

UNAIDS Brazil

Terms of Reference

Project: Political monitoring and reports and follow-up of the Commitments of Paris Declaration with Fast track Cities

Background:

Brazil has been facing a growing religious-based conservatism that is reflected in several law proposals that are currently being presented in the National Parliament that can represent steps back for human rights in the country. For example, since 2015, UCO Brazil has been strongly advocating against the criminalization draft bill 198/2015 that "Defines as a heinous crime the deliberate transmission of the AIDS virus". In August 2017, after intense advocacy, the Draft Bill 198/2015 that "Defines as a heinous crime the deliberate transmission of the AIDS virus" was withdrawn by the author. However, two other draft bills that were being negotiated with the Draft Bill 198/2015 continue to be carried out. One of them (PL 1048/2015) "typifies the crime of danger of transmission of incurable disease" and the other (PL 1971/2015) "to specifically include the practice of deliberate transmission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) as a crime, punished with imprisonment from 06 (six) to 08 (eight) years and fine." Moreover, in 2018 Brazil will go through election on federal and state levels which shall be monitored to identify possible changes and new tendencies.

Considering this context, there is a crescent need for UNAIDS Brazil to monitor closely the political scenario and observe the possible implications regarding HIV and AIDS response, including the impact on key-populations.

In addition, UNAIDS has been implementing an extensive advocacy strategy and mobilized 30 cities, as well as the Federal District and the State of Rio Grande do Sul to sign the Paris Declaration. These municipalities represent different parties and political orientations, and all are committed to reaching the goals of the Declaration.

Therefore, UCO/BRA requests a competent consultant based in Brasilia, Brazil, to assist on the office's continuous articulation and response to the political events, monitoring important movements at federal, state and municipal levels.

The selected consultant will build a consistent monitoring of the Brazilian political scenario and the National Congress. This political analysis will supply UCO/BRA with relevant information about the possible new leaders, and will provide perspectives of future scenarios of the HIV

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response. In addition, the selected consultant will cooperate with the UNAIDS Brazil Country Director in the monitoring of Paris Declaration signatory cities, keeping track of the advances and challenges that the cities will face in fast-tracking the AIDS response to the achievement of 90-90-90 targets.

Objective: To work in close collaboration with the UNAIDS Country Office in Brazil to provide updates and reports regarding the political scenario. This work involves the continuous monitoring of the National Congress, the production of frequent reports identifying the main political events with possible implications regarding HIV, AIDS and key-populations and the identification of tendencies in the Congress, as well as strategic stakeholders. The selected consultant will also support the monitoring of Brazilian cities engaged in the Paris Declaration.

Additional Products:

- 1. Produce a systems' mapping of the most relevant stakeholders in the HIV/AIDS and key-populations landscape, specially focusing on the main cities that have signed the Paris Declaration.
- 2. Produce analyses of UNAIDS Brazil relations with the most relevant stakeholders identified in the systems' mapping and also recognize possible partners and supporters.
- 3. Monitor the activities of the National Congress and identify the draft bills related to HIV/AIDS, human rights and key-populations.
- 4. Produce a weekly legislative watch report, feeding the team with relevant information about the current situation of significant bills.
- 5. Produce regular analysis of the political scenario. Identify the tendency of parties, deputies and senators.
- 6. Maintain UNAIDS Brazil team updated about the political situation. Identify and communicate internally possible red flags and strategic events.
- 7. Produce and keep updated a user-friendly document with pertinent information about significant bills for internal communication.
- 8. Produce briefings on the most active political figures in the human rights agenda, identifying possible partners and supporters.
- 9. Keep track of the 2018 Elections for President, Governors, Senators and Deputies.
- 10. Identify the possible changes that may happen in the Ministry of Health and in the Ministry of Human Rights because of the elections.
- 11. Monitor the cities that have signed the Paris Declaration and the actions that are being taken in order to reach the 90-90-90 treatment targets.
- 12. Follow up with the new certification on the Elimination of Mother-to-child Transmission of HIV and/or Syphilis established by the Ministry of Health of Brazil.

- 13. Offer insights based on political monitoring and evaluation of how UNAIDS Brazil can support the country in the promotion of HIV prevention with emphasis on advocacy for Human Rights, gender and race equality, with a special focus on the engagement of civil society and PLHIV.
- 14. Identify and suggest strategic participants to the meetings of the UN Expanded Theme Group on HIV/AIDS.
- 15. A final technical technical report of all the activities carried out will be provided in the end of the contract.

Time Frame: Start: 1 January 2018 End: 31 December 2018

Supervision: The professional will work in close collaboration with the UNAIDS Country Director in Brazil and the office's Community Mobilization and Networking Adviser.

Profile of the consultant: University Degree in International Relations, Social Sciences or other related fields. Fluency in English.

Previous relevant experience in governmental, non-governmental or United Nations System is desirable.

Payment: The payments will be processed, as follows: on a monthly basis and upon delivery of technical report presentation.