HIV CONSULTANCY
Terms of Reference

This consultancy is requested by:

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1. Purpose of the Consultancy
This local consultancy will contribute to the WHO’s overall technical support to the Philippines against the HIV epidemic.

2. Background
Thirty years into the HIV pandemic, the Philippines finds itself facing a growing HIV incidence. Previously a 'low and slow' country, the HIV incidence in the Philippines has grown rapidly beginning mid-2000s. Prior to 2007, the HIV incidence in the country was one new HIV infection diagnosed a day. However, that has dramatically increased to 26 new HIV infections diagnosed every day in 2016. The World AIDS Report showed that the Philippines is one of the nine countries-among the 186 reporting countries-where HIV infection is highest and continue to increase rapidly. There were already 34,999 reported HIV cases in the country from January 1984 to June 2016.

The WHO needs to strengthen its technical support to the country in view of the rapid worsening of the HIV epidemic. This consultancy will bolster the technical support of the WHO and the country’s efforts against HIV.

3. Planned timelines
Start date: 1 April 2017
End date: 31 December 2017

4. Work to be performed
Under the supervision and guidance of the Communicable Diseases Team Coordinator of WHO Country Office Philippines (as the first level supervisor) and the HSI Team Coordinator WPRO (as the second level supervisor), the consultant will perform the following functions:

- Provide technical assistance to the DOH, its institutions at all levels and other partners against HIV, particularly related to the following aspects:
  - Prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care
  - Procurement and supply of quality-assured drugs and diagnostics
• Political commitment with increased and sustained financing
• Health and community systems strengthening
• Private sector and large public hospital engagement
• Multi-sectoral partnerships and collaborative activities

• Support non-government organizations to advance intensity and scale of HIV prevention with particular focus on
  o Oversight of pilot project on use of antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis implementation overseeing all project components for their execution in a timely and orderly manner

• Support the country at all stages of the policy cycle against HIV:
  o Epidemiological analysis and program reviews
  o Agenda setting and policy (re)formulation
  o Strategic and operational plans, guidelines, protocols
  o Supervision, monitoring, evaluation and impact measurement

• Specifically, support the country in the organizational and technical aspects of all stages of the HIV cascade, particularly as follows:
  o Communication and social mobilization to promote preventive measures and rapid scale-up of testing-for-all, especially among high risk populations like men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) and people who inject drugs (PWID)
  o Rapid scaling up of treatment-for-all people living with HIV.
  o Availability and accessibility of viral load testing to monitor and achieve high levels of viral suppression.

• Support strengthening of the linkage between HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, STI and maternal and child health services
• Report to the supervisor(s) on achievements and constraints at least on a monthly basis.
• Carry out other relevant tasks assigned by the Communicable Diseases Team Coordinator (WHO CO Philippines), WHO Representative Philippines and HSI Team Coordinator WPRO.

Outputs and deliverables
Work with the National Professional Officer (WHO Philippines) and Communicable Diseases Team Coordinator in WHO CO Philippines to support the DOH and its partners for a significant increase in prevention, treatment and care of PLHIV, to deliver at least the following:

Delivery 1: Support rapid scale up of the treat-all policy
Delivery 2: Support implementation of the PMTCT policy
Delivery 3: Support introduction and expansion of the community based screening policy
Delivery 4: Assist introduction and scale up of the rapid HIV diagnostic algorithm policy
Delivery 5: Assist in drafting funding requests and related documents, as required
Delivery 6: Support implementation of PreP among MSMs
Delivery 7: Draft research protocol on self-testing and support its implementation
5. **Technical Supervision**
The selected Consultant will work on the supervision of:

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6. **Specific requirements**
   - **Qualifications required:**
     - **Essential:** University degree in medicine, nursing or allied health sciences from a recognized institution
     - **Desirable:** Postgraduate degree in public health
   - **Experience required:**
     - **Essential:** At least three years of experience in public health
     - **Desirable:** At least three years of working against communicable disease(s) with or for government health agencies in a multi-stakeholder environment.
   - **Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:**
     - Sound knowledge of planning, implementation and evaluation
     - Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural background and maintain a high standard of personal conduct
   - **Language requirements:**
     - **Essential:** Fluency in English
     - **Desirable:** Fluency in Tagalog

7. **Competencies**
The following competencies are mandatory:
   - Technical competence in the field of communicable diseases
   - Ability to engage and communicate with multiple stakeholders
   - Skills to respect and promote individual and cultural differences
   - Ability to work in multi-cultural teams
   - Capability of working harmoniously with a positive attitude at work

8. **Place of assignment**
   WHO Country Office, Philippines

9. **Medical clearance**
The Consultant will be expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work.

10. **Travel**
The consultant will travel to international, national and subnational levels, with appropriate approvals of her/his supervisors.