

**Health Policy Initiative (HPI)**  
**SECTION A –REQUEST FOR TASK ORDER PROPOSAL (RFTOP)**

**Strengthening HIV/AIDS Policy & Advocacy in the Asia Pacific Region**

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**Result 2:** Effective public sector and civil society champions and networks developed, strengthened, and supported to assume leadership in the policy process.

The contractor shall provide assistance to:

- Strengthen and improve political commitment for access to HIV/AIDS services.
- Ensure that a range of stakeholders at the local, sub-national, national, regional, and global level can assume leadership of meaningful and sustainable advocacy efforts so that policies reflect and address their needs in a sustainable way.
- Strengthen advocacy to address stigma and discrimination.

The contractor shall provide leadership in increasing the visibility and leadership of networks of PLHA, MSM, IDU, and other vulnerable groups in policy dialogue. The contractor must also demonstrate feasible ways to integrate assistance in advocacy, resource allocation, and data use, so that advocacy efforts are bolstered with knowledge about the effective allocation of resources and access to appropriate data.

**Result 3:** Timely and accurate data used for evidence-based decision-making

Given that good data provide the basis for effective policy and advocacy work, the contractor shall help stakeholders provide data to policymakers in easily-understood ways; shall adapt, develop, and apply user-friendly tools for data analysis and policy dialogue; and shall build the capacity of in-country partners to provide data for evidence-based decision-making on their own. As part of its technical leadership role, the contractor shall make special efforts to compile and use data on MARPs and PLHA, and their access to services in the policy process. The contractor shall also develop and apply user-friendly tools for multi-sector policy analysis and dialogue.

In an effort to develop local capacity to plan effectively to mitigate the effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the contractor shall build on programs designed specifically to merge the strengths of country-specific analysis of epidemic dynamics and innovative advocacy approaches to improve the prevention and care responses of countries in resource-constrained settings. The contractor shall promote the following:

1. Increased political commitment and improved decision making through expanded use of local evidence
2. Improved quality and design of national surveillance systems
3. Better monitoring and understanding of epidemic dynamics
4. Improved evaluation and direction of national responses
5. Increased resource allocation
6. Reduced stigma and discrimination

The Applicant's proposal shall detail their recommended approach to achieving these results. The proposal should specifically address but not be limited to how they will achieve the following (and if one of the following is not recommended, the Applicant should explain the thinking behind this):

- Identify and reach key stakeholders to participate in policy processes at national and local levels;
- Assist national and local coordinating bodies to develop and implement sound policies, laws, regulations plans, programs, budgets and monitoring systems in support of priority HIV/AIDS interventions at national and local levels;
- Promote informed dialogue and ensure that decision-makers and stakeholders are knowledgeable about critical issues;
- Package and present information in a way that is useful to stakeholders;
- Assist stakeholders and decision-makers to communicate and disseminate the results of the work;
- Strengthen civil society and governmental collaboration and synergies;
- Reduce stigma and discrimination;
- Increase attention to gender
- Address working with MARPs.





















































