, promotes best practice in healthcare service delivery that reduces stigma and discrimination. The campaign recognizes doctors, nurses, clinic receptionists, pharmacists and other frontline healthcare workers who deliver quality HIV prevention, treatment and care services to key populations, often in the face of discriminatory laws, traditions and belief systems. Based on the personal experiences and stories shared by these Healthcare Champions, the campaign fosters a better understanding of the factors that enable healthcare practitioners to “do the right thing”. The objective of the campaign is to contribute towards increasing the number of men who have sex with men, sex workers, transgender people and injecting drug users who access comprehensive HIV services.

Since 2016, the IAS has organized three rounds of the campaign, where the IAS solicited nominations from men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers, and people who inject drugs for four Healthcare Champions to honour their work and commitment to service provision. Accompanied by their nominators, the Champions were invited to attend the International AIDS Conference or the IAS Conference on HIV Science taking place in the respective year of the campaign. They were honoured during an award ceremony in a high-profile conference session, took part in press conferences and the Global Village programme, met for discussions with key experts, attended relevant conference sessions, and had an opportunity to network with professionals in the HIV community.

To continue inspiring replication of stigma- and discrimination-free practice, the selected Champions feature in multimedia profiles that are promoted after each conference through a social media [campaign](#).

#### 3. Partnership agreement

The IAS Me and My Healthcare provider campaign will support four seed grants of USD 12,000 to each local partner organisations for a period of 9 months (18 March 2019 – 18 December 2019). There will be one partner organization in each of these countries: Brazil, Haiti, Jamaica



and Mexico. Each partner organization will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on progress of the grant and post training report.

#### **4. Deliverables**

The partner organizations will be expected to complete two stages:

**Stage 1 (18 March – 31 May):** Co-design and implement a national round of the campaign

- Create the nomination form on the website and solicit applications
- Review the applications received
- In collaboration with the IAS, select 4 pairs that cover a diversity of key populations and/or healthcare providers
- Identify at least 1 local highly visible event where the healthcare provider champions could be publicly recognised
- Film the healthcare provider champion and nominator stories, following a format agreed with the IAS

**Stage 2 (1 June – 18 December):** Develop activities (in-person or online) against stigma and discrimination

- Identify existing or planned trainings and courses run by the partner organisation for healthcare workers that the healthcare provider champions and nominators could participate in
- Conduct clinic-level stigma survey before and after the training to measure the impact it had on stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings.

#### **Attending “kick-off” calls:**

- 21st March – Call hosted by the IAS with the 4 selected partner organizations to discuss the deliverables, timelines, training ideas and local visible events
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Call hosted by the IAS with the 4 partner organizations on the selected Me and My Healthcare provider champions and filming needs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Call hosted by the IAS with the 4 partner organizations on progress update and monitoring and evaluation reporting

**5. Period:** 18 March 2019 to 18 December 2019

#### **6. Proposal requirements:**

The proposal should clearly outline how project deliverables (see point 4) will be met. It should be no longer than 2 pages in length and include a description of:

- 1) past experience of the organization, including organizational registration details
- 2) ideas of at least 1 local highly visible event where the healthcare provider champions could be publicly recognized,
- 3) existing or planned training activity where the healthcare provider champions could be integrated,
- 4) surveys usually conducted prior to and post the training.
- 5) biography of the coordinator within the local partner organization



6) A detailed budget and timelines should be included as annexes (including salary contribution, travel (of the healthcare providers to the training), other direct costs (venue if applicable, filming, printing costs) and indirect cost)).

#### **7. Submission details:**

Proposals must be received via e-mail, before 8am (UTC +02:00) on **11 March 2019**. Proposals should be addressed to Nelli Bazarova, HIV Programmes & Advocacy, IAS, with “RfP (name of your organisation) – Me and My Healthcare Provider campaign” listed in the title. Please email all proposals to [nelly.bazarova@iasociety.org](mailto:nelly.bazarova@iasociety.org).

**If you do not hear back from us by 18<sup>th</sup> march then your submission has not been selected.**

#### **8. About the International AIDS Society:**

Founded in 1988, the International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 180 countries. IAS members work on all fronts of the global response to AIDS, and include researchers, clinicians, policy and programme planners and public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic.

The IAS organizes the world's two most prestigious HIV conferences, each convened biennially in alternating years. The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health or development issue, and provides a unique forum for the intersection of science and advocacy. The IAS Conference on Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention brings together a broad cross section of HIV professionals and features the latest HIV science, with a focus on implementation – moving scientific advances into practice.

In addition, the IAS advocates for urgent action to reduce the global impact of HIV, including increased investment in HIV cure research; optimizing treatment and care for infants, children and adolescents with HIV in resource-limited settings; preventing and treating HIV-related co-infections; and expanding access to prevention, treatment and care for key populations at higher risk for HIV – such as men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, sex workers and transgender individuals – including protecting their human rights by combatting punitive laws and discriminatory policies.

More information on IAS can be found at [www.iasociety.org](http://www.iasociety.org).