

NOTICE FOR VACANCY

Technical Coordinator for Community Based Mental Health Program in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)



World Health Organization

Representative Office
for the Philippines

1. Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) is looking for an individual contractual partner, a Technical Coordinator for Community Based Mental Health Program in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), under Special Services Agreement (SSA) contract.

The purpose of the Special Services Agreement (SSA) is to ensure the efficient and effective management and coordination in the implementation of the work plan of the Subnational Initiative Community Based Mental Health Program in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) under the [WHO Special Initiative for Mental Health: Philippines](#)

The submission of application is due by 3 June 2022.

2. Background

In 2018 the WHO Director-General identified mental health for accelerated implementation within WHO's work. This WHO Special Initiative seeks to ensure universal health coverage involving access to quality and affordable care for mental health conditions to 100 million more people. The initiative will advance policies, advocacy and human rights, and scale-up quality interventions and services for people with mental health conditions, including substance use and neurological disorders.

The Philippines is one of six of the first countries chosen to be part of WHO's Special Initiative for Mental Health. Under the Special Initiative, the Philippines aims to improve health-seeking behavior (positive perception towards mental health and mental health conditions, and positive mental health practices); Increase in the number of persons with mental health conditions who are able to exercise their rights; Reduce human rights violations against persons living with mental illness and disability; Reduce suicide rates (attempted, completed); Increase population coverage for people living with mental health conditions and persons who received evidence-informed mental health services; and increase in the number of persons with mental health conditions reintegrated in the community.

Considerable progress has been made in the Philippines during the 2021 year. Key achievements included [philippines-country-update-2021.pdf \(who.int\)](#) In the year 2022, the Philippines will continue to focus on implementation, including: Increasing the capacity of service providers to identify, support and treat people with mental health conditions; Establishing a pool of core trainers to support the expansion, adoption, and utilisation of WHO tools, particularly the mhGAP-Intervention Guide, Operations Manual and Community Toolkit

The BARMM Ministry of Health is seeking support to further its work in the implementation of the Philippines Mental Health Act, expanding quality services through the subnational initiative for Community Based Mental Health Program in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

3. Timeline

The implementation timeline is from **June 2022 to June 2023**.

4. Place of Assignment

Cotabato City, Philippines

5. Scope of Work

The SSA holder shall work under contract with the World Health Organization – Office of the Representative in the Philippines as part of the Sub-National Initiative – Health Systems Strengthening. She/he is under the strategic guidance and supervision of the HSS Team Leader and the Technical Officer of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Objectives: With strategic guidance and supervision from the Team Lead, Health Systems Strengthening, and Technical Officer of MHS, the SSA shall have the following tasks/responsibilities

1. Overall coordination and direct supervision of the implementation of priority activities of the Subnational Initiative for Community Based Mental Health Program in BARMM under the WHO Special Initiative for Mental Health Philippines at regional, provincial, municipal levels.
2. To ensure efficient management, coordination, implementation, supervision and monitoring of the approved work plan /activities on capacity building or e-training roll-outs of mental health service providers, including community health workers and religious leaders
 - a. MHPSS ToT and roll out
 - b. Community based Mental Health Program trainings
 - c. mhGAP IG supervision/mentoring protocol
3. To support mental health promotion, advocacy and localization of the Mental Health Act (RA 11036) in the regional, provincial, municipal/city levels through relevant leadership forum or meetings
4. To work closely, liaise and ensure strong collaboration with the Ministry of Health in BARMM, Provincial Health Offices and Local Government Units and key stakeholders on related guidance, plans and priorities.
5. To provide technical support to mental health situation analysis, planning and operations at regional, provincial and local levels
6. To participate and provide proper documentation of the workplan activities, relevant workshops and meetings.

6. Qualifications and experience

The individual contractual partner must fulfil the following qualifications:

Education

- Required: At least a Master's degree in Public Health, Public Policy, Public Administration or related field.
- Desired: Substantive training or a qualification in public management, mental health, health systems management, or any health-related master's programme/course or similar is an advantage.

Work Experience

At least 3 years of experience in program / project management, administration or health policy with national, regional government agencies and relevant development partners in the field of health.

Familiarity with the local health care delivery system in BARMM particularly the coordination roles with National, Regional, PHO and DOH representatives in policy and planning

- Has knowledge and experience of work with the UN system and procedures.
- Able to conduct discussion with UN agencies, government institutions, and LGUs/NGOs.

Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

- Good overall technical knowledge on mental health and substance abuse.
- Good workshop facilitation skills
- Efficient organizational and management skills.
- Good communication and presentation skills
- Have completed the WHO QualityRights e-training [QualityRights \(coorpacademy.com\)](http://coorpacademy.com)

Language requirements:

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

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 entity (individual/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).

WHO's conflict of interest rules are designed to identify and avoid potentially compromising situations from arising thereby protecting the credibility of the Organization and of its normative work. If not identified and appropriately managed such situations could undermine or discount the value of expert's contribution, and as 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 on the identified sites as necessary.

12. Submission Requirements

Interested individuals should submit electronic copies of the following:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae

Address all cover letters and applications to:

Dr Rajendra-Prasad Hubraj Yadav

Acting 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 applications with the title **Technical Coordinator for Community Based Mental Health Program in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) under the Special Services Agreement** to

Mrs Ying Chen, (cheny@wno.int) and to wpphlwr@who.int Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by WHO Philippines.

Deadline of submission of applications is on **3 June 2022**.