CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Conduct Noncommunicable Disease (NCD) Risk Factor Survey among Adults in Sarangani and Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental, and Analysis of Davao Region-wide NCD Survey

1. Summary
The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an individual or institution contractual partner to conduct a noncommunicable disease (NCD) risk factor survey among adults in Sarangani and Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental, and analysis of Davao region-wide NCD survey. The proposals are due by 27 January 2019.

2. Background
Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) composed of cardiovascular diseases, cancers, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases, are now the leading causes of deaths in the Philippines. In 2012, 49% of total deaths in the Philippines were due to these NCDs. NCDs share four major modifiable risk factors such as tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, physical inactivity and poor diet. Current national data indicate that there is high prevalence of these NCD risk factors among Filipinos, causing tremendous concern and challenge in the efforts to prevent and control NCDs.

Aware of the above alarming situation, there have been various national-level efforts to address NCDs. In the area of surveillance, national surveys on NCD risk factors composed of the National Nutrition and Health Survey (NNHeS) and Global School Health Survey ((GSHS) have been conducted regularly in recent years to establish baseline and monitor trends on the risk factors leading to NCDs in the general population. The NNHeS utilises the STEPwise approach to risk factor surveillance questionnaire (STEPS) developed by WHO and implemented in countries globally to monitor national situation and provide benchmarking among counties on NCD risks.

At the local or subnational (local government unit) level, various initiatives are also being implemented in promoting healthy lifestyles and strengthening efforts to curb tobacco and alcohol use, unhealthy diets, and physical inactivity. There is however no local surveillance mechanism to monitor changes on the prevalence of NCD risk factors, which can help track progress in continuing efforts to address increasing exposures of the population to NCD risks, in addition to current local efforts to monitor NCD health outcomes (morbidity and mortality) and health system responses to address NCDs.

In line with the strategic NCD Plan for 2016-2021 of the DOH Center for Health Development – Davao Region, the country’s first region-wide NCD Risk Factor Survey was launched last October 2018 with technical support from the WHO-Philippines and DOH Epidemiology Bureau. Local data were already generated from the 47 Local Government Units (LGUs) in the region. Due to limitation of resources however, data collection in two municipalities: Jose Abad Santos and Sarangani has not commenced. Data from these two LGUs are needed to complete the picture of region-wide status of NCDs, and generate LGU-level data for each of the LGUs in the
region. The survey results will be used to plan and monitor interventions for NCDs and to improve the general health situation at three levels – municipality/city, province, and region.

WHO through this APW will provide technical support to DOH Center for Health Development – Davao Region for the continuance of survey in two remaining LGUs, completion of survey data collection, and analysis of region-wide survey data, with disaggregation at the level of the LGUs. The survey results will be used by the DOH and the LGUs in planning, monitoring and evaluation of NCD-related activities.

3. **Timeline**
The implementation timeline for the project is from 1 February 2019 to 31 March 2019.

4. **Place of Assignment**
Davao Region, 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 Gantt chart of activities
- Deliverable 1.1: Draft inception report
- Deliverable 1.2: Provide Gantt chart of activities

**Output 2:** Conduct of the survey
- Deliverable 2.1: Planning of the actual conduct of survey and coordination with local stakeholders; organization of the survey team and enumerators; training of enumerators; implementation, monitoring, and provision of technical supervision on the conduct of the household survey
- Deliverable 2.2: Analyze survey results, and provide report with disaggregation at the level of the LGUs.

**Output 3:** Submit 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**
- With Master or equivalent degree in any of the following areas: public health, epidemiology, communication research, community development.

**Work Experience**
- Relevant experience in conducting health-related researches and surveys for at least 5 years
Technical Skills and Knowledge

- Good knowledge on non-communicable diseases, knowledgeable in basic computer programs, efficient organizational and management skills, good technical research and writing skills.

Language Fluency:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; familiarity with local dialect

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:

- Signed letter of intent
- 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 NCD Risk Factor Survey among Adults in Sarangani and Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental, and Analysis of Davao Region-Wide NCD Survey to Dr John Juliard Go (goj@who.int) and wpphlwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of proposals is on 27 January 2019.