



# **Consultant in charge of monitoring, evaluation and learning of the project: Moving Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Evidence into Policy in West Africa**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **1. Background:**

The West African Health Organisation (WAHO) is implementing the research project «Moving maternal, newborn and child health Evidence into Policy (MEP) in West Africa» as part of the Canadian Initiative on « Innovating for Maternal and Child Health in Africa (IMCHA) »<sup>1</sup>. The project aims to promote the use of scientific evidence in decision-making and practice to improve maternal and child health in the ECOWAS region. A regional platform to support the use of evidence has been established drawing on the results of the situation analysis conducted at the countries of intervention and regional levels. Beyond individual competencies and organisational factors, the institutionalisation of the use of evidence within the Ministry of Health Departments is a key element for effectively using evidence in a sustainable way. One of the objectives of the project is to ensure good documentation and monitoring and evaluation/learning in order to identify good practices to share them and use lessons to improve implementation and facilitate the implementation of similar projects.

### **2. Summary of Post and Assigned Duties:**

Under the supervision of the Professional Officer in charge of Research and Grants, the Monitoring-Evaluation and Learning Consultant under the IDRC/WAHO shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Project in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal. He/She shall assist in improving demand, production and the use of research findings for decision making in Mother and Child Health (MCH) policies, programmes and practices across the ECOWAS region.

### **3. Description of Main Duties and Responsibilities**

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<sup>1</sup> IDRC. (n.d.). Moving Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Evidence into Policy in West Africa | IDRC - International Development Research Centre. Retrieved October 11, 2017, from <https://www.idrc.ca/en/project/moving-maternal-newborn-and-child-health-evidence-policy-west-africa>.

The main objective to be pursued by the consultant is facilitating the documentation, monitoring, and evaluation and learning process from the implementation stage.

They shall, particularly:

- Establish the mechanism and tools for monitoring-evaluation and learning of the project,
- Monitor and evaluate the project's activities,
- Prepare and coordinate the midterm and final evaluations of the Moving Evidence into Practice (MEP) project as well as the Consortium's projects,
- Document experiences of mutual learning,
- Develop a plan for disseminating outcomes of the MEP project,
- Disseminate and handle communication on the findings of the project and the Canadian Consortium's Research Teams in West Africa,
- Support the Research Teams of the Canadian Consortium in West Africa in the dissemination of research findings,
- Write the quarterly monitoring and evaluation report on the project and research teams.

#### **4. Qualifications and Experience of the Consultant**

##### ***Background***

- A Degree in Social Sciences or Communication or other related field from a recognised university.
- Qualification in Public Health or Monitoring-Evaluation or Learning.

##### ***Experience***

- At least 7 years of relevant experience in monitoring-evaluation and learning or communication in a knowledge transfer project or promotion of the use of evidence.
- Experience in writing scientific papers,
- Relevant international work experience,

##### ***Skills***

- Good command of key monitoring and evaluation approaches including the use of combined methods,
- Experience in health communication,
- Solid team player,
- Excellent writing skills.
- Mastery of information technology,

- Experience in capacity building,
- Good command of one or several qualitative and quantitative analysis software,
- Ability to analyse qualitative and quantitative data, identify concerns and make recommendations at stakeholders' meetings,

***Language Proficiency***

Excellent knowledge (spoken and written) of one the official languages of ECOWAS (English, French or Portuguese). Working knowledge of the others would be an asset.

- 5. Duty Station (Country):** Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso
- 6. Assumption of Duty:** Novembre 2019
- 7. Duration of Contract:** One (1) year