

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Technical Assistance on Development of Local Investment Planning for Health (LIPH) Handbook



**World Health Organization**

Representative Office  
for the Philippines

### 1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is searching for an institutional partner to develop an updated comprehensive, responsive and user-friendly LIPH Handbook that is aligned with the Universal Health Care Act and current LIPH issuances and directions.

The proposals are due by 12 March 2021.

### Background

Development of the Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH), the three-year medium term plan, prepared by Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs) and Independent Component Cities (ICCs), and its yearly interpretation in the Annual Operational Plans (AOP), was initiated in 2005. These plans have since been institutionalized as the localization tools of national health programs, bases for resource mobilization, technical assistance provision and allocation. The LIPH is a key mechanism to facilitate alignment of plans of Province/HUCs/ICCs with national priorities and thrusts. It contains strategies and directions to support the overall attainment of goals of better health outcomes, more responsive health system, and more equitable healthcare financing at the local level.

In 2015, the Bureau of Local Health Systems Development, in consultation with regional health staff and local health officers, came up with the LIPH handbook. The handbook served as a consolidated guide for Provinces/HUCs/ICCs Health Offices in the development of LIPHs and AOPs, and for regional health staff in the provision of technical assistance to LGUs. However, due to emergence of new health reforms since then, guidelines and directions in the handbook needed to be constantly updated through policy issuances.

With the passage of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act (RA 11223) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) in 2019, the significance of LIPH and AOPs is highlighted. Section 22 of the UHC Act states that "the national government, through the DOH, shall provide financial and non-financial matching grants ... in accordance with the approved province-wide and city-wide health investment plans."

The said provision requires that the LIPH/AOP development process be improved to produce better LGU plans with timely submission so that DOH are able to use these as reference for technical assistance/grants. Two Administrative Orders on LIPH/AOP, AO 2020-0022, Guidelines on the Development of Local Investment Plans for Health and AO 2020-0018 Guidelines on Contracting with Province/City-wide Health Systems were also issued in support of the UHC.

In light of the above, there is an urgent need to update the LIPH handbook to guide the LGUs and regional health staff in these revised processes, in time for the crafting of 2023-2025 LIPH.

### Purpose

This APW is aimed to review the 2015 LIPH Handbook and all issuances related to LIPH; to determine the demands and requirements of UHC for LIPH/AOP; and to develop a

comprehensive, responsive and user-friendly LIPH Handbook covering among others: plan development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

## **2. Timeline**

The implementation timeline for the project is from **22 March 2021 to 22 June 2021**.

## **3. Place of Assignment**

Manila, Philippines

## **4. Scope of Work**

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

### **Output 1. Review the 2015 LIPH Handbook and current and relevant issuances and documents relating to LIPH**

Deliverable 1.1 Inception report and workplan;

Deliverable 1.2 Report on the review of 2015 LIPH Handbook and relevant issuances and documents relating to LIPH

### **Output 2. Conduct KIIs, FGDs, consultation activities and/or workshops involving key stakeholders from DOH Central Office, Centers for Health Development, Local Health Offices, CSOs/NGOs, Private Sector, among others**

Deliverable 2.1 Report on the KII/FGD/consultation activities conducted

### **Output 3. Develop/update the LIPH Handbook based on the results/outputs of 1-2; print the final LIPH Handbooks for dissemination**

Deliverable 3.1: Final LIPH Handbook

Deliverable 4.2: Electronic copies of all deliverables

## **5. Qualifications**

The institutional partner must fulfil the following qualifications:

### Education and Certifications

- Team leader must have Master's Degree in Public Health or a related degree/course.

### Work Experience

- Extensive experience on LGU planning, plan implementation and M&E;
- High degree of familiarity with Local Investment Plan for Health, Formula One plus for Health, and Universal Health Care Act; and
- High degree of familiarity on issues on national and local health planning, financing, and local health systems

### Language

Fluent in written and spoken English and Filipino

In addition, the institution shall have no involvement, in any form, in drugs, arms dealing, alcohol industry, or human trafficking.

## **6. Other Requirements**

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

## 7. 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

Address all cover letter and proposals to:

**Dr Rabindra Abeyasinghe**

WHO Representative in the Philippines

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Please submit the electronic copy of the cover letter and proposals with the title “**Technical Assistance on Development of Local Investment Planning for Health (LIPH) Handbook**” 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 application is on **12 March 2021**.