

**International Charitable Foundation “Alliance for Public Health” announces an open Call for Proposals “Further development and support of Social Contracting and Transition and Sustainability portals and their maintenance by means of regular data collection in the countries of the EECA region and corresponding updates and the Development of the Regional HIV Data repository/dashboard”**

## **1. Introduction**

The Alliance for Public Health (hereinafter – the Alliance) is a leading professional organization, which in cooperation with civil society organizations, the Ministry of Health and other government agencies fights the epidemic of HIV/AIDS, as well technical partners and other relevant stakeholders in Ukraine, as well as on the regional level - in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, implements regional projects, national prevention programs and offers high-quality technical support and financial resources to local organizations in the country and in the region. All those efforts are aimed at achieving a universal access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and hepatitis C services and effective community-based response to the epidemic based on the achieved results and best practices.

The Call for Proposal is developed within the regional project “Sustainability of services for key populations in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region” (SoS project 2.0).

The regional project “Sustainability of services for key populations in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region” (2022 – 2024) is implemented with support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria by a consortium of organizations from the EECA region led by [Alliance for Public Health](http://www.aph.org.ua). The key goals of the project are:

- Improving financial sustainability and effectiveness of HIV programs
- Reducing existing legal barriers and respecting the most important human rights for access to HIV prevention services and care
- Improving the efficiency and accessibility of HIV services delivery models (testing and continuous care) for key populations

The project is implemented in 15 EECA and SEE countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

## **2. Background**

### **Portals**

At the time when donors are moving out of the region and there is an urgent need for countries to build their capacity and familiarise themselves with all aspects of the process of transitioning to governmental funding, including the process of establishing and understanding social contracting principles and mechanisms. Considering this, in the recent years several donors, technical partners, implementers and individual experts have combined efforts and developed two significantly critical tools that could support decision makers, policy and program developers and other relevant stakeholders on national and regional levels of EECA through these processes - the portal [Transitionplan.online](http://Transitionplan.online) and the [Socialcontracting.info](http://Socialcontracting.info) portal.

The portal [Transitionplan.online](http://Transitionplan.online) - <https://transitionplan.online/en/> - was developed with the support of the Open Society Foundations and continued its work within the framework of the regional project “Sustainability of services for key groups in the EECA region” (SoS\_project) and will not continue to

work within the second phase of the project - SoS\_project 2.0, which is implemented by a consortium of organisations from the EECA region under the leadership of the Alliance for Public Health with financial support from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

The portal Transitionplan.online is an information and communication platform that maps the progress of Transition to public financing of HIV services and the development of resilience in HIV in the countries.

When developing the platform, the goal was to create a universal tool for representatives of governments, the civil sector, communities, and donors to collect and track information on funding and the epidemiological situation in HIV to establish communication at the international level and to analyse data.

To achieve the set goals, the portfolio for each country displays the following information:

- statistics on key populations and HIV prevalence;
- key donors and projects that work in the country;
- coordination mechanisms and documents regulating the field of HIV;
- an analytical module that shows each country's progress in 7 key blocks that affect the sustainability of the HIV response system as a whole.

The platform also contains a section with news and blogs, which creates an opportunity for experience exchange between representatives of the region.

Thanks to the implementation of these functions, the portal solves several tasks:

- consolidation and systematisation of information on epidemiological, financial indicators, the normative base of the HIV sphere in the countries of the EECA region;
- prompt exchange of information;
- transparency in the distribution of tasks and funds;
- control over the fulfilment of state obligations.

Countries currently engaged in the portal: Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia.

The Socialcontracting.info - <https://socialcontracting.info/en/> - portal was developed by the Institute of Analysis and Advocacy with financial support from The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and will not be supported and function within the SoS\_project 2.0.

This portal is one of the tools for the development of social contracting, which will be useful for representatives of government, civil society, communities, stakeholders, and donors to familiarise and track information on the implementation of social contracting mechanisms in the field of HIV and understand at what stage of implementation of public funding for services each country is in the field of HIV, what is its progress and what barriers stand in the way.

The Socialcontracting.info portal is an information and communication platform that reflects progress in the development of social contracting for the sustainability of HIV services in the countries of the EECA region.

To achieve the set goals, the portfolio of each of the countries displays the following information:

- the situation with social contracting;
- statistics on key groups (KG) and data on coverage of HIV and TB services by KG representatives;

- availability of normative regulation of HIV services;
- main sources of funding;
- tariffication and cost of services;
- mechanisms and criteria for public funding;
- quality, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of services.

The platform also contains a section with news and blogs, which creates an opportunity for exchanging experiences between representatives of the region.

The information on the portal will be updated at least every six months using standardized data collection forms, which will be filled in by representatives of the EECA region countries working on the implementation of social contracting or budget advocacy mechanisms. Thanks to this information, the success of each country will be measured, and the score for each of the countries will be automatically calculated – points that will show how a particular country is successfully developing its social contracting mechanisms.

