WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases

Development of a strategic framework for skin NTDs to guide national programmes

Terms of reference for a short-term consultancy

Background

The World Health Organization (WHO) advocates an integrated approach for the control of neglected tropical diseases of the skin (skin-NTDs) in order to better manage the long-term disfigurement, disability and stigmatization associated with these conditions. Management of the skin NTDs is expected to benefit from improved case detection and harmonized case management. Early detection and treatment remain the cornerstone of good treatment outcomes and prevention of severe complications, including disabilities.

Purpose of the consultancy

To develop technical guidance to support and guide health ministries in integrated control of skin-NTDs as a platform to address these diseases, adapted to different levels of the health system, including a strategic framework to guide wound care, disability, rehabilitation, stigmatization and mental health.

Responsibilities

Review existing documents, literature (published and unpublished) and publications on integrated strategies;
Review and compare and existing programmatic and strategic documents on other diseases to identify relevant lessons that can be applied to this framework document;
Consult widely with relevant stakeholders to gather their inputs.

Expected output

Submit a draft Strategic Framework for Integrated Control of Skin-NTDs

Duration of work: 4 months

Working relationship

The Consultant will work within the Prevention, Treatment and Care Unit in the WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases and interact with focal points at WHO’s regional and country offices and appropriate stakeholders.

Qualification, experience and skills

- Medical degree with advance degree in public health;
- At least 5 years’ experience in developing strategic and programmatic documents;
- Thorough understanding of the NTD landscape, particularly skin-NTDs;
- Excellent ability to engage and communicate with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Expert knowledge of English.

Deadline for application: 30 March 2020.

Cover letter and cv to be sent to: neglected.diseases@who.int