

**Terms of Reference:****Development of digital Health Strategy for Solomon Islands (DRAFT)**

1. **Purpose:** To provide guidance and technical assistance for the MHMS to 1) conduct a readiness assessment of 2020 landscape for digital health infrastructure; 2) provide technical support to conduct an MHMS stakeholder workshop to develop a common vision and identify priorities for the Digital Health Strategy; and 3) draft a National Digital Health Strategy.
2. **Aim:** The overall aim will be to engage with key stakeholders to support Solomon Islands plan and implement digital health services to improve access, coverage and quality of health services available to the populations of Solomon Islands.
3. **Methodology:** To support the assessment task, the consultant will use tools to convene a representative group of key stakeholders to conduct a readiness assessment in workshop setting as well as to identify priorities that will set the baseline and inform the development of the Digital Health Strategy. We suggest the following tools.
 - [Global Digital Health Index and Maturity Model](#) - high level assessment of enabling environment for digital health; areas where Solomon Islands is below the global average can be recommended for prioritization in the Digital Health Strategy.
 - [Measure Evaluation Health Information Stages for Continuous Improvement](#) - this toolkit can be used to assess and strengthen the HIS and related data use and quality systems.
 - [Digital Health Atlas](#) - inventory of digital health projects; can also be used to evaluate digital health tools prioritized for national scale and to plan for how to strengthen them
 - [WHO/ITU eHealth Strategy Toolkit](#).

This process will be undertaken on line in collaboration with the Technical Work Group (TWG) that will be working on the ground using the following proposed schedule/ approach.

Prior to field visits and the workshop the consultant will:

- Provide the TWG and HIS with orientation to proposed process and approach- including an introduction to the tools and what they do and how they will be used in Solomon Islands;
- Conduct key informant interviews with key stakeholders to identify priorities for the readiness assessment;
- Review of key documents;
- Pre-workshop survey with workshop participants; and
- Workshop design - methodology and agenda, participant list.

4. Deliverables and activities

Deliverable 1: Workshop methodology/agenda submitted.

Deliverable 2: A comprehensive report with high level situational analysis on the assessment and workshop findings.

Deliverable 3: A draft National Digital Health Strategy submitted.

Activities:

- Provide orientation and planning meetings and observational visit to see prioritized digital health tools in action- including DHIS2
- Review of Assessment Data and Prioritization - ensure representation of all relevant stakeholders at all levels of the health system in and out of government
- Follow up on the drafting of the Roadmap (detailed implementation plan) and M&E Plan can leverage the readiness assessment data and the GDHI
- Develop plan for validation and decentralized socialization of strategy
- Facilitate Digital Health Steering Committee to develop initial draft of the Digital Health Strategy
- Revise draft completed by the Steering Committee.
- Document the process and Debrief and next steps.

5. Planned timelines (subject to confirmation)

August to September 2020.

6. Specific requirements

- **Education required:** A university degree in digital Health, IT, HIS, public health,
- **Work experience required:** At least ten years of experience in the public health sector in areas similar to those included in this TOR.
- Experience in developing digital health strategies at the national or provincial levels.
- Experience in digital health in Pacific countries would be an asset.
- **Language requirements:** Fluency in written and spoken English is essential.

7. Competencies

- Ability to provide online support
- Ability to communicate in credible and effective ways;
- Ability to write clearly and effectively; and
- Ability to produce results.

8. Place of assignment

NA (online)

9. Timeline/Duration of assignment

The duration for the assignment is from December 2020 to March 2021, with 60 working days [TBC] (tentative schedule)