Call for submission or expression of interest for consultancy to develop a well child and adolescent health care service package

I. Purpose of the Consultancy

WHO seeks the services of a senior expert consultant to support WHO’s work in the area of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health. In particular, the consultant will support the ongoing work on the child and adolescent health redesign for healthy child programming in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy to accelerate progress in women's, children's and adolescent health. The consultant will also contribute to the preparatory work for the establishment of a Strategic Technical Advisisory Group of Experts (STAGE) and other related departmental work on child health redesign project. The incumbent will be responsible for the objectives and deliverables detailed below, to be accomplished.

II. Project description

The WHO Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Ageing is currently in the process of reviewing and redesigning child and adolescent programming in the context of the SDGs. The broader SDGs agenda is an opportunity to re- emphasize the importance of focused sound scientific strategies, and better integrated and coordinated child and adolescent centered programming. The new child and adolescent health agenda needs a paradigm shift towards building children’s resilience to be health, grow and develop to achieve their full potential using a life-cycle approach from preconception through childhood to adolescence (children 0 to 19 years). A healthy start in life is an essential step towards a sound childhood and a productive adult life, and calls for seamless linkage of individuals, households, communities and services to optimally deliver the necessary interventions.

All children should be able to benefit from interventions that promote their health, growth, development and wellbeing, and prevent risks to their health and be screened for health problems that need attention from the health services. At the same time, those children who need additional care for secondary prevention, illness, physical and mental disability, and protection should seamlessly receive the services required. The purpose of this work is to define what interventions are required by healthy children of all ages (newborns, children and adolescents) to be healthy, grow and develop to achieve their full positive potential. This work is part of the overall going work on child health redesign and will contribute to the development of the redesigned guidelines and guidance materials for children and adolescents 0-19 years.
The Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Ageing is therefore seeking the services of an expert consultant for a period of up to 8 months to support this scope of work. Working with Departmental team leading the child health redesign project, and in consultation with all the relevant stakeholders the consultant will coordinate and lead the collation, mapping and evidence synthesis for essential interventions, schedules, packages and services for well child and adolescent care. He/she will assist in the facilitation and coordination of interactions with all the relevant WHO departments, regional offices and all key stakeholders involved in the child health redesign project. He/she will also support the director’s office in the preparatory work for the establishment of the Strategic Technical Advisory Group of Experts (STAGE) that will be a principal advisory group to WHO for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (MNCAH & N).

III. Scope of work to be performed

1. Develop and present a detailed work plan of activities to support the scope of work on the development of a well child and adolescent (0-19 years) interventions care package and service delivery.
2. Collate and map existing WHO evidence-based guidance on well child (children and adolescents) care that promote health, growth, development and wellbeing, and prevent disease and health risks along the life course.
3. Scope and identify existing well child and adolescent service packages and policies on health, nutrition, psychosocial and environment and their respective delivery platforms along the life course.
4. Perform a scoping exercise and literature review to identify delivery contacts or platforms and scheduling of the delivery of the well child and adolescent interventions.
5. Identify gaps in the guidance and areas requiring new guidance development, develop a scope and commission a systematic review of evidence.
6. Consolidate findings and draft a well child and adolescent care package framework for service delivery.
7. Coordinate and contribute to the planning and organization of a stakeholder consultation on well child and adolescent care package.
8. Contribute the work, facilitate and coordinate interactions with all the relevant WHO departments, regional offices and all key stakeholders involved in the child health redesign project.
9. Support the director’s office in the preparatory work for the establishment of the Strategic Technical Advisory Group of Experts (STAGE).
IV. Expected deliverable

1) A comprehensive work plan of activities for the development of a well child and adolescent (0-19 years) interventions care package and services delivery.

2) A short written report of findings on well child and adolescent care interventions, services schedules, delivery contacts or platforms and policies along the life course to promote health, growth, development and wellbeing, and prevent health risks or disease.

3) Establishment and holding of regular and periodic coordination activities with all stakeholders.
   - Periodic teleconferences with regional offices and child health redesign advisory group organized.
   - Regular meetings with all relevant departments organized.

4) Coordination and organization of a stakeholder consultation meeting on well child and adolescent health care package.
   - Prepare a background documents for the consultation
   - Plan and organize the global consultation meeting
   - Rapporteur at the meeting
   - Write a final meeting report

5) Draft consolidated guidance on well child and adolescent care package framework.

6) Coordination of the preparatory activities of Strategic Technical Advisory Group of Experts (STAGE).
   - Coordinate the finalization of the ToRs for STAGE
   - Plan and organize the relevant meetings
   - Rapporteur at the meetings
   - Follow up on the actions from the meetings.

V. Technical Supervision

The incumbent consultant will work under the direct supervision of the medical officer, child health services working in close collaboration with the child health redesign core group in the department and UNICEF.

VI. Timelines

Start date: 12 August 2019 for a maximum period of 8 months.
VII. Work effort

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Corresponds to a Full-Time Equivalent of: 100% (100% equals 40 hours a week – 4 weeks a month)

VIII. Qualifications and experience required

Education

*Essential:* Advanced university degree (Masters level or above) in medicine or public health related field, from a recognized University.

Experience

*Essential:* A minimum of 10 years' experience working in health related field at national or international level with a good understanding of the health systems in low and middle income countries. Demonstrated experience in conducting systematic literature reviews in key databases leading to publications, WHO guidelines or the Cochrane Library.

*Desirable:* Experience with project management and planning and experience and knowledge of health promotion and prevention particularly in child and adolescent health is an asset. Experience in policy formulation, implementation, and policy analysis.

*Technical skills and knowledge:* Excellent analytical and problem solving skills, and ability to facilitate complex technical discussions and foster consensus. Demonstration of knowledge and ability to work in a multi-disciplinary, cross-cutting environment and accomplish tasks with multiple objectives and competing deadlines.

*Language requirements:* Proficiency in written and oral communication in English. Working knowledge of other UN languages is an advantage.

IX. Place of assignment

Geneva, Switzerland

X. Travel

The Consultant is expected to travel, including for taking up assignment, according to the itinerary and estimated schedule below: *(Some travel may be required, currently not planned.)*

*All travel arrangements will be made by WHO – WHO will not be responsible for tickets purchased by the Consultant without the express, prior authorization of WHO. While on mission under the terms of this consultancy, the Consultant will receive subsistence allowance in line with the instructions applicable locally, or up to the maximum of the UN DSA.*

*The Consultant shall apply for a UN Certificate prior to travelling.*

*Visas requirements: it is the Consultant’s responsibility to fulfil visa requirements and ask for visa support letter(s) if needed*
XI. Medical clearance

The selected Consultant will be expected to provide a certificate of good health from his / her treating physician.

XII. How to apply

The application should include:

1. A motivation letter highlighting why the interested candidate(s) is suitable to undertake the assignment
2. A curriculum vitae including a list of relevant publications and links to any relevant work undertaken.
3. A brief outline and description of the activities and methods to deliver on the key deliverables above.

Applications should be sent by email to address below:

Subject: Application for Child Health Redesign Consultancy
To: Ms Merve PILLONEL
Email: pillonelm@who.int
Copy to: werew@who.int

XIII. Deadline for applications

All applications must be sent by 8th August 2019.

Only successful applicants will be contacted.