

Call for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Community-Led HIV Response Partnership EOI (2026–2030)

1. Background

Myanmar Positive Group (MPG) is a non-profit, people living with HIV (PLHIV) and key population community-led humanitarian network committed to strengthening Myanmar's HIV response through advocacy, partnership, community engagement, and people-centered approaches.

Since our establishment in 2005, MPG has collaborated with key stakeholders including the National Programs, UN agencies and the Fund Management Organizations, community-led networks and organizations, community-based organizations, technical and strategic partners and other development agencies across Myanmar and in the region to improve access to HIV prevention, testing, treatment, care, and support services.

Aligning with the guidance of MPG's 2026–2030 Strategic Plan, MPG seeks to strengthen partnerships with community-led organizations (CLOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to advance sustainable and locally led HIV responses.

Strategic priorities include:

- Promoting sustainable local ownership and localization.
- Strengthening community-led and people-centered programming.
- Improving equitable access, service quality, and health outcomes.
- Supporting integrated HIV prevention education, testing, care, and support services.
- Advancing sustainability beyond external funding and preparing for social contracting opportunities.
- Mobilizing domestic resources, including corporate social responsibility (CSR) and diversified funding sources.

2. Purpose of the Expression of Interest

Through this EOI, MPG aims to identify and engage potential community-led partners for future collaboration, organizational strengthening, and strategic program implementation.

Inclusion in the EOI pool does not constitute selection for partnership. Final engagement decisions will be based on programmatic needs, funding availability, and successful completion of all assessment requirements.

Specific objectives include:

- Identifying qualified and committed community-led partners.
- Strengthening community leadership and service delivery capacity.
- Supporting MPG's strategic interventions for 2026–2030.
- Building a pipeline of potential partners for future programming opportunities.

3. Scope of Strategic Interventions

Organizations working in one or more of the following areas are encouraged to apply:

- HIV Prevention, Outreach, and Risk Reduction Services.
- HIV Testing Linkage, Treatment Adherence, and Retention Support.
- PLHIV Peer Care, Psychosocial Support, and Community-Based Care.
- Community Systems Strengthening (CSS), including:
 - Community engagement and participation.
 - Equity and inclusion initiatives.
 - Community-led monitoring and feedback mechanisms.
 - Advocacy and accountability initiatives.
- Strengthening Community–Health System Linkages.
- Stigma reduction, rights-based approaches, and social support interventions.
- Priority may be given to organizations operating in high-need geographic areas and underserved populations, in alignment with MPG’s strategic and programmatic priorities.
- Specific service packages, targets, and coverage levels will be defined during subsequent program design and contracting stages.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Emerging and established community-led organizations are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should:

- Be a community-led organization (CLO), community-based organization (CBO), PLHIV network, key population-led group, or similar community structure.
- Possess valid registration, recognized operational status, or evidence of active community-based operations.
- At least one year of relevant programmatic experience is preferred.
- Demonstrate relevant experience in HIV, community health, public health, or related social development sectors.
- Maintain minimum financial management standards, including documented financial procedures, dedicated organizational bank account, basic accounting and record-keeping system and ability to report on fund utilization
- Be willing to participate in organizational capacity assessments and capacity-strengthening initiatives.
- Demonstrate commitment to safeguarding, accountability, inclusion, and quality programming.
- Adhere to principles of transparency, integrity, anti-fraud, and ethical conduct.
- Applicants must demonstrate systems to ensure the secure handling of sensitive personal and health-related data, including confidentiality safeguards, controlled data access, and compliance with applicable data protection standards.

5. Evaluation Methodology

All eligible applications will be evaluated using a standardized scoring matrix. The scoring criteria will include, but not be limited to:

- Technical and programmatic capacity (30%)
- Organizational and governance capacity (25%)
- Financial management and compliance readiness (20%)
- Alignment with MPG strategic priorities (15%)
- Geographic and population relevance (10%)

An evaluation committee comprising qualified personnel with relevant technical and operational expertise will conduct the review process in accordance with MPG procedures.

