

**CCM Steering Committee**  
**The DIVA Project - South Asia Multi Country Global Fund Programme on HIV**  
**among MSM and Transgender Populations (2010-2015)**  
**Terms of Reference**

Naz Foundation International (NFI), Population Service International (PSI) Nepal and the United Nations Development Programme are implementing a Global Fund Round 9 multi country HIV programme to address the needs of men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender persons in South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka). The five year programme aims to provide support and organizational capacity building of in-country MSM and transgender community-based organizations to deliver quality services, engage in advocacy initiatives, and take part in research on HIV-related issues of these highly marginalized and vulnerable populations. PSI Nepal is the Principal Recipient, Naz Foundation International (NFI) is the regional Sub-Recipient and UNDP is the Technical Assistance partner. Country level partners include: Bandu Social Welfare Society (Bangladesh), Blue Diamond Society (Nepal), Companions on Journey (Sri Lanka), Maan AIDS Foundation (India), and the Ministry of Health (Bhutan) and Youth Health & Development Organization (Afghanistan). The proposal was endorsed by all seven CCMs covered under the grant prior to submission for Round 9 approval.

The DIVA Project - Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Steering Committee Terms of Reference articulates the rationale and roles of a supportive engagement of national CCMs under the South Asia Multi Country Global Fund Programme. The overall design and content of the Terms of Reference was guided by the Global Fund and determined at the South Asia GFATM Regional Programme Stakeholder Consultation held on 26-28 April 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand and the 1<sup>st</sup> CCM Steering Committee Meeting convened on June 13-14, 2011 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

**Rationale**

National CCMs play a key role in coordinating Global Fund supported responses to HIV at the national level and are stakeholders in the delivery of this South Asia Multi Country Global Fund Programme on HIV among MSM and transgender persons. CCMs are in a unique position to identify and resolve local obstacles to effective HIV service delivery to MSM and transgender persons, identify policy and programme synergies between national and regional activities and help to ensure data, reporting and learning from programme delivery is integrated in to national responses.

As per the Global Fund, PSI Nepal, as the Principle Recipient, will provide evidence to the Global Fund, in form and substance satisfactory to the Global Fund, that the Principal Recipient has established a "Steering Committee composed of a civil society and government representative of the CCM of each of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Throughout the term of the Programme, the Principal Recipient shall provide evidence that the Steering Committee has conducted meetings on a quarterly basis to review the programmatic, financial and managerial status of the Program. Two of these meetings shall be held in person and the other two shall be held via the telephone or another form of electronic communication. All documentation provided to the Global Fund

by the Principal Recipient under condition B.2 of this Annex A shall be provided to the Steering Committee”.

### **Steering Committee Objectives**

- Facilitate communication between national CCMs and Regional Programme partners
- Provide quarterly, programme updates to enable national CCMs identify and resolve local implementation obstacles, and coordinate policy/programme synergies between national and regional activities
- Maintain transparency and coordination with national and country-level Global Fund programmes

To achieve these agreed objectives, the DIVA Project CCM Steering Committee partners commit the following:

#### **Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs)**

- Receive quarterly reports from the regional Principal Recipient
- Include an update agenda item with the DIVA Project country partners during regularly scheduled CCM meetings, and provide to the PR either the agenda and/or CCM meeting minutes to demonstrate participation
- Nominate one government and one civil society representative to attend regional bi-annual CCM Steering Committee meetings

#### **Population Services International (PSI) – Nepal**

- Submit quarterly updates on the Programme to the CCMs
- Facilitate consistent communication with CCMs
- Provide support to local partners who attend and participate in CCMs

#### **United Nations Development Programme, Asia-Pacific Regional Centre**

- Convene two regional Stakeholder Consultations annually
- Identify synergies and opportunities for programming to catalyze regional and country-level activity on MSM, TG and HIV-related programming
- Engage MSM and HIV programming resource persons for CCM SC meeting

#### **Naz Foundation International (NFI)**

- Support technical capacity of country partners to report effectively on activity and outcomes
- Provide technical support to country partners who attend and participate in national CCMs

### **Supporting Documents**

- South Asia GFATM Regional Round 9 Proposal
- South Asia GFTAM Regional Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Plan HIV/AIDS 2010-2012

- South Asia GFTAM Regional Programme Work Plans for PSI Nepal, NFI, UNDP and SSRs
- GFATM Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Strategy
- UNAIDS Action Framework: Universal access for men who have sex with men and transgender persons