



# UNODC

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## **TERM OF REFERENCE**

<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Consultant to Support the Development of a National Strategy on Drug Dependence Treatment in Viet Nam</b>
<b>Agency:</b>	<b>UNODC Regional Centre for East Asia and the Pacific</b>
<b>Country of Assignment</b>	<b>Hanoi, Viet Nam with travel to Malaysia</b>
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Twenty (20) working days from 4 June to 13 July</b>

### **1) GENERAL BACKGROUND**

UNODC project GLOJ71 (Treatnet II), is being implemented in 20 countries in four regions. The overall goal is to contribute to the improvement of quality drug treatment worldwide and to increase access to drug treatment for all those in need thus reducing the negative health and social consequences of drug dependence, including HIV and AIDS. The project strategy includes three components: 1) systematic advocacy to promote sound understanding of drug dependence and its treatment and to counteract stigma and discrimination; 2) capacity building on evidence-based drug dependence treatment approaches to improve the quality of drug treatment services; 3) and support to the respective governments in developing national networks of community-based drug treatment and social services providers, for a continuum of care approach.

At a local/national level, the project supports the development of networks with the involvement of governments (Ministries of Health and Social Affairs), clinical centers for substance abuse treatment, primary health care services, universities, municipalities and/or NGOs. These networks will disseminate evidence-based practices information, promote the accessibility of drug users to treatment facilities, develop opportunities of social integration and rehabilitation and advocate for evidence-based drug dependence treatment.

Activities are implemented in Latin America (Brazil, Colombia, Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru), Sub-Saharan Africa (Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, Zambia), Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), and South East Asia (Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam).

In Cambodia, Myanmar and Viet Nam, the project is implemented in two/three sites. It aims to assist people who use drugs and those suffering from drug dependence and their families to receive quality health and social services in accordance to their needs, resulting in reduced relapse rates and improved health and wellbeing. This is done through the application and the establishment of a community-based outreach, treatment, reintegration and aftercare system.

With the support of grants, each of the countries has developed:

1. A national model for continuum of care, from outreach and low-threshold interventions to structured outpatient treatment and reintegration services
2. National standards of care and guidelines for the treatment and care of drug dependence
3. Support to drug users and their families for treatment and care by informed and empowered communities
4. A system for the provision to people who are drug dependent of outreach, medical care, case management/follow-up, relapse prevention and sustainable livelihoods in the community, linking to other services in the community. These services are provided by the health and social systems and civil society in accordance to the national model (1), standards of care and guidelines (2)
5. Documentation of implementation processes and data collection using tools developed by Treatnet at global level for evaluation and systematization of the experiences.
6. Enhanced cooperation between health and social welfare providers, social organisations, NGOs, police, affected populations, community leaders and the community through promoting the understanding of drug dependence as a frequently relapsing health condition and a health based approach to drug dependence

In Viet Nam a number of national and international partners are exploring possibilities to enhance community-based treatment of substance use disorders and link the work of different sectors in this field, and in particular social welfare and health, in order to improve the services provided to people who use drugs.

## **2) OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

With the overall goal to assist in the development of a national system of community-based treatment of substance use disorders integrating health and social interventions, a consultant will review and map the situation in Viet Nam with respect to drug use and its health consequences and Government legal framework, directives and guidelines in response. The consultant will further map relevant partners (Government agencies, international donors, community and affected population groups, NGOs, health and social organizations) and their current responsibilities and initiatives for the development of responses. The consultant will further identify challenges and opportunities for the development of a multisectoral community-based treatment system and propose an outline for the development of such a system.

The consultant's report is to serve as a basis for discussion at a national consultation meeting.

## **3) SCOPE OF WORK**

The consultant will:

- conduct a desk review of information available on the drug use, consequences, resources and responses in Viet Nam;
- conduct consultations and interviews with all relevant partners within the Government of Vietnam (e.g health, social welfare, justice, etc), international partners, NGOs and affected populations in order to collect necessary information;
- prepare a report mapping the situation;
- prepare an outline of a strategy to develop an integrated national system for community-

- based treatment of drug dependence;
- participate in a study visit to Malaysia organized for the three countries participating in Treatnet in Southeast Asia to get acquainted with the Malaysian community-based treatment system; and facilitate a workshop on community-based treatment
- facilitate a consultation meeting at the end of the consultancy to brief all partners on the consultancy outcomes and recommendations, and obtain feed back;
- prepare a final report including the an overview of the situation, strategy outline, feedback and recommendations.

#### **4) DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT, DUTY STATION AND EXPECTED PLACES OF TRAVEL**

Twenty (20) working days from 4 June to 13 July 2012.

Duty Station: Hanoi, Viet Nam

Travel to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2-6 July)

It is understood that the consultant would not hold the UNODC Regional Centre responsible for any unforeseen or untoward incident during the duration of the consultancy. It is recommended that the consultant secure his/her own insurance coverage during the conduct of the consultancy.

#### **5) FINAL PRODUCTS**

The consultant will deliver:

1. A draft report mapping the situation in Viet Nam with respect drug use, consequences, resources and responses; and outlining a strategy to develop an integrated national system for community-based treatment of drug dependence.
2. A consultation meeting to brief all partners on the consultancy outcomes and recommendations, and obtain feed back.
3. A final report including the overview of the situation, an outline of a strategy to develop an integrated national system for community-based treatment of drug dependence; a summary of feedback received; and recommendations.

#### **6) PROVISION OF MONITORING AND PROGRESS CONTROLS**

- The consultant liaises closely with the Treatnet Regional Coordinator, UNODC Country Manager, UNODC National Project Coordinator, Government partners in particular at the Office of Government, MOLISA (in particular National Focal Point for Treatnet), MoH, and other national and international partners according to needs
- Timely preparation and submission of the report
- The consultant provides quality outputs which meet the satisfaction of the Treatnet II coordination team, on the due dates and as specified in these Terms of Reference

## 7) DEGREE OF EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- University Degree in the field of social sciences, health, public health, or medicine
- At least 10 years of relevant professional experience in the area of addictions strategic planning and development
- Experience in managing and developing treatment delivery and financing systems
- Working experience in Southeast Asian countries would be an asset but not a requirement.
- Fluency in English
- Demonstrated analytical and report writing capacity
- Ability to travel

## 8) HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

(a) Letter of interest **including daily consultancy fee, travel expenses (roundtrip airfare) and other incidental expenses.**

(b) UN Personal History Form (can be downloaded from <http://www.unodc.org/eastasiaandpacific/en/who-we-are/work-opportunities.html>) and detailed curriculum vitae based on the criteria stated above.

Please submit the application by e-mail to: <RCEAP.Recruitment@unodc.org>.

**Application deadline is 10 May 2012.**

Note:

(a) Please clearly indicate the position you are applying for.

(b) Failure to submit supporting documents as specified in the announcement will result in an incomplete application. Applicants who submit incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

**(c) Applicants employed as a civil servant or government official, whose applications are successful, will be required to provide a letter from their employer indicating no objection to paid employment with UNODC for a period of unpaid leave from current employer.**

**Due to the volume of applications, only candidates under positive consideration will be notified.**

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