

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Technical Assistance for the Landscape Analysis and Development of Strategies for Ensuring Equity on COVID – 19 Response



World Health Organization

Representative Office
for the Philippines

1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is searching for an institutional or individual partner to provide technical assistance for the landscape analysis and development of strategies for ensuring equity on COVID-19 response.

The proposals are due by 11 February 2022.

Background

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a novel coronavirus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019. Since then, over 179 million of people have been infected globally and nearly 3.9 million persons have died. In the Western Pacific region alone, there have been approximately 5.4 million confirmed cases and 76,000 confirmed deaths. Of these, 1.7 million confirmed cases are reported in the Philippines, with over 30,000 persons deaths. Importantly, mortality rates vary across age groups—with older adults dying in larger proportions than other age groups—gender, disability and pre-existing health conditions. Documentation of influenza-like pandemics and other infectious disease outbreaks demonstrates that social determinants of health (such as poverty, socioeconomic status, gender and housing, among others) play a role in the transmission of infectious diseases, with existing health disparities and social inequalities such as by age, gender, disability status, and pre-existing conditions, further contributing to unequal burdens of disease morbidity and mortality across social groups. Nevertheless, during outbreak and in situations of emergencies such as that created by the emergence of COVID-19, limited efforts are made to monitor and address the social determinants of health that create such inequalities.

To support Philippines in developing specific strategies to effectively identify and reach vulnerable groups who are particularly affected by COVID-19, the WHO Country Office in the Philippines will, over the next few years, be implementing an initiative that has as an aim to support the Department of Health develop and implement context-based, practical approaches which engage and empower communities to identify and reach vulnerable groups through COVID-19 preparation and response efforts (e.g., vaccine, access to ICU and oxygen), and beyond.

To provide a baseline for this initiative, a landscape analysis will be developed to highlight the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on groups living in vulnerable situations, as well as identify strategies to ensure that these groups are targeted and reached by national and local COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts and beyond. Once finalized, the strategies outlined in this study will be converted into an implementation plan.

2. Timeline

The implementation timeline for the project is from **21 February 2022 to 21 July 2022**.

3. Place of Assignment

Manila, Philippines

4. Scope of Work

- Conduct a virtual scoping review and analysis of both quantitative and qualitative information and data to identify and describe the characteristics and situation of vulnerable groups most affected by COVID-19 in the Philippines.
- Develop strategies to ensure that these groups are targeted and reached by national and local COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts and beyond.
- Based on findings, develop a “Landscape analysis on COVID-19 and groups living in vulnerable situations in the Philippines”, and an accompanying Implementation Plan.

Method(s) to carry out the activity:

- Develop a workplan with an accompanying timeline.
- Upon approval of the workplan, develop the proposed structure and outline of content of a Landscape analysis on COVID-19 and groups living in vulnerable situations in the Philippines.
- Upon approval of the proposed structure and outline, conduct a virtual scoping review and analysis of both quantitative and qualitative information and data to develop the Landscape analysis.
- Based on findings, develop and submit a draft of the Landscape analysis, mapping analysis of covid 19 services, including strategies to ensure that these groups are targeted and reached by national and local COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts and beyond.
- Based on input and feedback from the national and regional WHO GER team and DOH, revise and finalize the Landscape analysis.
- Based on findings, facilitate the development of an Implementation Plan.
- Prepare and present the Implementation Plan to national stakeholders for validation and input.
- Participate regularly in virtual meetings with the national and regional WHO GER team and DOH to report on progress

Output 1. Landscape Analysis on COVID-19 and Groups living in Vulnerable Situations in the Philippines

Deliverable 1.1: An analysis that identifies, maps and describes the characteristics and situation of vulnerable groups most affected by COVID-19 in the Philippines and highlights a list of strategies that can be used to 1) ensure that these groups are targeted and reached by national and local COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts and 2) ensure ownership of equity strategies and its assessment by Local Chief Executives and Local Government Units

Output 2: Development and validation of an Implementation Plan to ensure that groups identified in the Landscape analysis are targeted and reached by national and

local COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts, and beyond using strategies highlighted in the Analysis

Deliverable 2.1: An Implementation Plan to reach groups living in vulnerable situations through national and local COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts and beyond

5. Qualifications

The individual contractual partner or institution's members must fulfil the following qualifications:

Education and Certifications

- Candidates must possess at least a master's degree in Public Health, or a master's degree in a related field such as Social Work. Additional education is an asset.

Work Experience

- At least two years of practical experience working in public health, particularly in the field of gender, SDH, health equity and/or community engagement.
- Ample experience of collecting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data and evidence, summarizing results into a report.
- Experience of having worked in multicultural and multidisciplinary settings, preferably within the United Nations System.

Technical skills and knowledge

- A thorough knowledge of practical approaches to promote gender equality, SDH and health equity, as well as of community engagement strategies. Familiar with gender, SDH and health equity related issues within the Western Pacific region or preferably within the Philippines. Excellent writing and communication skills. Familiarity with the goals and procedures of international organizations (UN system, donors, nongovernmental organizations).

Language

- Good English communication (writing and speaking) skills.

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

6. Contract Time

The work to be done under this contract shall be the Landscape Analysis and Development of Strategies for ensuring equity on COVID – 19 response as set out in the Terms of Reference. The contract will be completed in not more than 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 of 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. Other Requirements

N/A

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)

Address all cover letters and proposals to:

Dr Rajendra Prasad Hubraj Yadav

Acting WHO Representative to the Philippines

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Please submit the electronic copy of the proposals with the title “**Technical Assistance for the Landscape Analysis and Development of Strategies for Ensuring Equity on COVID-19 Response**” to Mrs Ying Chen (cheny@who.int) and to wpphlwr@who.int. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of proposals is on **11 February 2022**.