

## **NOTICE OF VACANCY**

### **Technical Assistance for Regional Outreach Support to the ongoing COVID-19 Response Activities in Mindanao Regions, including BARMM**



**World Health Organization**

Representative Office  
for the Philippines

#### **1. Summary**

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an individual contractual partner who will provide technical assistance for Regional Outreach Support to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Response Activities in Mindanao Regions, including Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

The submission of applications is due by 21 July 2021.

#### **2. Background**

On 31 December 2019, WHO was informed of cases of pneumonia of unknown cause detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China. The pathogen was subsequently identified as a Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS CoV-2) with cases detected worldwide. On 31 January 2020, WHO declared the Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been characterized as pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General. As cases continue to be reported globally, enhanced preparedness and response efforts are required in the Region.

The COVID-19 response operations in the WHO Western Pacific Region (WPR) are expected to continue for several months. To support the response in the Philippines, the WHO Country Office (WCO) is being strengthened in order to provide technical assistance to the Member State.

#### **Outbreak Response**

The purpose of this emergency deployment is to support the Department of Health (DOH), Philippines in Mindanao Regions, including BARMM, and partners for COVID-19 pandemic response operations based on priorities, identified gaps and needs for an effective local response against COVID-19 pandemic and in consideration of a whole of society approach to reduce transmission, save lives and end the pandemic.

As part of the Incident Management Team (IMT), the consultant will work under the Regional Outreach Pillar of the WHO Country Office in the Philippines in close coordination with the other key technical Pillars of the IMT, in line with support aimed at subnational preparedness, readiness, response and recovery.

### **3. Timeline**

The contract period is from **01 August to 20 December 2021**. Depending on availability of funds and satisfactory work the contact can be extended.

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

The consultancy will be based in Mindanao, Philippines.

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

Under the overall supervision of the WHO Country Office Incident Manager (IM) and as a team member of the Regional Outreach Pillar, the Consultant shall perform the following tasks/responsibilities closely with the Department of Health – Field Implementation and Coordination Team, Visayas and Mindanao (DOH-FICT VisMin) and in collaboration with other partners:

#### **Method(s) to carry out the activity**

The consultant will be assigned to:

- Strategic technical support to the Undersecretary of Health to Mindanao, the 5 DOH Regional Directors and BARMM Minister of Health, to ensure influence in the policy environment.
- Work in close coordination with the Regional Outreach Pillar lead, Incident Manager (IM) and the concerned IMT focal to ensure response priorities and activities are managed effectively and in compliance with the latest WHO technical guidelines and national standards.
- Prepare reports on a timely manner required by WHO and from activities at assigned areas which needs immediate actions and follow-up.
- Support Regional and Local IMT or its equivalent in the Regions and local Government units (LGUs) in robust data management to generate information that will guide better decision making and planning for actions.
- Contribute to the development of tools to assist the LGU in contextualizing and building capacities in the area of surveillance and response, including available trainings.
- Support other priorities as they evolve considering this new pandemic.
- Perform any other incident-specific related duties, as required by the Incident Manager or WHO Country Representative.

#### **Deliverable:**

- Weekly Situation Reports (Sitreps)
- Progress interim (monthly) report
- Submission of a report at the end of the consultancy

## 6. Qualifications

The contractual partner must fulfil the following qualifications:

### **Education and Certifications**

- **Essential:** Degree in Medicine or Bachelor's degree in the field of public health or nursing from a recognized university
- **Desirable:** Master's Continuing programmes in public health, health management, social and behavioural change communication, disaster and humanitarian response interventions.

### **Work Experience**

- **Essential:** A minimum of three years of relevant work experience in health sciences at the national or subnational levels, in coordinating, managing and monitoring projects and programmes in a public health or humanitarian context.
- **Desirable:** Experience with the UN system or other international organizations with projects of implementation at the local level is an advantage.

### **Technical Skills and Knowledge**

- Good technical spoken and writing skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to be a catalyst and influence for the better
- Coordinating, planning and organizational skills
- Ability to work in a team with limited supervision
- Knowledgeable in basic computer programs
- Efficient organizational and management skills

### **Language Requirements**

- Written and spoken fluency in English is essential.
- Knowledge and ability to speak local dialects in Mindanao is an advantage.

In addition, the Consultant must have no direct or indirect interest in the tobacco industry, alcohol industry, arms dealing or human trafficking, and breast milk substitutes.

## 7. Other Requirements

- Readiness to travel, if needed
- Medical certificate of fitness for work

## 8. Competencies

The following competencies are mandatory:

- Building and promoting partnership across the organization and beyond
- Ability to Communication in a credible and effective way
- Producing results
- Fostering Integration and teamwork
- Moving forward in a changing environment
- Ensuring the effective use of resources

## 9. Submission Requirements

Interested individuals should submit electronic copies of the following:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae

Address all applications to:

**Dr Rabindra Abeyasinghe**

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Ground Floor, Building 3, Department of Health  
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Please submit the electronic copy of the applications with the title: **Technical Assistance for Regional Outreach Support to the ongoing COVID-19 Response Activities in Mindanao Regions, including BARMM** to Mrs Ying Chen ([cheny@who.int](mailto:cheny@who.int)) with a copy to [wpplwr@who.int](mailto:wpplwr@who.int). Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of applications is on **21 July 2021**.