

NOTICE FOR VACANCY

Technical Specialist to Support Ongoing Activities of the Health Systems Strengthening Team, Focusing on Maternal and Child Nutrition (MCN) at National and Sub-national Levels



World Health Organization

Representative Office
for the Philippines

1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) is looking for an individual contractual partner, a Technical Specialist to support ongoing activities of the Health Systems Strengthening Team, focusing on Maternal and Child Nutrition (MCN) at National and Sub-national levels, under Special Services Agreement (SSA) contract.

The submission of application is due by 1 May 2022.

2. Background

In the Philippines, malnutrition, particularly maternal nutrition during pregnancy and postpartum period, and stunting among children remains at unacceptable rates in the Philippines. Much more must be done to support the government in their efforts in reducing the rates of malnutrition in these groups of population.

“Nutrition is a critical part of health and development. Better nutrition is related to improved infant, child and maternal health, stronger immune systems, safer pregnancy and childbirth, lower risk of non-communicable diseases (such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease), and longevity. Healthy children learn better. People with adequate nutrition are more productive and can create opportunities to gradually break the cycles of poverty and hunger.” (WHO Health Topics-Nutrition, 2022)

The World Health Organization continues to provide scientific advice and decision-making tools that can help countries take action to address all forms of malnutrition to support health and wellbeing for all, at all ages. Through the concerted effort of all sectors, we can make the vision of a healthier world a reality. This is the main objective of this technical assistance provision of the government of the Philippines.

The work will involve data collection, background research, policy and programme support as well as qualitative and quantitative analysis of all collected data. It will require contribution to development of documents, reports, and project management, including technical assistance, coordination and consultation with Department of Health (DOH) Central Office and the relevant attached agencies, other relevant national government agencies, Centers for Health Development (CHD) and relevant local government unit partners, and key stakeholders as appropriate. This undertaking will involve provision of TA during disasters and emergencies, including pandemics, particularly support to the Nutrition Cluster of the Humanitarian Response.

3. Timeline

The contract period is from **1 June 2022 to 30 May 2023**.

4. Place of Assignment

The incumbent will be based in Manila, Philippines.

5. Scope of Work

With strategic guidance and supervision from the Coordinator, Health Systems Strengthening, and direct supervision from the Technical Officer for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAHN), the SSA shall have the following tasks/responsibilities:

Output 1: Provide Technical Guidance and coordination on activities relating to maternal, infant and young child nutrition (MIYCN) at national and sub-national levels; Liaise with DOH Central Office and its attached agencies including the National Nutrition Council (NNC), other relevant government agencies (FDA, FNRI, etc), UN Agencies and CSOs, INGOs, relevant local health systems partners, key stakeholders working on maternal, infant and young child nutrition in the country as follows.

Deliverable 1.1: In coordination with DOH and NNC, support the promotion of the maternal, infant and young child nutrition services and information, at the national and subnational level, including during health emergencies and disasters.

Deliverable 1.2: Coordinate with United Nations International Children's Emergency Funds (UNICEF), INGOs and CSOs, as well as with Department of Health (DOH) and NNC in the ongoing promotion, studies and implementation of the first 1,000 days in support of the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-nanay Act" (RA 11148).

Deliverable 1.3: Coordinate with DOH-FHO and FDA, NNC, with WHO Regional Office, UNICEF, INGOs and CSOs in the promotion, implementation and monitoring on the compliance to the Global Milk Code as well as the Philippine Milk Code of 1986 (EO 51) and the supporting Republic Act 7600: The Rooming-In and Breast-feeding Act of 1992

OUTPUT 2: Coordination on efforts to prevent or mitigate Maternal, Infant and Childhood Malnutrition.

Deliverable 2.1: Coordinate with DOH, NNC, DepEd, UN Agencies and INGOs on the promotion of, and monitoring of nutrition-related issues for mothers, particularly in preventing micronutrient deficiency during pregnancy and postpartum, the Weekly Iron Folic Acid (WIFA) Supplementation for Female Adolescents

Deliverable 2.2: Coordinate with the DOH-FHO and NNC, with UNICEF, INGOs and CSOs on issues regarding malnutrition among infants and children, including but not limited to stunting and wasting.

Deliverable 2.3: Support the RMNCAHN Technical Officer in monitoring and evaluation of stunting, wasting and food security, maintaining data base for policy formulation and planning purposes.

Output 3: Perform other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Supervisor.

6. Qualifications and experience

The individual contractual partner must fulfil the following educational qualifications and work experience:

Education

- A University degree in any paramedical course with specialization in mother and child nutrition. A degree in Nutrition and Dietetics is of utmost advantage.

Work Experience

- At least 3 years of direct professional experience nutrition and dietetics care , especially among mothers and children.
- Previous experience in health program and/or project management.
- Prior experience with good performance, and with established good working relations with the DOH-FHO or NNC, both at the national and subnational levels, and with other UN Agencies and INGOs.
- Sound experience consulting and engaging with a wide variety of organizations, such as UN agencies, INGOs, CSOs, government institutions, relevant NGAs, and LGUs.
- Experience working with WHO or any relevant UN Agency is of great advantage.

Language:

- Fluency in English and Filipino languages (Expert – read, write and speak).

Skills:

- Basic computer skills and knowledge in Microsoft Windows application
- Expert writing skills (reports, narratives, stories from the field, etc)
- Interpersonal communication skills
- Facilitation skills

Competencies

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Producing results
- Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond

7. Other Requirements

The contractor has no direct or indirect involvement or interest, in any form, in arms dealing, drugs, alcohol industry, tobacco industry or human trafficking. The contractor shall have no conflicts of interest in relation to the work being undertaken.

8. Ethical and Professional Standards

- WHO prides itself on a workforce that adheres to the highest ethical and professional standards and that is committed to put the WHO Values Charter into practice.
- WHO has zero tolerance towards sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment and other types of abusive conduct (i.e., discrimination, abuse of authority and harassment). All members of the WHO workforce have a role to play in promoting a safe and respectful workplace and should report to WHO any actual or suspected cases of SEA, sexual harassment, and other types of abusive conduct. To ensure that individuals with a substantiated history of SEA, sexual harassment or other types of abusive conduct are not hired by the Organization, WHO will conduct a background verification of final candidates.

9. Travel

The SSA holder may be expected to travel on the identified project sites if necessary.

10. Submission Requirements

Interested individuals should submit electronic copies of the following:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae

Address all cover letters and applications to:

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Please submit the electronic copy of the applications with the title **Technical Specialist to Support Ongoing Activities of the Health Systems Strengthening Team, Focusing on Maternal and Child Nutrition (MCN) at National and Sub-national Levels** 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 applications is on **1 May 2022**.