



## WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)

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### CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Individual Consulting Service)

Reference No **FM/TEND/AMI/2020/016/SPM/APM/bk**

**Sahel Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Project (SM/NTD)**

### **RECRUITMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT PROJECT BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES IN THE IDENTIFICATION, DOCUMENTATION AND SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The West African Health Organisation (WAHO) is the health institution of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), tasked with ensuring the attainment of the highest possible standard and protection of health for the people in the ECOWAS region. One of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the region is communicable and non-communicable diseases. Disease control and the prevention of epidemics are therefore, among the priorities of the 15 countries in the ECOWAS region and a central tenet of WAHO activities.

The World Bank has provided grants to ECOWAS for WAHO to implement the Sahel Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (SM/NTD) Project, covering Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali. The project is aimed at increasing access to and use of harmonised community-level services for the prevention and treatment of malaria and select neglected tropical diseases in the cross-border areas of beneficiary countries.

The West African Health Organisation, therefore, seeks to recruit an individual Consultant to support the SM/NTD project by identifying, documenting and sharing of best practices through-out the beneficiary countries within the region.

#### **General and Specific Objectives**

The overall objective of the mission is to support WAHO and the SM/NTD project by identifying, documenting and sharing of best practices within the three (3) beneficiary countries in the region.

Specifically, the consultant shall:

- through a participatory and consensual process based on objective criteria, identify and document best practices in the 3 beneficiary countries and at WAHO ;
- Draw up a list of practices identified;
- Make recommendation for scaling up good practices;
- Make recommendations to address bottlenecks and barriers to project implementation

#### **Duties and Responsibilities of the Consultant**

The Consultant will carry out this assignment under the supervision of the PMU General Coordinator and the SM/NTDs Project Coordinator and using a participatory approach involving all project stakeholders. This shall include:

- Consult key stakeholders/key informants, the list of whom should be agreed with the project coordinating entity;
- Carry out field visits and virtual consulting as required with a view to engaging with stakeholders in the field (countries), documenting best and poor practices;
- Examine reports and documents (Project Document, Project Progress Reports, Annual Budgeted Work Plans, Project Activity Reports, Communication Products), resulting from the implementation of technical interventions and any workshop/meetings as part of the implementation of the project ;
- Identify and describe the experiences or examples of best practices, within the framework of the implementation of the project, that can be disseminated, including the conditions or pre-requisites for their replication;
- Collate the best practices identified and propose strategies and activities for sharing best practices identified in the three (3) countries and in the region;
- Propose solutions to correct the poor practices observed;
- Facilitate a workshop to validate the report of the consulting mission if required.

### **Required Qualifications, Experience and Skills:**

The Consultant must have the following qualifications and skills:

- Hold a university degree and a post-graduate degree in public health or social sciences;
- Have a sound knowledge of technical strategies for malaria control and NTDs in the West African region ;
- Have at least 15 years of professional experience in health;
- At least three (03) project evaluation or capitalization missions in health domain in the last ten (10) years, one of which must be on NTD;
- Have an excellent communication and good knowledge sharing skills
- A good knowledge of ECOWAS region's Health System will be an advantage;
- Previous experience in health project coordination and management with focus on Neglected Tropical Diseases will be an advantage.
- Proficiency in word processing and data analysis, Word, Power point, Epi Info, Excel and Access databases will be an advantage;
- Working knowledge of English and French will be an advantage

### **Evaluation criteria:**

#### **➤ Essential Criteria**

- Hold a university degree and a post-graduate degree in public health or social sciences: 20 points
- General Experiences at least 15 years of professional experience in health : 20 points
- Specific experiences at least three (03) project evaluation or capitalization missions in health domain in the last ten (10) years, one of which must be on NTD : 30 points
- Excellent communication and good knowledge sharing skills: 10 points.
- Knowledge of technical strategies for Malaria and NTD in west Africa: 10 points

#### **➤ Desirable Criteria** incorporated in global score (10 points)

- Previous experience in health project coordination and management with focus on Neglected Tropical Diseases is an asset;

- Knowledge of ECOWAS Region’s Health System;
- Working knowledge of English (working language of World Bank) and French (language in the Sahel) will be an advantage.

## Information, Deadline and Address for Submission of Applications

Further information may be obtained during work hours: **From Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 16:00 GMT** from the WAHO Resource Person at the address below:

**Mrs. Lalaissa AMOUKOU**

**E-mail:** [lamoukou@wahooas.org](mailto:lamoukou@wahooas.org)

Qualified Consultants may download the TORs on WAHO website at the following address: [www.wahooas.org](http://www.wahooas.org)

Interested and qualified individual Consultants should express their interest by submitting their detailed application by email to the address [wahooas-tenders@ecowas.int](mailto:wahooas-tenders@ecowas.int)

The subject of the email must indicate the position for which you are applying. The deadline for receipt of applications is **13 August, 2020 at 12:00 hours GMT**.

