

## Call for proposals

UNODC and UNICEF Romania invites interested and qualified Romanian NGOs to develop a project proposal and to submit an application for funding to carry out activities aiming to increase coverage of comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention and care services<sup>1</sup> among injecting drug users (IDUs) and HIV prevention services among female sex workers (SWs) in Romania.

Grants will be allocated to successful applicants for up to ten (10) months.

### Funding Priorities:

- support services for IDUs and female SWs, with a targeted component on most-at-risk-adolescents and persons from socio-economic disadvantaged communities. Priority will be given to outreach (4 locations for SWs) and drop-in (Bucharest) based services;
- support implementation of referral system to other medical and social services based on a voucher system targeting IDUs and SWs (in 4 locations) including most-at-risk adolescents;
- support low threshold opiate substitution treatment services that demonstrate high accessibility for the most vulnerable (pregnant women, people living with HIV and from disadvantaged communities, adolescents, people living with chronic diseases such as Hepatitis B or C);
- monitoring access of drug users in detention to HIV prevention and drug treatment services.

Prior to submitting the project proposal, NGOs should send a letter expressing their interest and motivation for applying. The letter of interest must include a short description of the project idea (no more than ½ page) as well as a description of the working experience of the NGO.

There will be selected for submitting project proposals only Romanian NGOs with working experience in one or more of the following areas:

- HIV prevention at community level for vulnerable groups (injecting drug users and/or female sex workers) and/or
- addressing health issues for people from socio-economic disadvantaged communities;
- monitoring human rights violation in prisons;
- advocacy for making the current HIV prevention services sustainable;
- capacity building for governmental and non-governmental organizations working with IDUs and female SWs, including most-at-risk-adolescents and persons from socio-economic disadvantaged communities.

The letter will be accompanied by documents attesting the legal status and demonstrating the operational and financial capacity. Please read the [General Requirements for Eligibility of NGOs](#). Only NGOs which have satisfied all the requirements will be eligible and requested to submit project proposals.

Letters of interest should be signed and stamped and, together with the required documents, must be electronically sent to: [alina.bocai@unodc.org](mailto:alina.bocai@unodc.org) and [vpop@unicef.org](mailto:vpop@unicef.org) Cc: [cchiotan@unicef.org](mailto:cchiotan@unicef.org) or by mail to the UNODC/UNICEF office in 48A Primaverii Blvd., sector 1, Bucharest, by 1 October 2008, 18:00 hours (local time).

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<sup>1</sup> comprehensive, integrated and effective system of measures that consists of the full range of treatment options (notably drug substitution treatment) and the implementation of harm reduction measures (through, among others, peer outreach to injecting drug users, and sterile needle and syringe programs), voluntarily confidential HIV counseling and testing, prevention of sexual transmission of HIV among drug users (including condoms and prevention and treatment for sexually transmitted infectious), access to primary health care and access to antiretroviral therapy.† *Intensifying HIV Prevention* . UNAIDS Policy Position paper; August 2005 [en] available at [http://data.unaids.org/publications/irc-pub06/jc1165-intensif\\_hiv-newstyle\\_en.pdf](http://data.unaids.org/publications/irc-pub06/jc1165-intensif_hiv-newstyle_en.pdf)

UNODC and UNICEF Romania will review the received documents, including the letter of interest, and only the selected NGOs will be notified and invited to attend a technical meeting, jointly organized by UNODC and UNICEF in Bucharest to further clarify goals, objectives, strategies and activities eligible for funding. The costs for this meeting will be covered by UNODC and UNICEF Romania.

The selected NGOs will then be requested to submit project proposals, following the [Project Proposal Template](#), by 10 October 2008, 18:00 hours (local time), by e-mail to: [alina.bocai@unodc.org](mailto:alina.bocai@unodc.org) and [vpop@unicef.org](mailto:vpop@unicef.org) Cc: [cchiotan@unicef.org](mailto:cchiotan@unicef.org) or by mail to the UNODC/UNICEF office in 48A Primaverii Blvd., sector 1, Bucharest. The Project Proposal Template may suffer minor changes after the technical meeting. In this case UNODC and UNICEF Romania will notify all the selected NGOs. No more than one application can be submitted by a civil society organization. In the event that a civil society organization submits more than one application, all applications in which that organization has participated will be excluded.

The received applications will be assessed and ranked by UNODC and UNICEF Romania against a predetermined set of [Evaluation Criteria for Project Proposals](#).

UNODC and UNICEF Romania are committed to a fair, transparent, responsive and accountable process for awarding project funding. However, they reserve the right to accept or reject any NGO and will notify all applicants submitting project proposals of the outcome of the selection process.

**Deadlines:**

- 1 October 2008, 18:00 hours (local time) for Letters of interest
- 10 October 2008, 18:00 hours (local time) for project proposals

Any application received after the above-mentioned deadlines, any incomplete proposals or failing to meet the formal requirements laid down in this call for proposals will be rejected. For any additional information please contact Ms. Alina Bocai (phone at: 021 201 78 22, e-mail to: [alina.bocai@unodc.org](mailto:alina.bocai@unodc.org)) and/or Ms. Cristina Chiotan (phone at: 021 201 78 61, e-mail to: [cchiotan@unicef.org](mailto:cchiotan@unicef.org)).