



SAHEL MALARIA AND NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES PROJECT(SM/NTDs)

**RECRUITMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO
SUPPORT PROJECT BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES IN THE
IDENTIFICATION, DOCUMENTATION AND SHARING OF
BEST PRACTICES**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The present terms of reference are prepared by the West African Health Organisation with the aim of recruiting a consultant to support the Institution to document and share good practices within the framework of the P/MTN project, with a view to its imminent closure.

1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

As part of the fight against extreme poverty and promotion of shared prosperity in the region, the World Bank Group, working alongside ECOWAS, is funding the Sahel Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Project (SM/NTD). It includes three countries in the Sahel region, namely Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. 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 interventions proposed by the project are built around three main components: Improved regional collaboration for more robust results among participating countries: This component supports countries' efforts to harmonise policies and procedures and participate in joint planning, implementation, experience sharing and evaluation of malaria and NTD prevention and care services, (2) Supporting the coordinated implementation of malaria and NTD interventions in border areas: This component supports the country's joint efforts to combat malaria and neglected tropical diseases through community-based interventions in cross-border areas using Community Health Workers (CHWs). Strengthening institutional capacity to coordinate implementation and monitoring/evaluation: This component provides support to countries, implementing agencies and regional institutions to carry out core functions and ensure that the project is well implemented, monitored and evaluated.

One of the objectives of Component 1 is to strengthen regional collaboration for better results in all countries through (i) harmonisation of technical interventions and surveillance tools in all countries; (ii) joint planning of campaigns and cross-border activities; (iii) identification of operational research priorities and dissemination of lessons learned in the implementation and evaluation of the project. To this end, there are plans to implement a knowledge sharing strategy to document and share best good practices in the three countries and others in the implementation of the project activities.

These Terms of Reference have been prepared for the recruitment of a consultant to support WAHO in documenting and sharing good practices within the framework of the SM/NTD project.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTING SERVICE :

The purpose of this publication is to recruit a consultant to support WAHO in the identification, documentation and sharing of good practices within the SM/NTDs project in the 3 countries and at WAHO.

Specifically, the consultant shall:

- through a participatory and consensual process based on objective criteria, identify good practices in the 3 countries and at WAHO ;
- Draw up a list of practices identified;
- Make proposals for scaling up good practices;
- Make proposals to tackle the poor practices observed.

3. DUTIES

The Consultant will carry out this assignment under the supervision of the PMU General Coordinator and the SM/NTDs Project Coordinator and using a participatory approach involving all project stakeholders. This shall include:

- Consult key stakeholders/key informants, the list of whom should be agreed with the project coordinating entity;
- Carry out field visits and virtual consulting as required with a view to engaging with stakeholders in the field (countries), documenting best and poor practices;
- Examine reports and documents (Project Document, Project Progress Reports, Annual Budgeted Work Plans, Project Activity Reports, Communication Products), resulting from the implementation of technical interventions and any workshops/meetings as part of the implementation of the project ;
- 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;
- Collate the practices identified and propose strategies and activities for sharing best practices identified in the three (3) countries and in the region;
- Propose solutions to correct the poor practices observed;
- Facilitate a workshop to validate the report of the consulting mission if required.

4. DELIVERABLES

At the end of the mission, deliverables will be as follows:

- A document giving an operational summary (including a description of each of the best practices identified and the poor practices observed);
- A Final draft mission report. The final report should be submitted after review of the draft report by WAHO and its approval by the World Bank. The report must be written in French with a summary of it in English.

5. MISSION LOCATION

The consultant shall carry out field visits and virtual consulting to the three beneficiary countries of the project (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) and to WAHO. S/He will interact with the project staff, the managers of the Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases programmes as well as all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the project, and the various beneficiaries.

6. DURATION AND RENEWAL

The contract shall be for thirty (30) days.

7. Required Qualifications /Expertise

The Consultant must have the following qualifications and skills:

- Hold a university degree and a post-graduate degree in public health or social sciences;
- Have a sound knowledge of technical strategies for malaria control and NTDs in the West African region ;
- Have at least 15 years of professional experience in health;
- At least three (03) project evaluation or capitalization missions in health domain in the last ten (10) years, one of which must be on NTD;
- Have an excellent communication and good knowledge sharing skills
- A good knowledge of ECOWAS region's Health System will be an advantage;
- Previous experience in health project coordination and management with focus on Neglected Tropical Diseases will be an advantage.
- Proficiency in word processing and data analysis, Word, Power point, Epi Info, Excel and Access databases will be an advantage;
- Working knowledge of English (working language of World Bank) and French (language in the Sahel) will be an advantage.

8. DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED

Interested persons should send their CVs to the following address. The successful applicant will provide a detailed methodology with an updated work plan and a financial proposal.

The Director General
Email: wahooas-tenders@ecowas.int
West African Health Organisation
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01 BP 153 Bobo-Dioulasso 01

9. TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

A consultant's contract will be signed between WAHO and the selected consulting firm in accordance with the World Bank Guidelines.

10. BUDGET

The mission will be financed by the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) from the SM/NTD funds.