

FINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultant

"Country Project Specialist for Technical Support to National Malaria Control Programmes in the GMS Countries"

To be attached to the Stellis requisition

<p>1. Background</p> <p>In order to accelerate Malaria Elimination in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), it was agreed that WHO should strengthen its role in technical support at the provincial level in the 5 GMS countries – Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam – to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen program coordination and provide technical support to ensure full implementation of Malaria National Strategic Plan interventions; and 2. Implement an aggressive approach to deploy interventions to impact risk and deplete parasite reservoirs in populations with highest risk of malaria. <p>In order to fulfil this role, WHO/MME (Mekong Malaria Elimination) is recruiting a Country Project Specialist to work in the frame of the Intensification Plan for Reducing the Malaria Burden Among Forest Goers and Hard to Reach Populations (Intensification Plan). The Country Project Specialist will be responsible of his/her respective countries: Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam to plan, monitor, report and timely support field work at central level in close collaboration with the National Malaria Control Programmes (NMCPs) while the GMS project specialist, who is also based in Cambodia will be responsible for the GMS Region.</p> <p>The Country Project Specialist will extensively travel to high burden targeted areas of his/her respective countries while the GMS Project Specialist consultant will monthly travel to the GMS counties (capital and provincial level) to launch the Intensification Plan in the region. In addition, they will travel to other GMS countries for <i>ad hoc</i> epidemiological support.</p> <p>Planned Timelines: Start date: 01/08/2022 End date: 31/12/2022; and Start date: 01/01/2023 End date: 30/11/2023</p>
<p>2. Deliverables</p> <p><u>PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the Intensification Plan assessment in the five GMS countries 2. Support the epidemiologists and field staff involved in the Intensification Plan 3. Coordination and collaboration with National Malaria Control Programmes and partners at the central level 4. Improve communication between National Malaria Control Programmes, WHO and partners, including development of technical reports and presentations

5. Provide technical support the NMCPs to define the most appropriate aggressive interventions to accelerate malaria elimination
6. Strengthen the overall capacity of all national programmes to be eligible to WHO requirements for malaria free certification by 2023.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT

Support the Intensification Plan assessment in the five GMS countries: launch the intensification plan in the region to accelerate malaria elimination.

Activity 1: Coordinate with the NMCPs of each country to define the best strategy to commence the implementation of the Intensification Plan in each country and deploy epidemiologists and field staff based on epidemiological needs

Activity 2: Coordination between the GMS and the Country Project Specialists to assess an homogenous plan adapted to each country

Activity 3: Monthly travel of the GMS Project Specialist to the GMS countries to strengthen collaboration with NMCPs and partners and ad hoc support of the Country Project Specialists in other GMS countries

Activity 4: Extensive travels of the Country Project Specialist to the provincial levels to support the epidemiologist and field staff based at the peripheral level

Coordination and collaboration with National Malaria Control Programmes and partners at the central level to plan, monitor, and report the assessment of the intensification plan and highlight challenges and bottlenecks.

Activity 1: Plan monthly joint field visits with the NMCPs and partners to observe progress, challenges and provide adapted recommendations

Activity 2: Monitor the implementation of the intensification plan activities

Activity 3: Monthly reports on the epidemiological situation and the implementation of malaria activities in the GMS region (GMS Project Specialist) and in each of the GMS countries (Country Project Specialist)

Activity 4: Draft reports to the UNOPS and The Global Fund including the necessary reprogramming requests when needed

Support NMCPs to define the most appropriate aggressive interventions to accelerate malaria elimination and strengthen the overall capacity of all national programmes to be eligible to WHO requirements for malaria free certification by 2023.

Activity 1: Collaborate with NMCPs to define the situation and define the most appropriate aggressive interventions.

