



WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Individual Consulting Service)

Reference No FM/TEND/AMI/2020/017/SPM/APM/bk

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

RECRUITING ONE INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR THE FINAL EVALUATION OF THE SAHEL MALARIA AND NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (SM/NTD) PROJECT

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. Communicable and non-communicable diseases are the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the region. Therefore, disease control and the prevention of epidemics are among the priorities of the 15 countries of ECOWAS 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 project is scheduled to close by the end of December 2020.

It is against this backdrop that WAHO wishes to recruit one Individual Consultant for the final evaluation of the project.

General and Specific Objectives

The overall objective is to support WAHO in assessing the level of achievement of the objectives of the SM/NTD project phase implemented by WAHO and collect as well as document best practices and lessons learnt.

Specifically, the Consultant's tasks will be as follows:

- Review the relevance and effectiveness of the institutional set-up of the project;
- Review the compliance of project implementation with the provisions of the financing agreement in terms of financial management, procurement, monitoring and evaluation and environmental safeguard;
- Assess the level of physical and financial implementation per project component;
- Review the levels of achievement of the project indicators;
- Review the project implementation mechanism and process;
- Review the impact of the project on malaria and NTD indicators;
- Review the achievements and shortcomings throughout the project implementation chain;

- Assess the level of ownership of the project by the countries and their capacity to sustain the achievements;
- Document lessons learned and best practices during project implementation;
- Propose recommendations for improving efficiency in the implementation of future projects.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Consultant

The Consultant will perform this assignment under the supervision of the General Coordinator of the World Bank-financed Project Management Unit (PMU) and the SM/NTD Project Coordinator and using a participatory approach involving all project stakeholders. The consultant will, inter alia:

- Work with key stakeholders or key informants to be agreed upon with the Project Coordinating Entity at WAHO;
- Review reports and documents (Project Document, Project Progress Reports, Annual Work Plans and Budgets, Project Activity Reports, Communication Products) resulting from the implementation of technical interventions and any workshops/meetings as part of implementation of the project ;
- Carry out interviews with stakeholders and direct observation of project achievements through field trips;
- The Consultant will also compile and analyze data and outcomes of campaigns and community activities to assess the level of achievements, benchmarked against targets;
- Compare and cross-validate data from various sources (project staff, implementing partners and beneficiaries and other surveys and studies on malaria and neglected tropical diseases);
- 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
- Present their preliminary results to WAHO for review, comments and internal validation;
- Present the results during the Regional Steering Committee workshop scheduled for October 2020;
- Publish an article on the project appraisal results.

Required Qualifications, Experience and Skills:

The Consultant must have the following qualifications and skills:

- Hold at least a university degree in health sciences, social sciences or related fields. A graduate of medicine; holding a master's degree in public health, epidemiology or health economics will be an asset.
- Have at least 7 years of professional experience including 5 years in health projects and programmes appraisal.
- Proven experience in evaluation of national and regional projects including experience in evaluating health projects or programmes on disability-causing diseases. Knowledge in the management of malaria and neglected tropical diseases will be an asset;
- Experience in project evaluation in the ECOWAS region;
- Have a sound knowledge of the health systems in ECOWAS countries and particularly in the three project countries;
- Ability to work in a team and skills in report writing;
- Working knowledge of English and French will be an advantage.

Evaluation Criteria:

➤ **Essential Criteria**

- Hold at least a university degree in health sciences, social sciences or related fields. 20 marks;

- Have at least 7 years of professional experience including 5 years in health project and programme appraisal: 20 marks;
- Proven experience in evaluation of national and regional projects including experience in evaluating health projects or programmes on disability-causing: 45 marks;
- Have a sound knowledge of the health systems in ECOWAS countries and particularly in the three project countries: 5 marks.

➤ **Desirable Criteria (10 points included in the overall score)**

- Experience in project evaluation in the ECOWAS region ;
- A degree in medicine; holding a master's degree in public health, epidemiology or health economics will be an asset ;
- Working knowledge of English (working language of World Bank) and French (language in the Sahel) will be an advantage.

Should there be a tie, the consultant with the highest number of project or programme evaluation missions/contracts will be considered.

Information, deadline and venue 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:

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Qualified Consultants may download the TORs on WAHO website at the following address: www.wahooas.org/tenders

Interested and qualified individual Consultants should express their interest by submitting their detailed application only by electronic to the address <https://data.wahooas.org/tenders/tenders/list> or by mail: tenders@wahooas.org. The subject of the email must ONLY and OBLIGATORY mention the following reference **FM/TEND/AMI/2020/017/SPM/APM/bk**

The deadline for receipt of applications is **29th October, 2020 at 12:00 hours GMT**.

The ideal consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures for the selection 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 web site <http://www.worldbank.org>.

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