



CONSULTANT CONTRACT
SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD REPORT ON HEARING
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

10th March 2018

Hearing plays a critical role in health and in achieving a high quality of life. It has an influence on the way a person integrates in and relates to society and has an impact on education and employment opportunities. Globally, approximately 466 million people live with disabling hearing loss that affects the quality of their lives. Unaddressed hearing loss is one of the leading causes of morbidity, in terms of 'disability adjusted life years (DALYs)' and years lived with disability (YLD), globally. Moreover, it is estimated that such hearing loss poses an annual global cost of \$750billion. It is expected that this prevalence may rise considerably in coming decades due to changing population demographics, increasing exposure to risk factors as well as persistence of untreated ear conditions. Many of the causes that lead to hearing loss are preventable.

The prevention of deafness and hearing loss and promotion of ear and hearing care was highlighted in 2015 and a resolution (WHA70.13) was unanimously adopted by the World Health Assembly in 2017. This resolution calls upon WHO to prepare a *World report on hearing*, based on the best available scientific evidence. The development of this report was discussed at a meeting of stakeholders in July 2017 and received widespread agreement from all stakeholders.

The report proposes to outline the shift in the global epidemiological distribution of hearing loss, and highlight best practices towards for ear and hearing care. It will also provide an opportunity to highlight the links between addressing hearing loss and relevant Sustainable Development Goals. Such a report is expected to catalyse global collaboration and provide guidance to Member States on next steps for making ear and hearing care accessible in their countries.

The Department for the Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention (NVI) is looking for a consultant to undertake a 12-month contract to support the development of the *World report on hearing*.

The Scope of Work for this contract consists of the following tasks:

1. To coordinate the development of the *World report on hearing*, including coordination of consultations on the report and of the writing of background papers by relevant experts;
2. To establish an advisory mechanism (e.g. editorial and/or advisory committees);
3. To support communications and stakeholder engagement activities related to the report;
4. To contribute to the writing of the *World report on hearing*;
5. To manage quality assurance processes of the report, for instance, through peer-review; and
6. To support the launch and dissemination of the *World report on hearing*.

The WHO Headquarters Office in Geneva is now inviting eligible individuals to indicate their interest in undertaking this work. Interested parties must provide information indicating why they are qualified to perform the described tasks, including CV, description of similar assignments, experience managing multi-partners projects, and coordinating other such large-scale reports. The contracting

party will be selected through a competitive process in accordance with WHO's operating policies and procedures on procurement of services.

The expected start date is **30 April 2018**. The majority of work under this consultant contract will be undertaken at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The contractual parties will be remunerated at a monthly rate that is commensurate with their experience and based on the UN common salary scale.

Qualifications and Experiences required:

- PhD in public health, social sciences, or any related topic;
- Demonstrated experience managing similar projects in an international context
- Demonstrated experience carrying out development of scientific publications;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English are required;
- Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills.

Expressions of interest must be received no later than 10:00 CET (Geneva time) on 1st of April 2018. Please include a copy of your CV as well as a description of similar work undertaken. Please also provide a budget breakdown based on the requirements. The expressions of interest are to be delivered electronically to Dr Alarcos Cieza at the following email address: rehabilitation@who.int.