

MAPPING POPULATION SIZE AND HIV SERVICE NEEDS FOR MIGRANT KEY POPULATIONS IN KAZAKHSTAN” FOR A REMOTE REGISTRATION AND TREATMENT MECHANISM DEVELOPEMNT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

For a consultant to participate in a Project on provision of HIV care to foreign migrants in Kazakhstan.

REG is pleased to announce a call of expression of interest for a **DOCUMENT MAIN WRITER** to participate in the analytical project “**Mapping population size and HIV service needs for migrant key populations in Kazakhstan” for a Remote registration and treatment mechanism development.**

PROJECT RATIONALE

The Republic of Kazakhstan, as a country receiving a large number of foreign migrants, is one of the EECA countries with the most advanced and humane policies in the area of ensuring access of migrants to HIV treatment. International migrants living with HIV are not deported from the country. Since 2020, with the release of the new version of the Code ‘On Public Health and Healthcare System’, foreign nationals, including those living with HIV, who are permanently residing in Kazakhstan and have a residence permit, are entitled to free medical care as a part of the National Guaranteed Amount of Free Medical Care.

However, according to a conducted [study on determination legislative and financial barriers to obtaining medical care](#), despite the legally established possibility of obtaining a residence permit that would guarantee free medical care for HIV-positive migrants, foreign citizens must undergo an HIV test. A positive result subsequently becomes a barrier when submitting documents to the migration service - employees refuse to accept documents from such foreigners to obtain a residence permit.

Only about 170 foreigners with HIV receive ART within the framework of the Global Fund project, the rest do not have access to treatment. The absence of ART in the pharmacy network does not allow it to be purchased even on a paid basis.

The proposed project aims to map population size and HIV service needs for migrant key populations in Kazakhstan; to define barriers in access to HIV services faced by foreign migrants residing Kazakhstan. Received data and further analysis is to be used in needs assessments and will form the basis for the development of assistance programs for foreign migrants residing in Kazakhstan as well as for development and maintaining remote registration and treatment opportunities in migration.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

To map population size and HIV service needs for PLHIV and KP foreign migrants and to identify their needs and barriers in accessing HIV, humanitarian and psychosocial services in Kazakhstan for further development of remote registration and treatment mechanism.

METHODS OF THE ANALYSIS

The project is based on the rapid assessment methodology, analysis of available statistical and analytical documents with rich information based on the range of expert and migrants interviews. Received information is to be used for mapping size estimation of foreign migrants and provision of analytics on barriers they met when obtaining HIV services.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR specialist with PhD with more than 5 years of experience in HIV studies including size estimation of hard-to-reach populations, qualitative and bio-behavioral surveillance studies among key populations, numerous peer-reviewed international publications as well as research reports.

EXPECTED TASKS OF THE PROJECT

- adapt methodology for mapping and further analysis
- assist in gathering national qualitative data using open sources
- identify experts for interviews with public health experts as well as PLHIV and KP foreign migrant
- develop scenario for expert interviews
- identify barriers for migrants for access to HIV services
- evaluate possible sources of bias and their volume for available migration and HIV-prevalence data
- Analyze collected information
- Develop a draft analytical note
- Present a draft document the Regional Expert Group on migration and health
- Develop full version of the analytical note based on received comments
- Prepare PPP and be ready to present the results at meetings/round tables

PROPOSED TIMEFRAME

- **May, 2025** participation in the kick-off meeting for the project team organized by REG for detailed understanding of the context and aims of the analytics and methodology
- **June, 2025** methodology adaptation for mapping, identify key experts, holding team briefings
- **July, 2025** field part, coordination of interviewers, holding desk analysis together with a Data support analyst

- **August 1-30**, preparation a 20-page draft note in WORD, size 12 outlining key results of held interviews and analytics and mapping
- **September 15, 2025** submission final analytical note according to edits received from the REG
- **September – November** participation in a zoom or face-to-face presentation of the analytical note, preparation of a PPP presentation with results of the mapping and developed recommendations

LANGUAGE OF THE DOCUMENT: The note is to prepared in English or Russian

ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

All information and data collected in the course of the project should not be transferred to third parties or used in other reviews until the publication of this report. After the publication, the use of data is possible only with a link to the document of the Regional Expert Group on Migrant Health in Eurasia.

The authors retain the right to the name; the rights to the analytical note will belong to the Regional Expert Group on Migrant Health (REG) in in Eurasia (dissemination, translations into other languages, etc.).

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Payment of the total amount of the contract is made in one or two payments as agreed with the Contractor.

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR TENDER PARTICIPANTS

Knowledge in public health and HIV, KP, experience in analysis methods, previous publications on similar issues (60%)

Experience in analyzing publications and data on public health issues in EECA countries (20%)

Service cost (20%)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Individuals, legal entities, self-employed who have the right to engage in relevant activities and are registered as single tax payers, can take part in the competition, by submitting tender proposals.

For detailed information and conditions, please contact Daniel Kashnitsky kashnitsky@gmail.com

The deadline for submission of the proposals is **April 30, 2025**.

Please, submit a proposal by e-mail to Zinaida Abrosimova abrosimova@gmail.com (please, indicate in the topic of the email which position you are applying for).