

Mizoram State AIDS Control Society
LIVELIHOOD PROJECT FOR PLHIV IN MIZORAM

A

Joint UN Initiative

Terms of Reference for Conducting Baseline Survey

Background:

As part of the Joint UN initiative in the Northeast, UNDP is to support HIV intervention activities in the 4 states of Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland with specific area of intervention programs focusing on Greater involvement of People Living with HIV (GIPA), Advocacy, Communication and social mobilization, Mainstreaming, Public Private Partnerships/Workplace policy and Capacity Building.

HIV/AIDS creates multidimensional problem with potentially devastating impacts on livelihoods. HIV/AIDS reduces productivity, capacities and opportunities, makes significant demands on resources. It is clear that the livelihoods of certain groups (e.g. sex work, truck drivers) place them at increased risk of contracting the virus. Thus a livelihoods approach to HIV/AIDS does not view the disease solely as a health problem. It encourages a holistic approach that helps to identify ways of improving the quality of lives, livelihood opportunities and incomes for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Consultation workshop on livelihood was held on 19th May 2009 that involves key stakeholders, positive group, NGOs, government departments and experts in Mizoram. In it the team engaged in collective assessment of needs and expectations on the ground, consider the lessons learnt from those already

engaged in Livelihood programs, explored best practices, global experiences and collectively analyzed some area specific priority issues. As a result it was felt prerequisite to have proper Baseline documents before the onset of Livelihood program.

A livelihood baseline is a more detailed, quantified breakdown of household livelihood options (food, income, and expenditure patterns) for different wealth groups in the livelihood zone, highlighting market links and constraints on and opportunities for economic growth. It is linked to analytical spreadsheets that are used to assess whether people will be able to meet basic survival requirements and/or protect their livelihoods in the short-, medium- and long-term.

Aims and Objectives of the Baseline survey:

The broad objective of this Baseline survey is to “Produce clear and feasible sustainable livelihood options and strategies for PLHIV for planning, designing, implementation and marketing processes”.

Under this broad objective, the specific areas to be considered in the baseline survey are as under:

- Understanding the economic status of PLHIV in Mizoram through their income, productivity or their household facilities.
- To identify the possessed livelihood skills and aptitude in current livelihoods context, strategies, and priorities.
- To identify policies and institutions that affects the livelihood process in Mizoram.
- To identify the available and feasible livelihood option or trade to be taken up by PLHIV
- To identify strategies for implementation of those trade.
- To identify market linkages and opportunities.

Sample Coverage:

The sample of the survey will be significant representative of the “A Category” Districts Namely, Aizawl, Kolasib and Champhai district of Mizoram.

Methodology, Design and Assessment tools:

Methodology, Design and Assessment tools should be prepared by the Agency and should include in the proposal. Good designing of those will be considered as one of the most important parameters in selection of the Agency/institutions for the project.

Time Frame: 3 Months

- 1st Month: Finalization of Analysis Framework, schedule Development and Field Testing
- 2nd and 3rd Month: Data Collection and Completion of Data analysis
- By the end of 3 months: Report submission and dissemination of Results.

Reporting:

Final report will include, but will not be limited to:

1. An executive summary
2. Detailed report with findings
3. Hard copy and soft copy of report along with all document Excel sheet tables
4. Photographs of the field activities in soft copy
5. All reports will be presented in English.

Required format for Sending Proposal:

Physical and financial proposals should include but not limited to:

1. Statement of Organization capabilities including, Background summary of the organization/institution outlining areas of expertise.
2. Design, Methodology and Assessment tools
3. Description (brief CV) of who will be assigned the task and how the project will be manage.
4. A proposed timetable outlining the specific steps to be undertaken.
5. Sample size description
6. Proposed Budget.

Due date for Proposals:

Responses to this ToR are due no later than 22nd August 2009. Proposals delivered and/or received after this deadline will not be entertained. Responses in sealed envelop (Soft and hard copy) can be mailed or hand delivered to:

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Aizawl, 796001 Mizoram.