The consultant will be selected in accordance with selection procedures of individual consultants set out in the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers (ed. January 2011, revised in July 2014) available on the World Bank website <http://www.worldbank.org>.

**Prof Stanley OKOLO**  
**Director General**



## **SAHEL MALARIA AND NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES PROJECT(SM/NTDs)**

**RECRUITMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT  
PROJECT BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES IN THE IDENTIFICATION,  
DOCUMENTATION AND SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The present terms of reference are prepared by the West African Health Organisation with the aim of recruiting a consultant to support the Institution to document and share good practices within the framework of the P/MTN project, with a view to its imminent closure.

## **1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE**

As part of the fight against extreme poverty and promotion of shared prosperity in the region, the World Bank Group, working alongside ECOWAS, is funding the Sahel Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Project (SM/NTD). It includes three countries in the Sahel region, namely Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. The project is aimed at increasing access to and use of harmonised community-level services for the prevention and treatment of malaria and select neglected tropical diseases in the cross-border areas of beneficiary countries.

The interventions proposed by the project are built around three main components: Improved regional collaboration for more robust results among participating countries: This component supports countries' efforts to harmonise policies and procedures and participate in joint planning, implementation, experience sharing and evaluation of malaria and NTD prevention and care services, (2) Supporting the coordinated implementation of malaria and NTD interventions in border areas: This component supports the country's joint efforts to combat malaria and neglected tropical diseases through community-based interventions in cross-border areas using Community Health Workers (CHWs). Strengthening institutional capacity to coordinate implementation and monitoring/evaluation: This component provides support to countries, implementing agencies and regional institutions to carry out core functions and ensure that the project is well implemented, monitored and evaluated.

One of the objectives of Component 1 is to strengthen regional collaboration for better results in all countries through (i) harmonisation of technical interventions and surveillance tools in all countries; (ii) joint planning of campaigns and cross-border activities; (iii) identification of operational research priorities and dissemination of lessons learned in the implementation and evaluation of the project. To this end, there are plans to implement a knowledge sharing strategy to document and share best good practices in the three countries and others in the implementation of the project activities.

These Terms of Reference have been prepared for the recruitment of a consultant to support WAHO in documenting and sharing good practices within the framework of the SM/NTD project.

## **2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTING SERVICE :**

The purpose of this publication is to recruit a consultant to support WAHO in the identification, documentation and sharing of good practices within the SM/NTDs project in the 3 countries and at WAHO.

Specifically, the consultant shall:

- through a participatory and consensual process based on objective criteria, identify good practices in the 3 countries and at WAHO ;
- Draw up a list of practices identified;
- Make proposals for scaling up good practices;
- Make proposals to tackle the poor practices observed.

## **3. DUTIES**

The Consultant will carry out this assignment under the supervision of the PMU General Coordinator and the SM/NTDs Project Coordinator and using a participatory approach involving all project stakeholders. This shall include:

- Consult key stakeholders/key informants, the list of whom should be agreed with the project coordinating entity;

- Carry out field visits and virtual consulting as required with a view to engaging with stakeholders in the field (countries), documenting best and poor practices;
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- Identify and describe the experiences or examples of best practices, within the framework of the implementation of the project, that can be disseminated, including the conditions or pre-requisites for their replication;
- Collate the practices identified and propose strategies and activities for sharing best practices identified in the three (3) countries and in the region;
- Propose solutions to correct the poor practices observed;
- Facilitate a workshop to validate the report of the consulting mission if required.

#### **4. DELIVERABLES**

At the end of the mission, deliverables will be as follows:

- A document giving an operational summary (including a description of each of the best practices identified and the poor practices observed);
- A Final draft mission report. The final report should be submitted after review of the draft report by WAHO and its approval by the World Bank. The report must be written in French with a summary of it in English.

#### **5. MISSION LOCATION**

The consultant shall carry out field visits and virtual consulting to the three beneficiary countries of the project (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) and to WAHO. S/He will interact with the project staff, the managers of the Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases programmes as well as all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the project, and the various beneficiaries.

#### **6. DURATION AND RENEWAL**

The contract shall be for thirty (30) days.

#### **7. Required Qualifications /Expertise**

The Consultant must have the following qualifications and skills:

- Hold a university degree and a post-graduate degree in public health or social sciences;
- Have a sound knowledge of technical strategies for malaria control and NTDs in the West African region ;
- Have at least 15 years of professional experience in health;
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## **8. DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED**

Interested persons should send their CVs to the following address. The successful applicant will provide a detailed methodology with an updated work plan and a financial proposal.

The Director General

Email: [wahooas-tenders@ecowas.int](mailto:wahooas-tenders@ecowas.int)

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## **9. TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT**

A consultant's contract will be signed between WAHO and the selected consulting firm in accordance with the World Bank Guidelines.

## **10. BUDGET**

The mission will be financed by the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) from the SM/NTD funds.