

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Technical Assistance on the Development of the DOH-  
HTAU Health Technology Assessment Library



**World Health  
Organization**

Representative Office  
for the Philippines

## 1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is searching for an individual or institutional partner to develop the health technology assessment (HTA) library of the HTA Unit of the Department of Health under an Agreement for Performance of Work (APW) contract. The proposals are due by 16 May 2021.

## Background

Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act, mandates the institutionalization of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) as a fair and transparent priority setting mechanism to aid the DOH and PhilHealth for the development of policies, programs, regulations and determination of range of entitlements under the said Act. HTA is the systematic process for generating evidence to inform policies and decisions on resource allocation in the health sector through multidisciplinary research that evaluates the clinical, economic, social, organizational, legal and ethical impact of health technologies.

There are several tools in conducting HTA. Health economic evaluation (HEE) which involves the assessment of comparative costs of two or more health care interventions and their comparative clinical effects is complemented with budget impact analysis (BIA). While HEE is used to determine the cost-effectiveness or value for money of the use of a health technology compared to a comparator, BIA complements HEE by determining the affordability of the health technology. However, the conduct of HEE and BIA relies on obtaining cost input values which is often resource-intensive both in terms of cost and time. In addition, since cost input values may be derived using a variety of methods, HEE and BIA study results tend to be incomparable, inconsistent and unreliable. In this regard, there is a need for clear and standard guidance on determining unit cost values and a list of standard reference cost values for all types of health costs must be developed to support the conduct of health technology assessment in the country.

## Purpose

The overall objective of this Agreement for Performance of Work (APW) is to develop the standard costing methodology and a library of reference values for health costs, both direct and indirect relevant in the conduct of health technology assessments in the Philippines.

## 2. Timeline

The implementation timeline for the project is from **20 May 2021 to 20 September 2021**.

## 3. Place of Assignment

Manila, Philippines

## 4. Scope of Work

Under the supervision and guidance of the Health Systems Team Coordinator of WHO Philippines Country Office, the APW will work together with DOH HTA Unit and partners in the:

1. Development and implementation of a research protocol developed for the standard costing methodology
2. Development of a library of reference values for direct and indirect health costs such as but not limited to routine services at the outpatient and inpatient departments, blood transfusion services, diagnostic and clinical pathology services, diagnostic and therapeutic radiology services, medical supplies, medical procedures and anesthesia, nursing care services, dentistry services, physical therapy and medical rehabilitation, and health promotion and disease preventions and control.

### **Output 1. Workplan and Reports**

- Deliverable 1.1: Submit work plan and inception report
- Deliverable 1.2: Submit progress reports and minutes of meetings
- Deliverable 1.3: Submit mission completion report

### **Output 2. Research Protocol and Report**

- Deliverable 2.1: Development of research protocol for standard costing methodology
- Deliverable 2.2: Conduct research activities based on final protocol
- Deliverable 2.3: Submit full research report

### **Output 3. HTA Library for reference cost values**

- Deliverable 3.1: Creation of HTA library lodged at the DOH HTA Unit
- Deliverable 3.2: Development of manual of procedures for use of HTA library
- Deliverable 3.3: Conduct of training of HTA Unit staff

## **5. Qualifications**

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

### Education and Certifications

- Essential: Master's degree or higher education in economics, health economics or development economics or equivalent
- Desirable: Master's degree or higher education in medicine, public health

### Work Experience

- Essential: At least 5 years performing economic analysis, costing analysis, health technology assessment
- Desirable: At least 5 years of experience in research, health policy

### Technical skills and knowledge:

- Essential: Research methods and design, costing analysis methods, use statistical tools

### 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. Other Requirements**

N/A

## 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 (if institution) or curriculum vitae (if individual)

Address all cover letters and proposals to:

**Dr Rabindra Abeyasinghe**

WHO Representative to the Philippines

Ground Floor, Building 3, Department of Health San Lazaro Compound

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Please submit the electronic copy of the cover letters and proposals with the title **Technical Assistance on the Development of the DOH-HTAU Health Technology Assessment Library** 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 **16 May 2021**.