Activity 2: Close work with GMP in the definition of the WHO requirements for malaria free certification

METHODS TO CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITY AND LIST OF OUTPUTS:

The consultant will be based in WHO Country Office and will be responsible for the following deliverables in support to the NMCPs to accelerate malaria elimination in the GMS region:

Output 1: Support the Intensification Plan assessment in the five GMS countries

- **Deliverable 1.1:** Plan team activities at the region (GMS Project Specialist) and country level (Country Project Specialists)
- **Deliverable 1.2:** Produce biannual technical reports on the assessment of the implementation of emergency response plan by travelling to priority provinces (including epidemiology, logistics, and operations)

Output 2: Coordination and collaboration with the National Malaria Control Programmes and partners at the central level

- **Deliverable 2.1:** Plan quarterly joint field visits with the NMCPs and partners in targeted areas based on the epidemiology
- **Deliverable 2.2:** Monitoring of the malaria implementing activities
- **Deliverable 2.3:** Monthly reporting of the region situation with details for each country
- **Deliverable 2.4:** Financial and technical report every semester to submit to UNOPS and The Global Fund

Output 3: Appropriate aggressive interventions to accelerate malaria elimination and eligibility to WHO requirements for malaria free certification by 2023

- **Deliverable 3.1:** 5 countries supported by WHO to implement the intensification plan, with at least 2 of them implementing aggressive approaches in Year 1
- **Deliverable 3.2:** 5 countries supported by WHO to implement the intensification plan, with at least 4 of them implementing aggressive approaches in Year 2

3. Qualifications, experience, skills and languages

Educational Qualifications

Qualifications required:

University degree in medicine, science or equivalent in public health or epidemiology from an accredited/recognized institute.

Desirable: Postgraduate degree in public health or epidemiology

Experience

Experience required:

Minimum 5 years of relevant work experience required. An experience in WHO or other UN Organizations, working on communicable diseases is desirable.

Desirable: working as a team leader in a low-middle income country

Competencies:

1. Teamwork and Leadership
2. Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
3. Communication
4. Moving forward in a changing environment

Skills/Knowledge

Good knowledge of English is essential (Read-Write-Speak). Basic knowledge of Khmer/Vietnamese/Thai desirable.

Languages and level required

Expert level of English is essential (Read-Write-Speak). Working knowledge of other UN languages is an advantage.

4. Technical Supervision												
The selected Consultant will work on the supervision of the MME Coordinator.												
5. Location												
<p><i>Please specify where the consultant will work:</i></p> <p>On site: _____ (please indicate office and duty station)</p> <p>Off site: _____ (please indicate location/ address).</p> <p>Place of assignment</p> <p>The country project specialist will be based at WHO Country Offices (Cambodia, Vietnam or Thailand) and travel extensively (at least 50% of his/her time) at the provincial level. The travel location will be subjected to changes, accordingly to the epidemiology.</p>												
6. Travel - <i>If travel is involved, full medical clearance is required</i>												
<p><i>Please specify any expected travel(s): dates, location and purpose.</i></p> <p><i>A living expense is payable to on-site consultants – please refer to Information Note 08/2019 for details on eligibility.</i></p> <p>Travel</p> <p>Frequent travels and long stay to provinces is expected.</p> <p><i>All travel arrangements will be made by WHO – WHO will not be responsible for tickets purchased by the Consultant without the express, prior authorization of WHO. While on mission under the terms of this consultancy, the Consultant will receive subsistence allowance.</i></p> <p><i>Visas requirements: it is the consultant's responsibility to fulfil visa requirements and ask for visa support letter(s) if needed.</i></p> <p>Medical clearance</p> <p>The selected consultant will be expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work.</p>												
7. Remuneration and budget (travel costs excluded)												
<p><i>Rate [daily or monthly or for language and publishing services by word count or number of pages]:</i></p> <p>Currency: USD350/day</p> <p><i>Work schedule (if applicable) :</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Date</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Remuneration</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Remarks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">01 August 2022 to 31 December 2022; and</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">20 days x \$350 x 5 months= \$35,000</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Monthly payment</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">01 January 2023 to 30 November 2023</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">20 days x \$350 x 11 months= \$77,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Please refer to Information Note 09/2021 for guidance on rates for consultants.</i></p>	Date	Remuneration	Description	Remarks	01 August 2022 to 31 December 2022; and	20 days x \$350 x 5 months= \$35,000	Monthly payment		01 January 2023 to 30 November 2023	20 days x \$350 x 11 months= \$77,000		
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