

**I-TECH Ukraine, International PrEP Advisor
Terms of Reference**

Supervisor	Country Representative and Program Director, I-TECH Ukraine
Start date	October 1, 2021
Number of days	45-60
LoE	1 year
Location	Remote, with 2 trips to, or within, Ukraine

Background

The International Training and Education Center for Health (I-TECH) is a center in the University of Washington's Department of Global Health with nearly 2,000 worldwide staff in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and the United States. I-TECH is a global network that works with local partners to develop skilled health care workers and strong national health systems in resource-limited countries.

I-TECH has been working in Ukraine since 2011. Its current partnerships include those with the State Institution " Public Health Center" (PHC) of the MoH of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Family Medicine Training Center of the Bogomolets National Medical University (UFMTC of the NMU) with the primary goal to improve the capacity of health care workers to address the challenges of care and treatment of HIV and related illnesses through activities such as Index Testing (IT) and PrEP program, organizational and clinical capacity strengthening of clinical facilities and its personnel, additional technical support on the issues of care and treatment to HIV-positive patients in Ukraine.

Ukraine prioritized Fast Track Strategy to achieve 95-95-95 UNAIDS targets in HIV care and treatment. I-TECH provides support and technical assistance to regional and local partners to achieve these and other national and international targets. Funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and working in close collaboration with CDC Ukraine and PHC of MoH, I-TECH has been providing increased technical assistance in Ukraine since 2013, including to 39 healthcare facilities in twelve high priority regions of Ukraine to scale up HIV care and treatment services. Specifically, activities focus on scaling-up HIV identification and linkage to care; Assisted Partner Services/Index Testing (IT/APS); PrEP, and implementation of optimized ART regimens.

Consultancy:

I-TECH has a consultancy for a PrEP Advisor in Ukraine. This consultancy will collaborate with I-TECH's national and international-based clinical experts to provide additional technical support to the national and local HIV/ART sites in Ukraine. The consultancy can be based local or remotely with some travel requirements to Ukraine. Our primary goal is to reduce new HIV infections by supporting the national rollout of the PrEP, with an emphasis on PrEP for people who use drugs (PWUDs).

Responsibilities:*Development of training materials and tools (estimated 20 days)*

- Distance learning course on PrEP, with in-depth modules on PrEP for PWUDs with the specific focus on such issues as counselling and adherence of PWUD
 - Develop the course outline and learning objectives for a distance-learning course on PrEP for PWUDs, including issues on counselling, adherence and retention
 - Finalize the course outline and learning objectives based on input from the Ukraine Ministry of Health, CDC and other stakeholders
 - Provide scripts for recorded lectures, develop clinical activities, and provide supplemental reading materials for the course
 - Review the ppt slides produced by the University of Washington Distance Learning program based on the scripts you provide
- Review and update the PrEP clinical Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs), including developing new SOPs for PWUD as needed

If consultant lives outside of Ukraine on-site technical support (2 trips; 5 days on-site per trip; estimated total 20 days including preparation, travel and reporting) will be required:

- Conduct site visits at health facilities providing PrEP to PWUD or sites that plan to scale PrEP services for PWUD
- Provide technical advice to PrEP service providers and program managers
- Participate in one PrEP best-practices forum in person

Technical support for PrEP demand creation and other PrEP topics as needed (estimated 10 days)

- Provide recommendations on PrEP demand creation strategies for PWUD
- Review the program demand creation model at the site level and associated communication materials
- Provide additional technical support on PrEP activities as needed

Distance-based clinical mentoring and training (5 days):

- Develop and deliver three one-hour virtual CPD workshops for health care providers on PrEP (based on material developed for PrEP DL course), also with the focus on PrEP-related client-centered and unbiased counseling of PWUD and other PrEP target populations
- Participate in one PrEP best-practices forum remotely

Qualifications: Medical Doctor (infectious disease and/or sexual health focus), who has direct and deep clinical and research/teaching experience in working with key populations (KPs), in particular in the area of STI and PrEP.

Skills: Strong clinical knowledge and in-depth experience of managing ID and/or sexual health for KPs. Strong interpersonal and communication skills, highly-organized responsive self-manager with clinical mentoring and clinical/health-related training (didactic and mixed method/distance learning training) design, development and facilitation skills; sensitivity to working in multicultural environments and ability to adjust to different professional settings; skills/experience of working with simultaneous translation could be a strong benefit.

Proficiency speaking/writing in English is required; proficiency speaking/writing in Ukrainian or Russian is desired.

Timeline: This is a one-year consultancy with an estimated 45-60 days of engagement. The consultancy will start in October 2021, with possibility for extension, contingent of funding availability.