

TUBERCULOSIS TB IN THE MINING SECTOR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA PROJECT

TERMS OF REFERENCE TO SUPPORT THE SADC SECRETARIAT TO DEVELOP THE 2022 SADC REGIONAL TB REPORT

1. Background

The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) is an intergovernmental organization comprised of Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The SADC secretariat is the body that coordinates the implementation of regional programmes and activities to meet the regional integration and development agenda. The SADC Secretariat comprises of different directorates that are focused on driving the regional agenda in various sectors. The Directorate of Social and Human Development, has the mandate to improve human capacity for socio-economic development, ensuring availability of educated, skilled and healthy human resource that will contribute effectively to the growth of the economy and investment in the region. Additionally, the SADC Secretariat advocates for the adoption of universal health coverage among member countries, to ensure that epidemic diseases such as TB and HIV/AIDS are combated effectively. In an effort to foster this, member states commit to some of the key benchmarks in relation to the health of the population in the region.

To monitor the extent to which member states adhere to the set standards, the SADC Secretariat has consistently produced annual reports from 2018 on the progress of key milestones agreed by member states regarding the implementation of programs such as TB, HIV/AIDS and malaria among others. Additionally, the Secretariat, together with the member states developed the 2019 – 2024 SADC Regional Strategic Plan on TB and its Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to guide the regional approach to TB prevention, treatment, care and reporting.

The African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and SADC Secretariat are collaborating in supporting Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM) for the TIMS Project to implement aspects of the SADC Health Protocol; the Declaration on TB in the Mining Sector; and the SADC TB Strategic Plan 2020-2024 with funding from the Global Fund, Eastern Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) serves as the Principal Recipient (PR) for the project.

It is against this background that the RCM seeks to procure consultancy services to support the SADC Secretariat to develop the 2022 Regional TB report.

2. Purpose of the Consultancy

The main objective of this consultancy is to support the SADC Secretariat to develop the 2022 Regional (SADC) report of progress by Member States in response to TB based on data for the year 2021

3. The scope of work of the Consultant will include, but not limited to:

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- a) Prepare a draft 2022 Regional TB report and ensure that all inputs from member states of SADC and partners are incorporated.
- b) Present the draft 2022 SADC Regional TB Report to National TB Programme Managers to solicit their inputs.
- c) Finalize the 2022 SADC Regional TB Report for submission to SADC Secretariat and endorsement by Member States.

4. Deliverables

The consultant will deliver the following outputs within the agreed timelines:

- 1) Consultancy inception report, highlighting the approach that will be used to develop the 2022 SADC Regional TB Report.
- 2) Final 2022 Regional TB Report submitted to SADC Secretariat; with a detailed analysis of the TB epidemiological profile in the region, COVID-19 impact and its mitigation, best practices and innovations, follow up areas and opportunities for the region to move towards ending the TB epidemic.

5. Duration

This assignment, the development of the 2022 TB report 10 working days from the time the contract is awarded. The time will be utilized as follows;

Task	Deliverable	Responsible	Days	Location
Developing a consultancy inception report, highlighting the approach that will be used to undertake the assignment	Inception Report	Consultant	0.5	Home Based
Meeting with SADC Secretariat	Consensus on proposed methodology	Consultant	0.5	Home Based
Development of Draft 2022 Regional TB Report with MS	Zero draft: • 2022 Regional TB Report	Consultant	2	Home Based
Consultative Validation Workshop with National TB Programme Managers and National TB M/E Officers/Focal Points and Covid - 19 Focal Points	Draft 1 • 2022 Regional TB report with inputs from Member States	Consultant	5	Face-to Face
Validation	Validation emails	Consultant	1	On-Line
Finalization of Outputs	Final Outputs: • 2022 Regional TB Report	Consultant	1	Home Based
Total # of Days			10	

6. Remuneration

The consultancy fees shall be in accordance with ECSA-HC competitive rates and appropriate to the Consultant's level of qualification and experience. These will be determined in the context of the recruitment process. Please note the successful candidate will sign a contract of service with ECSA-HC, in line with the policies and rules.

7. Institutional arrangement

The Consultant will report to the SADC's Directorate of Social and Human Development for technical matters, and ECSA-HC for contractual and administrative matters. Additionally, the consultant will work in consultation with member states and SADC Secretariat to gather all the relevant reference materials required for the finalization of the assignment.

8. Qualifications/Eligibility

Education:

- a) At least a Master's degree in Public Health, Social Science, Management or any relevant related discipline

Work Experience:

- a) At least Ten (10) years of professional experience in health care administration, planning and Monitoring and Evaluation
- b) Prior working experience in developing TB reports at regional level
- c) Demonstrated ability in working with government agencies and partners in planning and policy formulation

Skills and Competencies:

- a) Proficiency in English.
- b) Working knowledge of another SADC language (French and/or Portuguese) will be an advantage

9. Recruitment Procedure

Submit CVs and Cover letter ONLY, clearly indicating "Consultant to Support the SADC Secretariat to develop the 2022 Regional TB Report" should be sent by Friday, 12th of August 2022 addressed to:

The Director General
ECSA Health Community Secretariat
157 Oloirien, Njiro Road
P.O Box 1009,
Arusha, TANZANIA
Email: regsec@ecsahc.org and procurement@ecsahc.org

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Please note that submissions which do not meet all the above requirements will not be reviewed.

10. About ECSA

The East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) is an inter-governmental health organization that fosters and promotes regional health collaboration among member states. ECSA-HC Member States are Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Eswatini, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Through partnerships with diverse institutions, ECSA-HC's work spreads beyond its Member States to 21 African countries, supporting them to strengthen health service delivery and provide technical guidance and advice in health-related programming.