

Disability Mapping Request for Tender 2024

Applications open: 30 January 2024

Applications close: 20 February 2024

Below are answer to frequently asked questions regarding the Request for Tender:

- The budget is \$120,000.
- We expect the project to be completed by June 2024. There is a possibility of extension but with no additional funding.

Question: The scope of work appears to be limited to understanding (and mapping) existing disability-specific services and service providers (applying the broadest definition) available to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. Therefore, to confirm, there is no need to understand the current or future demand for disability services amongst Aboriginal people in the Territory or engage with community members or people with a disability as part of this project?

Answer: The consultation might include feedback on what the current and future demand might be for disability services amongst Aboriginal people in the Territory – through analysis of data for trends for example - however there is no requirement to include a projection of demand. This project does not require the consultant to engage with community members or people with a disability.

Question: The only deliverables noted are a draft and final report with recommendations. Therefore, to confirm, does AMSANT anticipate that the extent of “mapping” will be provided in the report through diagrams, tables, charts and analysis and not require or expect a final database (i.e. spreadsheet) of services?

Answer: Given that the analysis would need to be done in a database, the provision of a spreadsheet as an attachment to the Final Report would be expected in addition to diagrams, charts, etc. and analysis.

Question: The Statement of Requirement identifies the need for consultations with AMSANT, its member services, and other relevant stakeholders. Can you please advise the following (answers in blue below):

- Number of consultations to be conducted - i.e. how many of AMSANT’s member services? *Suggest an initial meeting where all AMSANT members are invited and, through this initial forum, further key member consultations would be identified (including identification of other relevant stakeholders).*
- Who are the other relevant stakeholders identified? *NT Office of Disability, NDIA, other disability service providers identified through a snowball approach, potentially NT Health.*
- Whether there is the appetite to conduct the consultations via a hybrid (in-person and virtual) approach. *A hybrid approach would be appropriate.*

Question: Does AMSANT or NT Government own or have access to a service directory that may be an appropriate starting point for understanding and validating the services that exist (other than the National Health Services Directory)?

Answer: This could be addressed as part of the consultations as we do not have an exhaustive list. NDIA has a NDIS register.

Question: Do we understand it correctly that you are looking for a view on service gaps based on stakeholder perspectives (rather than by overlaying service mapping with a need assessment)?

Answer: Overlaying service mapping with a needs assessment (that includes stakeholder perspectives) would be expected.

Question: Do we understand it correctly that you are looking for a view on solutions based primarily on stakeholder perspectives (rather than research)?

Answer: We would expect that desktop research also be conducted to inform this.

Question: Do you already have a view of the stakeholders you are looking to engage?

Answer: AMSANT Members, NT Office of Disability, NDIA, other disability service providers identified through a snowball approach, NT Health.

Question: In the RFP you mention the requirement to “research, map and assess” disability services. Does “assess” refer to views we would gather through stakeholder engagement (additional services that ACCHS would like to deliver, barriers, potential solutions), or are you envisioning quality or other assessment of available services?

Answer: Additional desktop research would be expected.

Question: Is this an open tender (we note the RFT can be downloaded from your website) or is it a restricted/select tender?

Answer: This is an open tender.

Question: services to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory? Would it be reasonable to assume that we could engage this group via a survey, considering we understand there are approximately 400 NDIS registered providers in the NT?

Answer: Yes, this level of engagement with a large number of providers is reasonable. Other key providers are likely to be identified through consultation with key stakeholders and be engaged through more in-depth consultation as deemed necessary.