

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Contractual partner to support in the Development of an Investment Case for Social Protection and Social Health Protection in the Philippines



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1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an individual or an institutional contractual partner to prepare an investment case for social protection and social health protection under an Agreement for Performance of Work (APW) contract.

The proposals are due by 15 March 2022.

2. Background

The Philippines is a lower-middle-income country with robust economic growth that has progressed on many human development indicators. The Philippines has also made significant progress in advancing health financing and improving access to health through the Health System Reform. However, there remain unmet needs in achieving equitable access to healthcare services across the population. In addition, the Philippines' Social Protection System is fragmented, and financial protection is limited. A landscape analysis conducted in 2021 to provide a thorough overview of the Social Protection and Social Health Protection (SHP) systems, and which allowed to draw conclusions and recommendations as to how Social Protection and Social Health Protection schemes could be more inclusive, targeting vulnerable/marginalized populations and specific health conditions.

One of the recommendations of the landscape analysis was to develop an investment case for Social Protection and social health protection to lay the foundation for resource mobilization. The analysis further concluded that the investment case should demonstrate the potential returns of SP in terms of economic, social, and health benefits. Additionally, it also suggested that the impact of COVID-19 on the economy could serve as an example of the importance of SP investment. In addition to serving as a resource mobilization tool, the investment case should also address the need for better investment by reviewing the effectiveness of SP schemes and the potential for efficiency gains through a more coordinated and cohesive SP system and ensuring that investments are reaching the intended beneficiaries.

The landscape analysis further recommends to streamline core SP functions using digital tools which includes, but is not limited, to sharing information on how to access and where to access SP benefits. In line with this, the existing CARE TB App of the Department of Health has started to integrate the locations of SP-SHP agency offices in its "near-me module" (facility finder) to help TB patients to better understand and access SP-SHP benefits. This feature is set to be carried over and further developed (with the inclusion of eligibility screening and other functions) as the CARE TB App is converted to the One UHC (Universal

Health Care) App which will cover multiple disease groups, thus serving the needs of all key affected populations (KAPs).

Building on the SP-SHP landscape analysis, the purpose of the proposed consultancy is to develop an effective and realistic investment case to contribute to increased and better-utilized resources for SP-SHP mechanisms in the Philippines

3. Timeline

Start date: **28 March 2022**

End date: **10 July 2022**

Total duration: 50 days of work.

4. Place of Assignment

The work will be undertaken at the provider's site / premises, and no travel is being envisaged for this contract.

5. Scope of Work

The contractual partner will work with WHO, other UN agencies and concerned government agencies to implement the following tasks:

Output/s and Deliverables

Deliverable 1: Inception report

- The service provider will prepare an inception report outlining the proposed approach, methods, and data sources of the investment case. The inception report will be presented for feedback during an inception meeting with the UN Social Protection group. During the inception meeting, the final report of the SP-SHP landscape analysis will also be presented for discussion.

Deliverable 2: Investment case

- Develop an investment case for SP-SHP mechanisms that (a) demonstrate the economic, social, and health returns of investment in the SP-SHP system and (b) highlight how the SP/SHP programs can maximize the current investments through efficiency gains and by addressing bottlenecks to reaching intended beneficiaries. The final report of the investment case will include a detailed description of methods and data sources, key findings, and recommendations on how the findings can be used to influence policymakers and program managers to increase and improve the use of resources invested in the SP-SHP system.
- Additionally, the outcomes of the investment case would also need to put into context the recommendations to: (a) streamline core SP functions using digital health tools (which may include documenting the experience from existing digital tools or exploring other tools that can be used and providing inputs on how it can contribute to an effective SHP system), (b) integrate data for monitoring and decision-making, and (c) strengthen local capacity

Deliverable 3: Journal manuscript

- Prepare a manuscript ready for submission to a peer-reviewed health policy journal (to be identified) that describes the methods and data sources and presents the key

findings and recommendations of (a) the SP-SHP landscape analysis and (b) the investment case for SP-SHP in the Philippines.

Deliverable 4: Dissemination workshop

- The service provider will prepare a PowerPoint slide presentation to highlight the key findings and recommendations of the investment case to government actors, the UN Social Protection group, and other development partners. The dissemination workshop will be organized/maximized by the WHO Country Office in the Philippines.

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6. Completion of Work

The work to be done under this contract shall be Contractual partner to support in the Development of an Investment Case for Social Protection and Social Health Protection in the Philippines as set out in the Terms of Reference. The contract shall be completed in not more than 3.5 months from the commencement of the Work, or otherwise as agreed in writing among the Owner and the Contractor. The work shall be done in strict compliance with the Contract, Specifications, Schedules, and all other Contract documents and all Instructions. Failure to do so shall be at the Contractor's risk and account. Submission of Bid by the Contractor shall constitute acknowledgement by the Contractor that it is aware of and concurs with all the requirements or conditions incorporated in the Call for Proposal and the other documents.

As time is an essential element of this Contract, for failure to complete all work within the stipulated as set out in the Terms of Reference, the Owner shall charge the Contractor liquidated damages. This shall be in the amount the sum of 0.5% of the total contract amount per day (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are included) but not to exceed on total 10% (ten percent) of the contract amount. These liquidated damages shall be for the added cost incurred by the Owner for such delay and also for the inconvenience caused to the users of the Work. It is understood that this is not a penalty but a fixed sum representing the liquidated damages for each calendar day of the delay. Delay shall be counted from the agreed completion date, considering further time extensions approved by the Owner, to the date of completion of work.

7. Qualifications

Education of staff involved:

Essential: Master's Degree in Health Economics

Desirable: PhD in health economics

Experience required:

Essential: At least five years of experience as a health economist and social health protection specialist

Desirable: Robust experience on investment case methodologies (development, design, conduct and reporting).

Technical Skills and Knowledge:

Essential: Experience in carrying out economic analysis, investment case studies, and related areas.

Language requirements:

- Written and spoken fluency in English is essential

Other requirements:

- Essential: The contractual partner must have no direct or indirect interest in the tobacco industry, alcohol industry, arms dealing or human trafficking.

Competencies

- Technical competence in health economics and social health protection
- Ability to engage and communicate with multiple stakeholders
- Skills to respect and promote individual and cultural difference
- Capability of working harmoniously with a positive attitude at work

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)
- Link to a portfolio of previous work relevant to the TOR (uploaded on file sharing services such as Dropbox or Google Drive)

Address all proposals to:

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Please submit the electronic copy of the documents with the title, **Contractual partner to support in the Development of an Investment Case for Social Protection and Social Health Protection in the Philippines** to Mrs Ying Chen (cheny@who.int) and wpplwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of proposals is on **15 March 2022**.