

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Technical Assistance for the Conduct of a Rapid Baseline Assessment of the Cancer Health System and the Development of Action Plan for Childhood Cancer Control



**World Health  
Organization**

Representative Office  
for the Philippines

### 1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an individual or institutional contractual partner to conduct a rapid baseline assessment of the cancer control system and the development of action plan for childhood cancer control.

Proposals are due by 11 April 2021.

### 2. Background

Each year, more than 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer globally. The vast majority of these children live in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) where treatment is often unavailable or unaffordable. As a result, approximately 30% of children with cancer in LMICs survive, compared to more than 80% in high-income countries. This profound inequity is a threat to the attainment of universal health coverage and the realization of political commitments in the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In September 2018, at an inaugural side event on childhood cancer at the UN General Assembly following the Third High-Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD), WHO launched the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer with the goal of reaching at least 60% survival rate for children with cancer by 2030, while reducing suffering. This Initiative brings together stakeholders from around the world and across sectors toward a shared goal of scaling-up capacity to save lives and reduce suffering for children with cancer. If successfully implemented, approximately one million additional children with cancer can be saved in the next decade. "CURE All Children with Cancer" technical package outlines a strategic and practical guidance for implementation in countries.

Philippines has been selected as a focus country for the initiative. Data from the Philippines Department of Health's Cancer Facts and Estimates showed that the incidence of cancer was up to eight deaths per day for childhood cancer and up to 11 new cases and seven deaths per hour for adult cancer. This means 110,000 new cancer cases and over 66,000 cancer deaths each year. Cancer is among the top causes of mortality among children.<sup>1</sup>

In 2019, the Philippines passed Republic Act No. 11215 or the National Integrated Cancer Control Act seeking to implement a national framework to combat cancer and decrease the incidence and deaths from preventable cancer in adults and children. In 2020, there was delay in the implementation of activities primarily due to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) pandemic. Work to develop the national cancer strategic plan was started and targeted for completion in 2021. The Department of Health (DOH) has allocated about PhP700M for the National Integrated Cancer Control Program.

Related to the above, a rapid baseline assessment on childhood cancer will be done. Results of the baseline assessment will be used to develop an action plan for childhood cancer control,

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<sup>1</sup> Philippine Health Statistics 2014

which will be integrated to the overall national strategic plan on cancer control being developed by the DOH.

### **3. Timeline**

The implementation timeline for the project is from **1 May to 15 August 2021**.

### **4. Place of Assignment**

Metro Manila, Philippines

### **5. Scope of Work**

Under the supervision of the NCD Team of the WHO Country Office to the Philippines, the contractual Partner Institution/Organization shall perform the following tasks/responsibilities in close collaboration with the DOH DPCB - National Integrated Cancer Control Program and related offices.

#### **Method(s) to conduct the activity**

The development of the technical document(s) may be completed by conducting a combination of desk reviews, focus group discussions, interviews, meetings or any related methods as agreed, to conduct assessments, consolidate existing tools, guidelines, and standards, and to document best practices and good practices.

Furthermore, the contractual partner is expected to:

- Ensure that activities are in line with national, regional and local policies and ordinances requirements
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and representatives from other organizations and agencies
- Attend national, regional or local meetings as necessary
- Perform other related duties and responsibilities that may be assigned

#### **Expected Output**

Output 1: Develop workplan and finalize assessment design.

Deliverable 1.1: Develop a Workplan with Gantt chart of activities as part of the Inception Report, to be submitted to WHO Philippines and to DOH;

Deliverable 1.2: Develop design for rapid assessment and finalize in consultation with WHO and DOH. This will serve as the guide for the assessment process to be done.

Output 2: Conduct rapid assessment on situation, and initiatives of the cancer health system and program implementation on childhood cancer control.

Deliverable 2.1: Conduct review of documents, reports, and related literature, and organize key informant interview, focus group discussion, and related methodologies to gather information on situation and key actions done on childhood cancer control in the Philippines;

Deliverable 2.2: Describe current trends and situation of childhood cancer, and initiatives in the country;

Deliverable 2.3: Describe gaps and challenges, and facilitating and inhibiting factors in program implementation;

Deliverable 2.4: Provide policy and program recommendations based on findings of the rapid assessment; and submit full technical report on the assessment conducted.

Output 3: Develop national integrated action plan for childhood cancer control.

Deliverable 3.1: Develop a draft action plan on childhood cancer based on results of the rapid assessment and recommendations provided thereat. Draft action plan should include a monitoring and evaluation framework;

Deliverable 3.2: Secure inputs from DOH, WHO, and relevant experts and stakeholders, and finalize action plan accordingly;

Deliverable 3.3: Submit a full technical report detailing the national integrated action plan for childhood cancer program.

Output 4: Submit final technical narrative report and financial statement

Deliverable 4.1: Submit final technical narrative report detailing the results of rapid assessment, and the national action plan for childhood cancer control;

Deliverable 4.2: Submit financial report at the end of the project.

## **6. Qualifications**

The contractual partner must fulfil the following qualifications:

### Education and Certifications

An agency/organization/institution in existence for at least five years in the Philippines; with proven track record in health program or health system evaluation, and knowledge/background on cancer control; existing or previous partnership with Government agencies or other agencies engaged in strategic planning and development work is an advantage

### Work Experience

With relevant experience in conducting health system/program evaluation; developing strategic and operational plans; implementing or supporting cancer control initiatives; and working with international development organizations, national and local government agencies, civil society organizations and other relevant agencies.

### Technical Skills and Knowledge

With relevant experience on coordination, facilitation, technical writing, good organizational and project management skills; developing technical and financial reports and documents; strong planning skills with the ability to work and deliver under pressure; background in public health, urban health and public policy is an advantage.

### Language Fluency:

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**

Able to adapt to relevant and reasonable project demands and submit deliverables within timelines.

## **8. Submission Requirements**

Interested institutions should submit electronic copies of the following:

- Cover letter
- Proposal with financial details and proposed timeline
- Company profile and qualifications of team members (for institution)
- Curriculum vitae (for individual)

Address all proposals to:

**Dr. Rabindra Abeyasinghe**

WHO Representative to the Philippines

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Please submit the electronic copy of the proposals with the title “**Technical Assistance for the Conduct of a Rapid Baseline Assessment of the Cancer Health System and the Development of Action Plan for Childhood Cancer Control**” to Mrs Ying Chen ([cheny@who.int](mailto:cheny@who.int)) and [wpphlwr@who.int](mailto:wpphlwr@who.int) Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of proposals is on **11 April 2021**.