

CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Technical Assistance for supporting post-implementation monitoring and evaluation; and supervising sustainability mechanisms of the Performance Accountability System (PAS) platform on Governance for Local Government Unit (LGU) and Supervising PAS Sustainability in Davao Region



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1. Summary

The World Health Organization Philippines is looking for an individual or institution contractual partner to provide technical assistance for supporting post-implementation monitoring and evaluation; and supervising sustainability mechanisms of the Performance Accountability System (PAS) platform on Governance for Local Government Unit (LGU) and Supervising PAS Sustainability in Davao Region, which shall include introduction of the PAS at the “Provincial Level” of the SNI Phase 1 project sites . The PAS has been introduced and utilized in the Subnational Initiative Project, Phase 1 (SNI Phase 1) in select municipalities in Davao Region, and will be introduced and scaled up to other LGUs in Davao Region during this current Subnational Initiative Project, Phase 2. Proposed engagement will be under an Agreement for Performance of Work (APW) contract.

The proposals are due by 15 March 2021.

2. Background

The World Health Organization Country Office, Philippines is currently implementing the Subnational Initiative Project (SNIP), Phase 2 in collaboration with the Philippines Department of Health (DOH) and the Center for Health and Development of Regions Caraga, Davao, and Western Visayas, with funding support from the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Philippines.

The project is called “Strengthening Health Care Provider Network (HCPN) with Enhanced Linkage to Community for Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH). The objective is to improve the health systems of the three (3) regions for better health for maternal, child, and adolescent health. The project will respond based on the following health outcomes; supported communities to develop effective approaches to essential health services for RMNCAH, strengthened governance and management for the responsiveness of HCPN, and sustained and scaled up the initial gains in Region XI from the Subnational-Initiative Phase 1 Project.

In 2016, the World Health Organization, Philippines implemented the SNI Phase 1, in collaboration with DOH Regional Office XI modeling the Performance Accountability System for maternal and newborn health and approaches in mobilizing communities for MNH. These innovative approaches were rapidly developed and adapted as a response to high number of maternal deaths in Malita, Davao Occidental during the first semester of 2015, in order to address bottlenecks in Indigenous populations' access to ante-natal care and facility deliveries. These tools have been rolled out across all ten (10) municipality project sites of SNI Phase 1. The strategy included:

- Performance Accountability System for municipal and barangay levels developed in and introduced as short-term planning and self-evaluation for identifying problems that may be quickly addressed;

- Barangay level maternal tracking system to ensure that Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) can easily maintain contact with and support for expectant mothers for ANC and facility delivery; and
- Barangay team approach to strengthen first tier community linkages with health system and support mothers in the navigation of health services. This has been merged with and is being formalized as the Region XI - Team D approach under the direct leadership of the Regional Director at that period.

The above-mentioned innovative approaches provided opportunity for SNI Project Phase 1 on complementary focus of the first tier of the health care provider network (HCPN), the community level. This was best achieved through engagement and empowerment of Municipal and Barangay level officials and teams to reduce sense of passive acceptance and establish community level responsibility for first tier support. For the current project, the APW in Davao Region will introduce PAS at the provincial level of the previous project's (SNI Phase 1) sites in as such, the provincial LGU shall be included in the PAS cycles.

The Philippines Health Agenda in 2016 to 2022 identified the Service Delivery Network, renamed in 2018 as the Health Care Providers Network (HCPN) as one approach to deliver quality health care to the Filipinos. WHO/PHL SNI shall hinge on this national policy to hook the innovative approaches and assist the DOH regional teams in the implementation of the guidelines on health care provider network (HCPN) at the local levels. This time, the strategy needs to include how to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic towards the new normal.

3. Timeline

The implementation timeline for the project is from **1 April 2021** to **30 September 2021**.

4. Place of Assignment

DOH -Center for Health Development- Davao Region, Davao City.

5. Scope of Work

In close collaboration with the World Health Organization, Philippines and the Department of Health - Center for Health and Development – Davao Region, the APW will be assigned to the Davao City, and shall assist in the monitoring and evaluation of the continuous implementation of the PAS in the SNI Phase 1 sites of Davao Region and supervise the introduction, as a scale up strategy of PAS at the PROVINCIAL level of SNI Phase 1 sites, involving the 33 non SNI Phase 1 site municipalities of Davao del Norte, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental and Davao de Oro(former Compostela Valley) since in SNI Phase 1, PAS was introduced only at the MUNICIPAL level, involving only 10 municipalities which is in New Corella and Tagum City for Davao Norte; Maco, Mabini and Pantukan of Davao de Oro; Manay and Caraga of Davao Oriental, and Don Marcelino, Malita and Sta Maria of Davao Occidental. The main objectives of the level of efforts of the APW holder is to a) document sustained implementation and institutionalization of the Performance Accountability System and b) supervise the continuous cycle of situational analysis, audits and breakthrough planning in the Davao Region, including the newly introduced Provincial Level PAS, as a sustainability scheme. The APW holder shall perform the following activities:

1. Facilitate discussion with the DOH-CHDs and Provincial TA team (DOH Management Officers (DMOs) and PHO MNCHN team) in aligning the breakthrough plan with the DOH Regional M&E framework and/or HCPN plan and identify activities contributing to the attainment of MNCHN indicators.