Detailed budgets are not required at this EOI stage but may be requested during subsequent proposal processes.

Each application will be independently reviewed by an evaluation committee, and scores will be documented to ensure transparency and auditability.

Shortlisted organizations will undergo a structured due diligence process, including:

- Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA)
- Financial management and internal control review
- Safeguarding and PSEAH compliance assessment
- Verification of legal and operational status

Risk ratings will be assigned, and mitigation measures will be required prior to any formal engagement. Applicants are expected to refrain from attempting to influence the evaluation process. Any such attempts may result in disqualification.

6. Compliance and Safeguarding

MPG is committed to maintaining the highest standards of accountability and ethical practice.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate commitment to the following principles:

- Safeguarding and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH)
- Protection of vulnerable populations
- Confidentiality and responsible management of personal and health-related information
- Non-discrimination, equity, and inclusion
- Anti-fraud, anti-corruption, and conflict-of-interest principles

Applicants may be required to provide supporting information or documentation to demonstrate compliance with these standards and may be subject to verification during the assessment and due diligence process.

7. Commitment to Transparency, Accountability, and Ethical Practice

- MPG is committed to ensuring that the EOI process is conducted in a transparent, fair, and well-documented manner. All applications will be assessed against predefined criteria using standardized scoring to ensure consistency and auditability.

- MPG will maintain an impartial selection process, with all evaluators required to declare any conflicts of interest.
- MPG applies a zero-tolerance approach to fraud, corruption, and safeguarding violations, including sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (PSEAH). Applicants must demonstrate adherence to these standards and may be subject to due diligence and verification.
- MPG also commits to the responsible handling of sensitive data and to monitoring compliance throughout the process. MPG reserves the right to take appropriate action where required.

8. Important Information

Future engagement may include capacity strengthening support, technical assistance, and potential sub-granting or contracting opportunities, subject to funding availability and compliance with MPG and donor requirements.

9. Submission Requirements

Interested organizations are invited to submit the following:

- Organizational profile
- Registration certificate or proof of active community work
- Brief description of relevant experience
- Geographic areas and focus populations
- Contact details of focal person

Applications are submitted in **English or Myanmar** via email using the following subject line format: **“EOI Submission – [Organization Name] – [State/Region]”**.

MPG will acknowledge receipt of all submissions. Applicants who do not receive confirmation within [3–5] working days are encouraged to follow up. MPG may request additional information if needed during the review process.

10. Application Review Cycle

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed in fixed quarterly evaluation cycles using a standardized scoring framework. All applications received within a cycle will be assessed under the same criteria to ensure fairness, transparency, and audit compliance.

11. General Terms and Conditions

MPG reserves the right to accept or reject any application and is under no obligation to enter into partnership with any applicant.

MPG may request additional information, modify or cancel the EOI process, and determine eligibility at its discretion. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

All costs associated with submission are the responsibility of the applicant.

The selection committee will be composed of qualified personnel with relevant technical expertise, and all members will be required to declare any conflicts of interest prior to participation. Decisions will be based solely on the standardized evaluation criteria and documented scoring to ensure fairness, transparency, and audit compliance.

Any attempt to influence the evaluation process may result in disqualification. MPG reserves the right to establish, modify, and manage the selection committee and evaluation process, as necessary.

EOI submissions will remain valid for twelve (12) months from the date of submission. Applications will be reviewed within defined evaluation cycles during this period. MPG may request updated documentation or reconfirmation of organizational status at any time to ensure continued relevance, accuracy, and compliance with programmatic and donor requirements.

MPG will maintain records of all applications and evaluation documentation in accordance with its internal policies and applicable donor requirements.

12. Contact Information

Email: eoimyanmarpositivegroup.org

For questions regarding this EOI, please contact MPG through the email address above.

13. Commitment to Localization

MPG prioritizes engagement with diverse community-led organizations, including emerging groups, networks, and grassroots initiatives.

Through this EOI and subsequent partnership processes, MPG seeks to promote locally led responses by supporting equitable participation, strengthening organizational capacity, and aligning partnership decisions with the principles of sustainability and local ownership.