

Terms of Reference

The consultancy is ordered by:

Unit:	DO
Department:	GTB

Purpose of the Consultancy

To support WHO's Global TB Programme (GTB) efforts to partner with civil society through *Civil Society Task Force on TB (CSTF)* as a platform for discussion and exchange with WHO on Ending TB at all levels.

Background

The Global TB Programme aims to advance universal access to TB prevention, care and control, guide the global response to threats, and promote innovation. Specifically, it (1) provides global leadership on TB prevention, care and control through the WHO End TB Strategy; (2) develop evidence-based policies, strategies and standards for TB prevention, care and control, and monitor their implementation; (3) jointly with six WHO regional and country offices, provide technical support to Member States, catalyse change, and build sustainable capacity; (4) monitor the global TB situation, and measure progress in TB care, control, and financing; (5) shape the TB research agenda and stimulate the generation, translation and dissemination of valuable knowledge; and (6) facilitate and engage in partnerships for TB action.

Commitments made by Heads of State at the first-ever UN High Level Meeting on TB (UNHLM) in September 2018 reinforced the role of civil society in steering action and accountability. The [UNHLM political declaration](#) and WHO End TB Strategy both call for prioritizing strong and meaningful engagement of civil society and affected communities in all aspects of the TB response. WHO GTB has revamped its *Civil Society Task Force on TB* to strengthen collaboration for accelerating progress towards ending TB. The revamped task force is a culmination of the commitments made by WHO's Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to strengthen civil society engagement. The revamped *Civil Society Task Force on TB* aims to emphasize a set of seven comprehensive key actions in efforts to end TB in SDG era. Terms of reference are available [here](#).

Work to be performed

Under the supervision of the Technical Officer leading the work on community and civil society engagement in the Technical Support Coordination (TSC) Unit of the GTB, the consultant will:

1. Ensure timely and regular Secretariat support to the implementation of the *Civil Society Task Force on TB* workplan activities within agreed timelines. The task will involve close coordination with WHO GTB Director's Office and Units, task force members and Partners.
2. Proactively and routinely explore, identify and pursue opportunities for joint WHO GTB and task force engagement to accelerate the implementation of the End TB Strategy at all levels.

3. Regularly document and disseminate good practices and opportunities to WHO Regional and Country Offices to promote partnering with civil society and its representatives at regional and country levels and generate greater political commitment.
4. Organize, facilitate and document monthly and/or ad hoc webex calls with members of the CSTF.
5. Assist in the organization of all (at least once per year) task force in person meetings.
6. Prepare regular progress reports (technical and financial) to WHO leadership and Donors.
7. Carry out other duties and responsibilities contributing to the scale-up of meaningful engagement with civil society and its representatives.

Timelines

Start date: as soon as possible

End date: **6 months** (with possibility of renewal)

Work effort

100%

Specific requirements

Education:

Essential: A first university degree in communication, social sciences, international or public relations or related field.

Desirable: Post-graduate degree (Master's level or above) in communication, social sciences, international or public relations or related field.

Experience:

Essential: At least 5 years' diverse experience that covers communication, management and/or coordination of health-related projects (ideally TB and/or HIV) at international level; building partnerships with civil society stakeholders and governance; demonstrated leadership in community engagement.

Desirable: Previous work at global level with WHO or other UN agencies, or relevant civil society organizations. First-hand experience of working with TB high burden countries is an asset.

Skills:

Knowledge of WHO rules and regulations, policies on Tuberculosis and community engagement in Tuberculosis;

Ability to work with a diverse group of stakeholders. Strong communication skills, good project management skills, organizational and coordination skills. Strong interpersonal, networking and diplomacy skills. Ability to work as a team member, and sensitivity to working in a multi-cultural environment with an openness to evolving responsibilities.

Languages:

Expert knowledge of English (read – write – speak)

Intermediate knowledge of French is an asset (read – write – speak)

Place of assignment

Geneva, Switzerland