

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Field Coordinator for the Joint Programme on Accelerating the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in Southern Leyte and Samar



**World Health
Organization**

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for the Philippines

1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines is looking for an individual contractual partner who will serve as the field coordinator for the Joint Programme on Accelerating the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in Southern Leyte and Samar (JPARAP), under Special Services Agreement (SSA) contract.

The submission of the application is due by 28 April 2023.

2. Background

In the latest Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Survey (YAFFS), Eastern Visayas ranked as the second region with highest adolescent pregnancy tied with BARMM, only next to Davao. As per Field Health Services Information System (FHSIS), there is an increasing trend among adolescent pregnancy among 10-14 years old while an erratic decrease from ages 15-19 years old.

Last February 20, 2023, The United Nations Agencies (WHO, UNFPA and UNICEF) with KOICA recently launched the Joint Programme on Accelerating the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in Southern Leyte and Samar 2023-2026 (JPARAP). This aims to reduce the number of adolescent pregnancies in the country with focus on the provinces of Samar and Southern Leyte in the Eastern Visayas region. The project will implement activities under three main outcomes:

1. Improved access to quality integrated sexual and reproductive health information and services in project sites
2. Raised self-awareness on adolescents' sexual and reproductive health and rights
3. Enhanced governance on adolescent sexual and reproductive health

There are 20 local government units (LGUs)-10 from each province identified as part of this project. The work will involve capacity building, monitoring and evaluation, supportive supervision, and report preparations among these different LGUs. It will likewise require coordination, and consultation with relevant national government agencies, Centers for Health Development (CHD) and relevant local government unit partners, and key stakeholders as appropriate. The field coordinator will augment and address the gaps at the regional level human resources, this will ensure the delivery of quality service output. Specifically, the field coordinator will be responsible for linking the 2 provincial project sites with each other. and with the CHD.

3. Timeline

The implementation timeline is from **May 2023 to 31 December 2023**.

4. Place of Assignment

CHD Eastern Visayas Office, Tacloban City, Province of Leyte

5. Scope of Work

The SSA holder shall work under the contract with the World Health Organization – Office of the Representative in the Philippines as part of the JPARAP. She/he will be under the strategic guidance and supervision of the Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) team leader and the Technical Officer of Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child, and Adolescent Health

and Nutrition (RMNCAHN). She/he will be assigned as field coordinator for the Southern Leyte, Samar and Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development.

Objectives: With strategic guidance and supervision from the Team Lead, HSS, Technical Officer of RMNCAHN, the SSA shall have the following tasks/responsibilities:

- Coordination of project activities and other concerns at a province-level, then at the CHD Level.
- Liaise, and regularly coordinate and collaborate with the Samar and Southern Leyte Provincial Health Offices, Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development, UNICEF and UNFPA partners, and relevant local key stakeholders at the provincial and municipal level.
- Attend relevant meetings at the provincial and regional levels and provide technical assistance as necessary; provide feedback and written reports to her/his supervisors.
- Conduct regular monitoring and reporting of interventions such as but not limited to:
 - Implementation of AFHF certification
 - Performance Accountability System (PAS)
 - Enhancement of health information system/Facility Readiness and Service Availability Assessment and Reporting for Adolescent Health (FReSAAR)

6. Qualifications and experience

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

Education

- Essential: A university degree in allied medical field or public health;
- Graduate or units earned in a post-graduate or a master's course, especially on public health, health programme management is of great advantage

Work Experience and Training

- At least 5 years of experience working with programs in Adolescent health and development (AHD) and/or Responsible parenthood and reproductive health (RPRH)
- Previous experience working at the subnational level
- Familiarity with the local health care delivery system in the Philippines
- Desirable: experience with program monitoring and evaluation, and health information systems management including familiarity with facility-based health information systems.

Language

- Expert in both written and spoken English and Filipino languages; able to converse in Cebuano and/or Waray is of great advantage

Skills

- Basic computer skills and knowledge in Microsoft windows applications
- 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 (both the institution and any individuals engaged on this work) shall have no direct or indirect involvement or interest, in any form, in arms dealing, drugs, alcohol industry, tobacco industry or human trafficking. The contractor and personnel involved in this work 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. Management of Conflict of Interest

Any interest by an entity (organization/company), expert, or member of the project team that may affect or reasonably be perceived to (1) affect the expert's objectivity and independence in providing advice to WHO related to the conduct of a project, and/or (2) create an unfair competitive advantage for the expert or persons or institutions with whom the expert has financial or interests (such as adult children or siblings, close professional colleagues, administrative unit or department).

World Health Organization (WHO) conflict of interest rules is designed to identify and avoid potentially compromising situations from arising thereby protecting the credibility of the Organization and its normative work. If not identified and appropriately managed such situations could undermine or discount the value of the expert's contribution, and as a consequence, the work in which the expert is involved. Robust management of conflicts of interest not only protects the integrity of WHO and its technical/normative standard-setting processes but also protects the concerned expert and the public interest in general.

10. Confidentiality Statement

All input from participants and all related documents about the project are confidential and must **NOT** be handed over to third parties. The contractual partner should advise the participants on how to opt-out or withdraw their statement(s) if needed. The DOH and WHO have exclusive ownership of all documents, and only DOH and WHO have the right to disseminate any information outside the agreed project's scope.

11. Travel

The SSA holder may be expected to travel to the identified sites as necessary.

12. Submission Requirements

Interested individuals should submit electronic copies of the following:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae

Address all applications to:

Dr Rui Paulo De Jesus
WHO Representative to the Philippines
Ground Floor, Building 3, Department of Health San Lazaro Compound
Rizal Avenue, Sta Cruz, Manila

Please submit the electronic copy of the applications with the title **Field Coordinator for the Joint Programme on Accelerating the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy in Southern Leyte and Samar** to Mr Danilo Luzentales (luzentalesd@who.int) and to wpphlwr@who.int. Proposals submitted to the designated email addresses will be considered for shortlisting and will be contacted by the WHO Philippines.

The deadline for submission of application is on **28 April 2023**.