Request for Expressions of Interest

Main causes of death of children 5 to 9 years old in different WHO regions of the world – A systematic review

Background:
In the past decade, significant effort was put on estimating the main causes of death among children less than five years of age.\(^1\)\(^2\)\(^3\)\(^4\)\(^5\) The health of young people and of adolescents has also gained momentum and interest, with a number of studies and publications devoted to these age groups.\(^6\)\(^7\)\(^8\)

Global targets as well as public health agenda, especially in the context of post 2015 MDGs, are mainly directed to these groups. However, very little focus has been given to children five to nine years of age and there is still a clear need for information about the 900,000 deaths among the older child that occur worldwide each year. As mortality in the younger group has been continuously declining over the past decades, the older group will require greater attention.

Valid information about cause-specific child mortality and morbidity is essential for national and international health policy. Some preliminary work to identify the main health issues related to the older child was started by WHO in the early 2000s, but has had very little advance or follow-up since then. Therefore, WHO would like to conduct: (1) a mapping of the available literature and other sources of data reporting causes of death among children aged five to nine from the year 2000 by WHO region of the world, country and year of data collection; and (2) a systematic review of the main causes of death among children five to nine by WHO regions of the world.

Objective: To map the existing literature on the causes of five-to-nine deaths in different WHO regions of the world to investigate its geographic distribution and possible time trends and to perform a systematic review on such causes.

Products to be delivered
(1) Map of the existing literature/information (through systematic searches of electronic databases) on the causes of death among children five to nine years of age.
age by source, type of study (population-based versus facility-based study, single or multi-cause study, etc.); year (from the year 2000) and place (country and region) of data collection, and by cause of death;

(2) Identification of the main causes of mortality by WHO regions of the world and by time;

(3) Complete systematic review of the main causes of death among children five to nine.

**Format of submission**
The application for undertaking this task should include a brief Letter of Intent (LoI) containing:
(1) Introduction;
(2) Objectives;
(3) Planned methodology (search strategy/language(s), possible inclusion/exclusion criteria, types of data/information to be included, possible sources, data extraction and summary analysis, etc);
(4) Work plan and timeline; and
(5) Budget

**Expression of interest with expected remuneration and delivery schedule should be sent to Dr. Cynthia Boschi-Pinto at pintoc@who.int by 15 September 2014 at the latest**