



AGREEMENT FOR PERFORMANCE OF WORK

This consultancy is requested by:

Unit	UHC-HLE
Division	Viet Nam

1. Purpose of the Consultancy

To conduct assessment of EENC 2023 in the northern/central/ and the southern subregions of Viet Nam under technical and coordination support from WHO and Maternal and Child Health Department of MOH.

2. Background

A newborn infant dies every two minutes in the Region – often needlessly. The World Health Organization and its Member States developed and endorsed the Action Plan for Healthy Newborn Infants in the Western Pacific Region (2014–2020). The plan aims to improve the quality of care for mothers and babies in health facilities, where the vast majority of children are born in the Region.

In Viet Nam, newborn deaths now represent 52% of all under-5 child deaths and the neonatal mortality rate is estimated at 10.5 per 1000 live births. Two-thirds of all newborn deaths occur in the first three days of life from complications of prematurity/low birth weight, asphyxia and sepsis. In response to this challenge, Viet Nam has adopted Early Essential Newborn Care (EENC) through the issuance of the Ministry of Health MOH's technical guidelines for EENC and deployment of EENC at nation wide level from 2014.

To help countries in the Western Pacific Region in monitoring and evaluating the progress and quality of EENC implementation, every two years WPRO supports countries in the Region in conducting an EENC national assessment.

With support from WHO, the EENC assessment will be conducted this year in 11 provinces (Quang Ninh, Hung Yen, Son La, Quang Ngai, Binh Thuan, Phu Yen, Kontum, Binh Duong, Tien Giang, An Giang and Ca Mau) from the northern, the central and the southern areas. In each province, the assessment will be conducted in the provincial hospital and two districts (one urban and one rural). There is a need to identify three regional hospitals each in the northern, the central and the southern areas to implement this work.

3. Planned timelines (subject to confirmation)

Start date: 5th April 2023

End date: 15th July 2023

4. Work to be performed

Method (s) to carry out the activity

The assessment team from each selected hospital will work closely with the WHO country office and Maternal and Child Health Department to develop a plan and to conduct the assessment, with the following expected outputs and deliverables:

Output 1: Work with WHO, MCH Department and other selected regional hospitals to finalize assessment proposal with timeline and tools

- **Deliverable 1:** finalized assessment proposal, agree timeline for data collectors training and field work plan (by 15th April 2023)

Output 2: Conduct training for data collectors, organize field work, and submit the data set

- **Deliverable 2:** training for data collectors is completed and the training report is submitted (by 29th April 2023)
- **Deliverable 3:** fieldwork is completed, and clean data set is submitted to WHO and MCH department (by 5th June 2023)
- **Deliverable 4:** fieldwork report is submitted with concrete recommendations for each health care facility (by 15th July 2023)

5. Technical Supervision

The contracting partners will work under the technical guidance of:

Responsible Officer:	Dr Pham Thi Quynh Nga Technical Officer, UHC/HLE, VNM	Email:	ngap@who.int
Manager:	Dr Annie Chu Acting Coordinator UHC/HLE, VNM	Email:	chua@who.int

6. Specific requirements

6.1. Qualifications

Essential:

The team leader of each hospital is expected to have a post-graduate degree in Maternal or New-born Health. The assessment team from each hospital from the northern, the central and the southern subregions should have expertise in the following areas:

- Maternal and new- born health
- Monitoring and Evaluation of EENC

6.2. Experiences:

Essential:

The selected hospitals should have experience in:

- implementing EENC and KMC
- providing training and monitoring on EENC and KMC for provinces in their region,
- conducting assessments in maternal and child health including EENC

Desirable:

- working experiences with international agencies/UN partners
- experiences in data analysis and report writing

6.3. Technical skills and knowledge:

- Knowledge and basic skills in planning, monitoring and evaluation
- Ability to develop locally adapted tools and instruments.
- Ability to interact with health professionals at various levels

6.4. Language requirements:

- Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English and Vietnamese

6.5. Competencies

- Communication
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Producing results

7. Place of assignment

Hanoi, Viet Nam (Northern, Central and Southern Viet Nam)




8. Medical clearance

Medical clearance is not required for the contracting partners.

9. Travel

Assessment teams will travel to some provinces in their regions.

10. Reviewed and cleared by:

	Responsible Technical Officer	Acting Team Coordinator	WR
Signature			
Date	9 March 2023	10 March 2023	13 Mar 2023
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11. Other requests to be approved:

	A/Team Coordinator	WR
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