2. Mentor and coach the Provincial TA team, DMOs and PHO MNCHN team in facilitating the breakthrough planning and audits ;
3. Mentor and coach the Municipal Health Board and MLGOO in dissemination and utilization of audits result.
4. As part of the HCPN Tier 1 tool development,
 - Continue to engage the DOH CHD-MNCH team and selected members of the Provincial TA Team, continue to implement the concept of the recognition and award scheme; and the guide for dissemination and utilization of audits results and the systematic formulation of the succeeding breakthrough strategy and plan (inputs-process);
 - Monitor and evaluate how the SNI Phase 1 sites are sustaining the PAS; supervise further improvement and scaling up of the PAS to other municipal LGUs in each of the 5 provinces that were part of the SNI Phase 1, as well as to introduce the PAS to other provinces of Davao Region that were not part of SNI Phase 1.
5. Design and facilitate strategic planning of DOH CHD Local Health Divisions and follow up strategic planning in Region XI.
6. Facilitate the introduction of PAS at the PROVINCIAL level of the 4 Provincial sites of SNI Phase 1, including orientation of the remaining 33 non-SNP Phase 1 municipalities. The PAS cycle shall however be implemented and conducted at the provincial level, to be spear-headed by the Provincial Government, through the Provincial Health Office's assistance and coordination.
7. Thoroughly document the PAS implementation in the SNI Phase 1 municipalities describing how this was scaled up to other areas and programmes other than on MCH, if any, and document sustainability strategies that CHD Davao Region had developed and implemented, if any.

Output 1: Accurate and time-bound, properly costed activities related to the consultancy is identified.

Deliverable 1.1: Work and financial plan with detailed budget and timelines for the full four (4) months per project site x 2 sites.

Deliverable 1.2: List of references, partner LGUs and persons responsible identified with respective roles; to be submitted with the WFP.

Deliverable 1.3: Comprehensive inception report related to the APW.

Output 2: Functional PLGU/PHO-PDOHO PAS support mechanism in the project sites (in collaboration with the respective DOH -CHD).

Deliverable 2.1: List of previous SNI Phase 1 project-LGUs which sustained their respective PAS support team, and list of new LGUs with PAS support teams.

Deliverable 2.2: Documented meetings/collaborations, plans and accomplishments of the PAS Team, including that with the CHDs.

Deliverable 2.3: Administrative order or local issuances in support of the PAS organization and activities.

Output 3: Provided TA and supervision on PAS cycles, from indicator identification, issues or gaps and intervention identification, audit and breakthrough planning.

Deliverable 3.1: List of MNCHN issues, gaps in service delivery and indicators to be included for accountability to.

Deliverable 3.2: Intervention schemes or strategies for the identified gaps and issues planned and documented.

Deliverable 3.3: Quarterly or semi-annual audit and breakthrough planning conducted and documented.

Deliverable 3.4: Bi-monthly progress report submitted to WHO Philippines Country Office and the respective DOH CHD

Output 4: Post-PAS implementation evaluation and monitoring for SNI Phase 1 sites and for the new LGUs where PAS was introduced. This will be included in final technical report

Deliverable 4.1: Developed monitoring and evaluation tool for the PAS implementation, including timelines or regularity of the conduct of M&E.

Deliverable 4.2: Documented and reported first evaluation of the PAS cycles in the new LGUs (Phase 2) who were capacitated to do PAS and provide recommendations on improvement or intervention for any gaps.

Deliverable 4.3: Documented and reported the evaluation of the implementation of PAS in Davao region and documented scale up initiatives; provides recommendations for any gaps observed, if any.

Deliverable 4.4. Documented and reported the process of introduction, supervision of implementation and evaluation of the PAS at a provincial level which will encompass the 33 non-SNI Phase 1 sites.

Deliverable 4.5: Technical and financial report on the project site's TA and evaluation on PAS, submitted. Documented how PAS was scaled up and sustained in Davao Region and provide recommendations on how to further strengthen its implementation and sustainability.

6. Qualifications

The contractual partner must meet the following qualifications:

Education and Certifications

An individual/ agency/ organization/ institution in existence for at least five years in the Philippines. Familiarity with local health care delivery system in the Philippines particularly the roles and functions of Local Health Boards, Association of Barangay Captains, DOH representatives in policy and planning. Must be knowledgeable of WHO's universal health coverage (UHC) principles, and on the Philippine Health Agenda is an advantage.

Work Experience

With relevant experience in implementing the Performance Accountability System (PAS) in a national government agency or Local Government Unit (LGU) and Health Systems and Governance. Experience in working with the UN system and knowledge of UN system procedures is an advantage.

Technical Skills and Knowledge

Knowledge and familiarity with WHO and DOH work, relevant policies and operations. Excellent oral communication and reporting skills. Proficient in basic ICT systems and applications is an advantage.

Language

With excellent verbal and written communication skills in English and Filipino.

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

Willingness to travel to the MLGUs of Davao Region for orientation on PAS, for non-SNI Phase 1 sites; for audit and planning purposes; for M&E of implementation status, document sustainability, and scale up strategies in Davao Region.

8. Submission Requirements

Interested individuals or institution should submit electronic copies of the following:

- Cover letter;
- Proposal with financial details and proposed timeline; and
- Company profile and qualifications of team members

Address all cover letter and proposals to:

Dr Rabindra Abeyasinghe

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 cover letter and proposals with the title **Technical Assistance for supporting post-implementation monitoring and evaluation; and supervising sustainability mechanisms of the Performance Accountability System (PAS) platform on Governance for Local Government Unit (LGU) and Supervising PAS Sustainability in Davao Region** to Mrs Ying Chen cheny@who.int and wpplwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of application is on **15 March 2021**.