Consultancy for Individual

Terms of Reference

This Agreement for Performance of Work (APW) is requested by:

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1. **Purpose of the APW**
   To provide senior expertise and identify strategies on priority setting of vaccines and immunization related implementation research activities in WHO and continued coordination and strategic advice to the WHO Advisory Committee on Implementation Research related to Immunization programmes and Vaccines (IVIR-AC) activities and related ad-hoc working groups.

2. **Background**
   The Quantitative Immunization and Vaccines Related Research (QUIVER) Advisory Committee was established in 2007 with the main responsibility of reviewing quantitative methods in vaccine related research and to advise the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals (IVB) on their relevance and applicability. Given the importance of implementation research in immunization, IVB felt it necessary to enhance the functions of this advisory group to also include implementation research in addition to the existing functions of reviewing and advising on quantitative methods in vaccine research. The name was subsequently changed to “Immunization and Vaccines related Implementation Research Advisory Committee (IVIR-AC)”.

IVIR AC’s sole role is to provide advice and recommendations to the Director, IVB specifically on the following areas:

1. Matters related to implementation research and their relevance to immunization policies and practices.
2. Agenda setting and prioritization of implementation research in immunization which may include identifying potential research projects/issues and, where necessary, also reviewing the proposed methodologies for conducting such research.
3. Review progress of implementation research and advise/guide researcher/research groups as appropriate.
4. Review best practices relating to methods for conducting and reporting on quantitative immunization and vaccines-related research.
5. Facilitate and participate, where appropriate, in IVIR-AC subcommittees or expert working groups as required to address specific subjects in greater depth before review by IVIR-AC, and guide the work of such groups towards the stated objectives.

3. **Planned timelines** (subject to confirmation)
   Start date: 1/5/2019                 End date: 31/10/2019
   Total duration: 6 months
4. **Requirements - Work to be performed**

The IVIR Advisory Committee provides strategic advice to SAGE on immunization with regards to qualitative and quantitative research methods related to the uptake of new and underutilized vaccines, the potential impact and the monitoring of vaccination programmes. The consultant will provide continued coordination and expertise at senior level for several ad-hoc expert working groups that are involved in vaccine impact and the broader public health value of vaccines within the implementation research team. With regards to vaccine implementation research activities the consultant will provide continued coordination and strategic advice to the WHO Advisory Committee on Implementation Research related to Immunization programmes and Vaccines (IVIR-AC) activities and related ad-hoc working groups.

**Objective 1:** provide continued coordination and expertise at senior level for several ad-hoc expert working groups that are involved in vaccine impact and the broader public health value of vaccines within the implementation research team. **30/6/2019**

Output 1.1: lead the development of vaccine impact evaluation methods for country level.
Output 1.2: assist in reviewing of implementation research priorities for WHO.

**Objective 2:** provide continued coordination and strategic advice to the WHO Advisory Committee on Implementation Research related to Immunization programmes and Vaccines (IVIR-AC) activities and related ad-hoc working groups. **31/10/2019**

Output 2.1: support to review proposals and methodological approaches for implementation research being proposed to WHO for wider use
Output 2.2: assist in the collecting evidence on the broader public health value of vaccines

5. **Requirements - Planning**

Project timeline is 6 months: 1 May to 31 October 2019.
Output 1: by end of June 2019 (indicative)
Output 2: by end of August 2019 (indicative)
Final report by end of October 2019.

6. **Inputs**

The incumbent develops the deliverables listed above, in collaboration with the responsible officer in the Initiative for Vaccine Research.

7. **Activity Coordination & Reporting**

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8. **Characteristics of the Provider**

- 20 years’ experience in infectious diseases, epidemiology, burden of disease, global and public health, at least 5 field work experience in the African and Asian region is required.
— Previous work with WHO, other international organizations and/or major institutions in the field of: vaccines is required.
— Proven experience in: infectious diseases, epidemiology, burden of disease, global and public health is required.

9. **Place of assignment**
Geneva, Switzerland, travel is anticipated and a travel authorization will be processed at the time.