

UNAIDS Brazil Terms of Reference

Project: Data analysis of the People Living with HIV Stigma Index's survey

Context: People living with HIV tend to be vulnerable to human rights violations and suffer from the consequences of stigma and discrimination. They undermine access to services, resulting in low rates of HIV testing and poor adherence to treatment. To overcome these barriers and protect the integrity of every person living with HIV, it is necessary to block discriminatory practices and promote human rights. The People Living with HIV Stigma Index provides a tool that measures and detects changing trends in relation to stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with HIV. It is the joint initiative of several organizations who have worked together since 2005 to develop this survey. These include the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+); the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW); the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF); and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

The project aims to address stigma relating to HIV while also advocating on the key barriers and issues perpetuating stigma - a key obstacle to HIV treatment, prevention, care and support. The Index will increase the understanding of how stigma and discrimination is experienced by people living with HIV in the country. The evidence gained will then be used to advocate and shape future programmatic interventions and policy change. Policy and programme managers have long recognised that action is needed to address stigma and discrimination.

UNAIDS Country Office in Brazil, in partnership with the NGO Gestos, is implementing the People Living with HIV Stigma Index in Brazil to gather data to be used as evidence and guidance to the AIDS response in Brazil. 2100 people living with HIV are expected to be interviewed in seven different cities of the country. This research is of utmost importance since there is a lack of studies about this issue in the country and because stigma is one of the main obstacles to achieve the 90-90-90 treatment targets.

The information gathered by the interviewers in the research needs to be analysed in order to generate evidence regarding the stigma and discrimination faced by people living with HIV and the success (or failures) of current programmes, as well as to highlight neglected areas requiring future action. The result of the research will be a powerful advocacy tool which will support the collective goal of Governments, NGOs and activists to reduce the stigma and discrimination linked to HIV.

In accordance with the instructions provided by the methodology of the People Living with HIV Stigma Index and with the purpose of ensuring the high quality of the study, UNAIDS Country Office in Brazil is hiring a specialist that will be responsible for organizing and analysing data from the estimated 2,100 questionnaires

Objective: The purpose of this project is to produce reports with descriptive data analysis according to the objectives of the People Living with HIV Stigma Index's project, approved in Written Informed Consent

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Form (WICF) under no. 99716918.5.0000.5336 by the Research Ethics Committee of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul. This data analysis will be presential or virtual from 15 May of 2019 to 15 August of 2019. The expected deliverables are divided according to this period.

Products:

1. Produce and analyse a research database with the information gathered in the questionnaires implemented in the seven cities of Brazil;
2. Produce reports with descriptive data analysis, according to the project objectives;
3. Produce reports with required data analysis, according to the demand of UNAIDS or of the research team;
4. Produce a final report with all the analysis using textual description, tables and figures when applicable;

Supervision: The professional will work in close collaboration with UNAIDS Country Office in Brazil and the research team leader.

Profile of the professional:

Doctorate degree in applied social sciences, psychology, and other related areas.

A minimum of 5 years of academic work experience in research data analysis in the area of HIV and human rights.

Knowledge and experience using the software STATA 15.0 or SPSS 17.0.

Time Frame: Start: 15 May 2019 End: 15 August 2019

Selection process: CV and financial proposal must be sent until 22 April 2019 with the subject "Consultoria - Análise de Dados" to brazil@unaid.org. Only the selected people will be contacted.

Payment: The payments will be processed in as follows:

- 25%: Upon the delivery of the signature of the contract;
- 50%: Upon the delivery of the first Technical Report;
- 25%: Upon the delivery of the Final Technical Report.

Applications from people living with HIV are particularly welcome.