



This consultancy is requested by:

Unit:	Learning Solutions and Training
Department:	Country Readiness Strengthening

### 1. Background

The availability of a qualified workforce is an essential requirement for Member States to ensure health emergency preparedness and thus fulfil their obligations and exercise their rights under the International Health Regulations (2005) (the "IHR" or "the Regulations"). To establish, strengthen and maintain public health personnel that are capable of supporting the IHR implementation, Member States need to adopt and implement sustainable workforce development strategies, facilitating the implementation of relevant learning programmes and activities.

The rapid evolution of technology and the COVID-19 pandemic require adaptations in the design and development of learning materials to meet the workforce development needs of Public Health professionals, with an increase availability of online mobile compatible learning courses and virtual applications.

### 2. Purpose of the Consultancy

The consultant, reporting to the Unit Head of the "Learning Solutions and Training" (LST) unit in the WHO Health Emergency Programme, Department of Country Readiness Strengthening, will support the unit's work bringing expertise in Public Health and Health Emergency Preparedness, to facilitate the design and development of learning approaches, applications and tools related to COVID-19 or in a post COVID-19 environment for the benefit of Public Health professionals working with WHO Member States.

### 3. Description of Duties

Working in close collaboration with technical units, regional and country offices throughout the World Health Organization, the selected individual will provide technical input to the LST unit in the design and development of learning activities related to Health Emergency Preparedness, Readiness and IHR (2005) implementation.

#### ◆ Health Emergency Preparedness and IHR Complicance (EPIC game)

Ensure quality control on the overall EPIC Game scenario from a technical "public health" perspective:

- identify technical areas that would need to be developed or enhanced, propose adjustments where required,
- liaise with the relevant technical units to finalize and validate the technical related content,
- contribute inputs to strengthen gamification aspects

- ◆ Contribute to the design, development, field testing and implementation of the IHR Learning Programme:
  - Analyze existing learning activities with the goal to facilitate cross country collaboration, especially from a “south-to—south” perspective
  - Provide inputs in the design of a IHR Learning implementation guide for WHO Member States
  - Participate and/or lead pilot testing of various aspects of the IHR learning program at country level
- ◆ National Rapid Response Team skills drills learning activities  
 Contribute to the design and development of virtual scenario-based simulations / skills drills exercises geared to national rapid response teams to train and test its members:
  - Write and/or review existing “public health stories” on different health events, such as Ebola, cholera, MERS Coronavirus, COVID-19, and “natural events”, such as floods and earthquakes, to provide the background for the virtual scenario-based learning simulations applied to the deployment of national rapid response teams
  - Provide inputs in the design of country implementation guide
  - Participate and/or lead pilot testing in the skills drills once finalized

#### 4. **Technical Supervision**

The selected consultant will work under the supervision of the unit head within the Learning Solutions and Training (LST) unit, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, Department of Country Readiness Strengthening.

#### 5. **Qualifications:**

- An advanced university degree in public health, epidemiology, medical field, life and/or social sciences
- If a team, please provide the CVs of the staff who will lead the project + another staff

#### 6. **Experience required:**

Essential:

A minimum of 5 to 7 years working experience in the areas of Public Health in an international context:

- Prior working experience on issues related to IHR (2005) implementation and monitoring at country-level
- Demonstrated experience in Project Management
- Capacity to work in a team, to manage projects for specific target audiences from start to end with a confirmed capacity to deliver concrete products based on tight timelines
- Previous work with WHO or an international / UN based organization / recognized humanitarian organizations or with an international nongovernmental organization

Desirable:

- Experience with high threat respiratory pathogens and/or other infectious diseases
- Good knowledge and skills in the area of instructional design related to Public Health context

***Language knowledge requirements:***

- Excellent oral and written level of English
- Working knowledge of French or another UN language would be an asset

**7. Contract timeline**

The contract will be for a duration of six (6) months, with a starting date on or about 01-May-2021. Due to the length of the assignment, the consultant will be paid upon achievement of deliverables and regular review of progress made.

**8. Place of assignment**

The consultant will be expected to work off-site, to be in regular communication with the LST unit and relevant colleagues in WHO during the period of this consultancy using various distance communication tools.

**9. Travel**

Travels and the organization of face-to-face meetings with the LST unit will be decided based on the local conditions and evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**10. Applications**

Applications should be sent to [ihrhrt@who.int](mailto:ihrhrt@who.int) with an expression of interest and CV.

The deadline for application is **19-Apr-2021 6PM CET**

The consultancy contract is subject to WHO rules and regulations, and availability of funds. Only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.