WHO-UNDP GLOBAL JOINT PROGRAMME: CATALYZING MULTISECTORAL ACTION FOR NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: 6 MONTH CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Purpose of the post

The consultant will provide support for the implementation of a second phase of Russian funding to support the WHO-UNDP Global Joint Programme: Catalyzing Multisectoral Action for Non-communicable Diseases that is being implemented under the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Task Force). The consultant will provide support for ongoing and future NCD and mental health investment case as well as support for joint United Nations programming missions on Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Background

The Task Force was established in 2013 by the UN Secretary-General to provide support to Member States in scaling up action on NCDs. In 2016, the Task Force’s scope of work was expanded to include the NCD-related SDGs such as mental health and the environmental determinants of NCDs. As part of its work the Task Force undertakes joint programming missions to countries to catalyze action in support of the NCD-related SDGs. The Task Force has also developed a series of Global Joint Programmes to provide catalytic support to countries, including the WHO-UNDP Joint Programme to catalyze multisectoral action at the country level.¹

In 2017, the Russian Federation provided financial support for the WHO-UNDP Joint Programme on NCD governance. This support enabled the Task Force to undertake 11 NCD investment cases during 2018-2019. Each investment case includes an in-country mission followed by a multi-stakeholder forum in the country concerned.

The second phase of Russian Federation funding for the Joint Programme will start in early 2020. This phase will expand the work into additional countries and incorporate mental health investment cases and support to governments to drive forward the recommendations of the investment cases done to date, through implementation of necessary regulatory, legislative and fiscal measures.

¹ [http://www.who.int/ncds/un-task-force/flyer-ncds2030.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/ncds/un-task-force/flyer-ncds2030.pdf?ua=1)
Activities

- To provide support in preparing for the additional investment case missions, including agreement on dates, development of terms of reference, agendas, presentations and engagement of Task Force members and consultants.
- To provide support in finalizing the reports, ensuring they are in line with previous reports.
- To provide support for the planning and preparation of stakeholder forums in countries to disseminate the results of the investment cases.
- To provide timely and effective support for the drafting of web stories and other news stories associated with the investment cases.
- Preparing for teleconferences between the Russian Federation, WHO and UNDP to monitor progress on the project.
- To contribute to the planning and organization of the annual technical meeting on investment cases.
- To provide technical assistance for joint programming missions, including development of terms of reference, agendas, presentations and encouraging participation from UN agencies and other partners for the missions.
- To contribute to the development of methodologies for new modules on air pollution and on mental health, and to country-specific assessments of legislative environments.
- To contribute to development of the 4 NCD knowledge products planned under the second phase of the WHO/UNDP Programme on NCD governance.
- To contribute to the wider work of the Task Force Secretariat, in particular around joint programming mission.

The expected start is January 2020. The contractual parties will be remunerated at a rate that is commensurate with their experience.

Qualifications and Experiences required

- Advanced university degree in global health, international relations, political science or a related field.
- Experience with implementation of a joint inter-agency programme/project.
- Demonstrated experience with writing policy briefs and policy reports.
- Experience with organizing multi-stakeholder meetings.
- Experience in the area of mental health would be an asset.
- An understanding of the work of the Task Force and NCDs more broadly.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English; any other UN language would be an asset.
Deadline:

Expressions of interest are to be delivered to Rita Appiah, johnsonr@who.int, no later than 17:00 CET (Geneva time) on Thursday 28 November 2019.

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