Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals (IVB)
Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI)

Terms of Reference for Consultant

Acceptance and demand for vaccination

Deadline for application: 24 May 2019

Purpose of the Consultancy

The purpose of this consultancy is to assist with developing evidence-informed guidance materials, tools, and strategies to support programmes and partners in building acceptance and demand for vaccination.

The consultancy is proposed for a duration of six months from 3 June 2019 through 29 November 2019.

Background

The mission of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals (IVB) is to work towards a world in which all people are vaccinated against vaccine preventable diseases. The overall work of the department is distributed in three main areas:

1. Initiative Vaccine Research Team (IVR) that provides leadership on the research activities to develop new or improved vaccines against diseases of public health importance and to facilitate their introduction and use.

2. Immunization policy that provides guidance and norms for vaccine roll-out.

3. The Expanded Programme on Immunization Team (EPI) aimed at maximizing access to high quality immunization services, strengthen surveillance systems, and establishes links to other interventions.

Work to be performed

1. Synthesize evidence and develop related guidance and tools to support programmes and partners to sustainably generate acceptance and demand for vaccination.

2. Assist in development of messaging and materials on aspects of vaccination targeted to a range of audiences – from the public to health professionals


Specific requirements

Qualifications required:
Advanced university degree in the Social and/or Behavioural Sciences, Behavioural Economics, Public Health, Health Policy, or related field.

Experience required:
Approximately 5-10 years of experience in global public health and/or immunization programmes.

Skills / technical skills and knowledge:

- Knowledge of vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization information systems.
- Understanding of the behavioural and social science literature and its application in solving public complex health challenges
- Excellent analytical and writing skills, e.g. ability to write clear, jargon-free technical guidance
- An understanding of mixed methods of research and evaluation
- Ability to work independently as well as in coordinating and engaging with persons from a diverse global and multicultural environment.

Language requirements:

- English – Read/Write/Speak at advanced level
- Foreign language skills desirable (French, Spanish, and Portuguese are of particular interest)

Place of assignment

The applicant can be based at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, or work remotely with the potential to spend some time in Geneva.

Timeline and Duration

The contract is expected to start on 3 June 2019 through to 29 November 2019 and corresponds to a full-time equivalent of 100%, with possibility for extension. Pay scale will be defined according to the level of expertise of the selected candidate.

Medical clearance

The selected Consultant will be expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work.

Travel

The Consultant is expected to travel according to planned travel to be decided by the team at a later stage.

Application Process

Qualified applicants should submit their CV along with a cover letter, in English, by 24 May 2019 to Katia Gaudin-Billaudaz at email: gaudink@who.int. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

In the email subject line, please put “Consultancy, Acceptance and Demand”.

Only successful candidates will be contacted. CVs received from this posting may be used to fill other current and future openings requiring a similar skill set.