



Mapping of country partners and stakeholders involved in HIV-related stigma and discrimination in seven countries

Request for proposals

Closing date and time: 23 November 2023, 23:00 CET

1. About the IAS

IAS – the International AIDS Society – convenes, educates and advocates for a world in which HIV no longer presents a threat to public health and individual well-being. After the emergence of HIV and AIDS, concerned scientists created the IAS to bring together experts from across the world and disciplines to promote a concerted HIV response. Today, the IAS and its members unite scientists, policy makers and activists to galvanize the scientific response, build global solidarity and enhance human dignity for all those living with and affected by HIV. The IAS also hosts the world's most prestigious HIV conferences: the International AIDS Conference, the IAS Conference on HIV Science and the HIV Research for Prevention Conference.

Find more information about the IAS at www.iasociety.org.

2. About the Heart of Stigma programme

HIV-related stigma and discrimination continue to be major barriers to ending AIDS as a public health threat. In 2020, the IAS launched the Heart of Stigma programme to bring attention to HIV-related stigma and the effectiveness of stigma-mitigation efforts. The Heart of Stigma



programme actively supports stakeholders in the HIV response to scale up efforts to eliminate HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

Find more information about this initiative at <https://www.iasociety.org/ias-programme/heart-stigma>.

3. Purpose

The IAS is supporting the Focal Country Collaboration (FCC) countries – Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Jamaica, South Africa, Mozambique, Thailand and potentially Ukraine – in their efforts to combat HIV-related stigma and discrimination. We are, therefore, seeking proposals for a consultancy aimed at mapping the landscape of national stakeholders involved in this crucial area. This consultancy's primary objective is to conduct a comprehensive mapping and description of the engagement of all relevant partners at the country level within these target nations, with the goal of addressing HIV-related stigma and discrimination comprehensively.

The scope of the consultancy encompasses identifying and detailing the involvement of various stakeholders, including government entities within ministries of health and other pertinent ministries, HIV implementing partners, networks representing people living with HIV, relevant community-based and community-led organizations, academics, researchers and funding organizations. Our focus is to understand who is actively participating in efforts to reduce HIV-related stigma and discrimination, the nature of their contributions, the extent of their engagement and the progress they have achieved to date.

The information collected through this consultancy will be a valuable resource to foster enhanced collaboration and fortify initiatives aimed at reducing HIV-related stigma and discrimination within the selected countries. Our goal is to strengthen these efforts at the individual country level and by facilitating cross-country collaboration.

4. Objectives and estimated effort

Objective 1: Research and data collection (estimated time: 8-12 working days)

- Conduct a landscape review and analysis of potential stakeholders.
- Compile an inventory of current projects, initiatives and funding aimed at reducing HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

Objective 2: Analysis and categorization (estimated time: 7-12 working days)

- Describe and categorize stakeholders based on their roles and contributions.
- Assess the strengths and gaps in the existing network of stakeholders.

Objective 3: Reporting and visualization (estimated time: 10-15 working days)



- Create a map or other visual representation of the stakeholders to depict the landscape.
- Prepare a final report summarizing findings and recommendations.

5. Deliverables

Deliverable 1: Landscape analysis document: A thorough analysis that identifies existing stakeholders, their roles and current initiatives aimed at reducing HIV-related stigma and discrimination

Deliverable 2: Stakeholder inventory: An Excel spreadsheet or database that includes details of all identified stakeholders, their contact information and a brief description of their contributions to HIV-related stigma and discrimination reduction efforts

Deliverable 3: Categorized stakeholder list: A document categorizing partners based on their roles and contributions, as well as an assessment of the strengths and gaps in the existing network. This could be separate from, or part of, the stakeholder inventory

Deliverable 4: Stakeholder mapping: A digital map or equivalent visual representation illustrating the landscape of stakeholders, projects and funding sources

Deliverable 5: Final report: A comprehensive report that summarizes the findings from the landscape analysis, categorization and mapping efforts, and provides actionable recommendations

Deliverable 6: Presentation deck: A PowerPoint presentation summarizing the key findings and recommendations, suitable for sharing with stakeholders and the IAS team

6. Proposal requirements

- A two-page overview of the approach to the country stakeholder mapping
- CV and a summary of relevant experience
- Two to three references from previous clients
- A daily rate
- For individual consultants: Recent evidence that you are a registered freelancer in your country of residence

7. Qualifications for consultants

- Hold an advanced degree and a minimum of five to seven years of relevant experience in the fields of public health, social sciences or related disciplines. Experience in global health and/or HIV is highly desired.
- Demonstrated expertise in stakeholder mapping and analysis, as well as conducting stakeholder interviews for data collection and analysis.



- Submission of two or three recent writing samples that are relevant to public health initiatives or stakeholder analyses. These should be submitted in a digital format along with your application.

8. Timeline

The consultancy is expected to take 25-30 working days within four months of the contract start date.

A specific work plan will be agreed upon selection of the candidate.

9. Submissions details

Please send proposals to nostigma@iasociety.org with the subject, "RfP - Mapping HIV-stigma stakeholders", by 23 November 2023, 23:00 CET. For more information, email nostigma@iasociety.org.

This request for proposals (RfPs) aligns with our broader efforts to comprehensively understand and address HIV-related issues and will complement two other concurrent RfPs. One of these seeks to review measurement tools for HIV-related stigma and discrimination. The other seeks to review and evaluate country-led self-assessment tools for HIV.

These three complementary RfPs aim to strengthen our collective response to HIV, enhancing both prevention and response strategies by addressing both the measurement of stigma and discrimination and the development of effective self-assessment tools for positive change. Interested and qualified parties are welcome to submit proposals for one or more of the RfPs.