CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Conduct Population-Based Survey on Urban Health and Equity in Selected Barangays in Navotas and Quezon City

1. Summary
The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an individual or institution contractual partner to conduct a baseline assessment of urban health and equity situation of communities in project sites in Metro Manila. The proposals are due by 27 January 2019.

2. Background
Urbanization can bring about economic growth and social progress, but if improperly managed can increase urban poverty and inequity of health outcomes. The issue of urban health equity is thus an important consideration. The urban poor are often socially excluded, and face the following challenges: inability to pay for goods & services, lack of social support systems, unsafe living & working conditions, discrimination, isolation and powerlessness. Studies show that the poorer one is, the worse his health. The urban poor is constantly exposed to and suffer from unfavourable social and economic determinants that influence health status and other outcomes. It is often asked: "Why do we keep treating people for illness only to send them back to the conditions that created illness in the first place?"

Urban settlements thus can serve as a platform to galvanize multisectoral efforts to address social determinants of health. Cities can tap many actors in the urban arena who can make a tremendous impact on a large number of people, based on their combined resources and proximity. Community members, including adolescents, can be engaged for health-related initiatives. Studies show that adolescents can be enabled to become powerful societal assets whose contributions can be nurtured and augmented through meaningful engagement and participation. Promoting healthy behaviours among adolescents, and taking steps to better protect them from health risks are critical for the prevention of health problems in adulthood, and for communities’ and cities’ future health and ability to develop and thrive.

In relation to the above, WHO, in collaboration with the Department of Health (DOH) and Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH) is implementing a project on “Improving Health of the Urban Poor in Selected Areas of Metro Manila”. The objectives of the project are as follows: (1) Institute sustainable good urban health governance that leads to tangible health benefits for people in the lowest income groups; (2) Empower local leaders, urban poor communities, and adolescents to develop and implement healthy initiatives that benefit people in poor communities; and (3) Improve health-seeking behaviour and healthy practices among the urban poor.

To facilitate evidence-based planning and later on, assessment of the results of project interventions, a baseline community-based survey in intervention sites will be done. The survey will be able to provide information on the following, among others: (1) demographic profile of community in project intervention sites; (2) health beliefs and practices; (3) health conditions,
including diseases and their risk factors; and (4) determinants of health and inequities of communities and individuals in project areas.

3. Timeline
The implementation timeline for the project is from 1 February to 28 February 2019.

4. Place of Assignment
Manila, Philippines

5. Scope of Work
In coordination with WHO Philippines and the Department of Health, the selected contractual partner shall perform the following activities:

**Output 1: Inception Report with work plan and Gantt chart of activities**
- **Deliverable 1.1:** Develop work plan with Gantt chart of activities. The work plan will be part of the inception report that will be submitted to WHO Philippines at the beginning of the engagement.
- **Deliverable 1.2:** Discuss the work plan with WHO Philippines

**Output 2: Survey design and questionnaire**
- **Deliverable 2.1:** Submit survey design for a household-level population-based survey for urban health and equity in project sites.
- **Deliverable 2.2:** Submit approved questionnaire to WHO Philippines

**Output 3: Technical and Financial Reports**
- **Deliverable 3.1:** Submit technical report
- **Deliverable 3.2:** Submit financial report

6. Qualifications
The contractual partner must fulfil the following qualifications:

**Education and Certifications**
- Degree in public health, research, statistics or related field.

**Work Experience**
- With relevant experience in conducting research study, community survey or community need assessment

**Technical Skills and Knowledge**
- With good communication skills, good leadership skill and can manage survey activity

**Language Fluency:**
- Expert fluency in English

In addition, the contractual partner must have no direct or indirect interest in the tobacco industry, alcohol industry, arms dealing or human trafficking.
7. **Other Requirements**
Not applicable

8. **Submission Requirements**
Interested institutions and/or individuals should submit electronic copies of the following:
- Cover letter
- Proposal with financial details and proposed timeline
- Company profile and qualifications of team members (if institution) or curriculum vitae (if individual)

Address all proposals to:
**Dr Gundo Weiler**
WHO Representative in the Philippines
Ground Floor, Building 3, Department of Health San Lazaro Compound
Rizal Avenue, Sta Cruz, Manila

Please submit the electronic copy of the proposals with the title **Conduct Population-Based Survey on Urban Health and Equity in Selected Barangays in Navotas and Quezon City** to Dr John Juliard Go (goj@who.int), Mr Rammell Martinez (rmartinez@who.int), with copy to Ms Angel Dizon (dizona@who.int) and wpplwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of proposals is on **27 January 2019**.