



# Interventions to address internalized stigma

## Request for proposals

Closing date and time: 14 June 2024, 23:00 CET

### 1. About the IAS

**IAS – the International AIDS Society – convenes, educates and advocates for a world in which HIV no longer presents a threat to public health and individual well-being.** After the emergence of HIV and AIDS, concerned scientists created the IAS to bring together experts from across the world and disciplines to promote a concerted HIV response. Today, the IAS and its members unite scientists, policy makers and activists to galvanize the scientific response, build global solidarity and enhance human dignity for all those living with and affected by HIV. The IAS is also the steward of the world’s most prestigious HIV conferences: the International AIDS Conference, the IAS Conference on HIV Science, and the HIV Research for Prevention Conference.

You can find more information about the IAS at [www.iasociety.org](http://www.iasociety.org).

### 2. About the IAS Heart of Stigma programme

HIV-related stigma and discrimination continue to be major barriers to ending AIDS as a public health threat. In 2020, the IAS launched its Heart of Stigma programme to bring attention to HIV-related stigma and the effectiveness of stigma mitigation efforts. The Heart of Stigma programme actively supports stakeholders in the HIV response to scale up efforts to eliminate HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

Find more information about this programme at <https://www.iasociety.org/ias-programme/heart-stigma>.

### 3. Purpose

The Global AIDS Strategy, and particularly the 10-10-10 targets on societal enablers, has led to an increased focus on stigma and discrimination within the HIV response. However, efforts to understand and respond to internal or internalized stigma remain scarce. The IAS is seeking proposals from organizations to address internalized stigma, primarily through peer-led interventions. This call is part of the IAS Heart of Stigma programme’s efforts to support a wider understanding of the nature of HIV-related stigma and discrimination and to prevent, reduce and mitigate the harmful impact of stigma on both the lives of people living with HIV and the HIV response.

### 4. Deliverables



A grant of up to USD 80,000 is available for a maximum of six months. Applications should focus on sharing best practices and building on the experiences of proven interventions to address internalized stigma. The following activities are eligible for support:

- Activities to share examples of best practice
- In-person trainings or workshops to support peer-to-peer learning at a national, regional or global level
- Production of presentations, audiovisuals or other materials required to support training and dissemination activities
- Provision of technical support to organizations planning to develop their own programme of work on internalized stigma
- Allocation of time and human resource capacity for team members and/or consultants to develop and deliver training curricula
- Development and implementation of a monitoring, evaluating and learning plan to assess the programme of internalized stigma activities

**5. Period:** June – December 2024

## **6. Proposal requirements**

The proposal, a maximum of five pages, should clearly outline how the deliverables will be met. It should include:

- A brief overview of the organization
- A general description of the approach proposed to understand, reduce or respond to internalized stigma
- A detailed description of the proposed activities and target audiences
- A budget and budget narrative outlining rationale and anticipated costs per activity (in USD)
- Proof of organization registration
- Organization's financial reports from the past two years

**Note:** The proposal narrative should not exceed four pages. The total budget for proposals should not exceed USD 80,000.

## **7. Eligibility**

- Organizations with a proven track record of working with communities living with and affected by HIV
- A demonstrated commitment to human rights and the meaningful engagement of people living with HIV and communities at the centre of the HIV response
- Experience in working on internalized stigma
- A proven track record of learning exchange activities with networks or organizations of people living with HIV
- A proven track record of managing grants

## **8. Submission details**

Proposals must be sent by email to [nostigma@iasociety.org](mailto:nostigma@iasociety.org) with the subject, "RfP-Internalized stigma", by 14 June 2024, 23:00 CET.