Countries currently engaged in the portal: Armenia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Belarus, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine.

Currently there is a need for both portals to be expanded to include, in addition to the countries that are currently represented there, other countries of the EECA region that are fighting the HIV epidemic and working to create the sustainability of HIV services and allocate state funding for them.

#### Dashboard

As part of a wider component of digital transformation of the HIV/AIDS response in the region, the APH aims to develop a Regional HIV data repository/dashboard. The tool will be aimed at collecting/bringing together in real-time data on all aspects related to the HIV response in the countries of the region, compare and analyse it and showcase in a user-friendly convenient form to allow relevant stakeholders - decision makers and program and policy developers on national, regional, and global levels to have easy and regular access to the epidemiologic and related situation parameters in the countries of the region.

Several tools developed by technical organizations exist that accumulate data from different countries, but they do not offer data in real time, they are updated on a particular regular basis in ways that do not allow for convenient easy and fast access to the situation as it is in each moment of time. We propose to use the experience of Moldova and their HIV Scorecard platform - <https://scorecard-hiv.md/ru> - to create a similar tool but on the regional level. For it to work as intended, a number of actions and changes will need to be undertaken by countries and support will be required from relevant actors on national, regional and global levels. But this transformation is planned within SoS project and this portal is necessary for the success of the regional and national epidemics responses. The portal will be developed in accordance with the ontology and standards and following the principles of open code and open data that will be developed, proposed, and promoted within the project as a parallel activity.

The tool is to be a single window point of access to all non-confidential public health programme services cycle structured information and will be accessible from the most common web browsers, as well as from portable devices (smartphones, tablets, etc.). It will contain general information about the key epidemiologic, service providers, key population profiles data.

### **3. Project goal:**

Further development and provide technical and programmatic support of the existing Social Contracting and Transition and Sustainability portals, ensure their maintenance by means of regular data collection in selected countries of the EECA region and corresponding updates in real-time online format and development of the Regional HIV data repository/dashboard.

### **Project objectives:**

1. To ensure continuation of the portals update and maintenance
2. To ensure the portals are known to the relevant stakeholders and are being utilised accordingly
3. To expand the portals activity to more countries of the region
4. To add the BI analytics modules to the portals to ensure the possibility of analysing and effectively showcasing the situation with the corresponding data in different countries of the region
5. To develop a Regional HIV Data repository/dashboard, connect it to the 2 portals and pilot it

### **4. Target groups of the project:**

Representatives of governments, the civil sector, communities, and donors engaged in the HIV/AIDS response in countries of the EECA and SEE region.

### **5. Geographic coverage:**

Countries currently using the portals and wider in the EECA and SEE region.

### **6. Key activities and expected outcomes of the project:**

#### **Activities related to 2 portals**

1. Organise and maintain local data collection and corresponding updating of the portals
2. Develop the analytical BI module to ensure analysis of the data being collected and stored on the portals
3. Ensure overall portals maintenance, technical support, and promotion

#### **Activities related to the Regional HIV Data repository/dashboard**

1. Terms of reference development
2. Data repository development
3. Data repository piloting, technical support, promotion, and customization
4. Connect the repository/dashboard to the portals, allow for the portals' data to be accumulated and presented via the dashboard

### **7. Duration of work:** March 2022 - December 2024

### **8. Budget of the Call for Proposals:** The budget of proposals to be submitted should not exceed 152 640 US dollars.

### **9. Organizational requirements:**

- 9.1. Organizations submitting their proposals should be duly registered non-profit legal entities. Candidates should submit documents confirming their legal status with a project proposal. Successful candidates can be asked for additional documents to prove their ability to implement project activities.
- 9.2. Candidates should be exempt from VAT and should be able to receive grant (charitable donation) from Ukraine. A separate bank account for receipt and use of grant funds is a must.
- 9.3. Candidates should be able to implement activities in line with provisions 3, 6 and 7 of this Call for Proposals.
- 9.4. Candidates should have at least 3 years of experience in developing similar programs and online tools in the EECA region.

**To take part in this Call for Proposals**, organizations should submit their proposals in accordance with the templates attached hereto (Application Template, Work Plan Template, Budget Template) together with the documents confirming their legal status.

Organisations **can apply for both or either one of the components of the call** - 1) Further development and support of Social Contracting and Transition and Sustainability portals and their maintenance by means of regular data collection in the countries of the EECA region and corresponding updates and/or the 2) Development of the Regional HIV Data repository/dashboard.

**Deadline for submitting proposals – March 17, 2022, 18.00 Kyiv time.**

Proposals should be submitted in electronic form to [obilous@aph.org.ua](mailto:obilous@aph.org.ua).

**Wishing you good luck and hope for fruitful cooperation!**