

Terms of Reference

Consultancy protocol development for retrospective study for PLHWA in Bhutan

Objective of the consultancy:

To develop a protocol and tools for retrospective risk factor study for people living with HIV/ AIDS (PLHWA) in Bhutan.

Background:

Approximately 180 people in Bhutan are known to have acquired HIV. People with HIV are intensively counseled, case histories are taken and their probable transmission sources examined. Initial analysis of the records reveal thorough and professional case histories with considerable effort devoted to understanding the infection sources when the index case was a woman who acquired HIV from her partner and is uncertain of her partner's risk history. A retrospective risk factor study will be conducted, to better understand how and where infected [people in Bhutan acquired HIV, to better understand risk factors, transmission patterns and geographic foci for infection.

Outcomes of the consultancy:

1. Conduct thorough analysis of the case reporting and case history records to identify major sources and geographic loci of infection and establish categories for data classification
2. Sample a subset of the cases for intensive interview based on criteria including recency of the infection
3. Develop a scientifically sound protocol for the retrospective risk factor study for people living with HIV/AIDS
4. Develop a detailed risk questionnaires
5. Outline analysis and report plan.

Criteria for selection:

1. Working experience in the relevant area in the region.
2. Experience of conducting such study.
3. In-depth knowledge on HIV/AIDS and PLHWA

Duration:

12 working days

Payment:

As per norms followed for consultants in the country