

Web Notice

Individual consultancy service to study provider knowledge, practices and adaptation of screening and referral protocols for Non-Communicable Diseases at Primary Medical Care Institutions in Sri Lanka

Package No: LK-NHNIM-258424-CS-INDV

Application along with the CV and a Technical and financial proposal in separate envelopes are invited from eligible candidates for the above consultancy by the **Project Director Primary Healthcare System Strengthening Project, 3rd Floor, J.R.Jayawrdene Center, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 07**. Duly completed application and Technical and financial proposals should be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes on or before **02.00 pm, 25th January 2022** to reach the above address by hand/ post. “**Consultancy service to study provider knowledge, practices and adaptation**” shall be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Terms of Reference (TOR) for the above consultancy is published here with

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Background

Non-communicable diseases (NCD) including, cardiac diseases, cerebro-vascular accidents, diabetes mellitus, cancer and chronic respiratory diseases are the major causes of morbidity and mortality in Sri Lanka. The NCDs were accountable for 83% of total deaths and 17% premature (30 -70years) deaths in Sri Lanka in the year 2016. In the year 2016, of the total 464 billion of current health expenditure, majority (36%) was spent on the management of NCDs. In addition, these chronic debilitating diseases result in a great economic impact to the individual, family and the country as a whole due to lost productivity.

The Healthy Lifestyle Center (HLC) Programme was introduced in 2011 in Sri Lanka with the objective of screening the population for NCDs. The main aim of the HLC programme of Sri Lanka is to reduce the incidence of NCDs by detecting risk factors early and providing lifestyle guidance. In Sri Lanka, there are 1008 HLCs presently and they are established at a Primary Medical Care Institution (PMCI). Those of 35 years and above are the target population for screening at the HLCs. In addition, those between 20-34 years with any NCD risk factors can also undergo screening at these centers. If a person is diagnosed with a NCD at a HLC that person will be referred for further treatment at medical clinic of the PMCI. Directorate of NCD, Ministry of Health Sri Lanka has issued circulars and guidelines on screening and referral criteria for HLCs and NCD management guidelines for primary care.

In accordance with the global NCD targets, Sri Lanka aims to reduce premature death from the four major NCDs (Cardiovascular diseases, Diabetes, Cancer and Chronic Respiratory Diseases) by 25% by the year 2025 along with 8 other targets which focus on reducing NCDs and risk factors. In order to achieve these targets, streamlining NCD service provision at primary care level has been identified as a priority by the Primary Healthcare System Strengthening Project (PSSP), Ministry of Health. PSSP is one of the key partners of the Primary Healthcare Reorganization Process of the Ministry of Health, supported by World Bank.

As the number of populations screened and referred for further care is an indicator of the PSSP, the project needs to study the existing NCD screening and referral practices in the country. This study report will be considered for the fulfillment of disbursement linked result indicator target of the PSSP and can be used as a guide to improve the NCD screening and referral procedures adopted in country.

2. Objectives of the Consultancy

To study the provider knowledge, practice and adaptation of screening and referral protocols for Non-Communicable Diseases at Primary Medical Care Institutions in Sri Lanka

3. Scope of the work

The individual consultant has to produce a proposal following a mixed study methodology (in line with the objectives stated in the section 2 of the TOR. The study will be conducted by the consultant according to a study methodology and logistic plan agreed by the Directorate of NCD and the PSSP. Ethical clearance for the study will have to be obtained by the consultant on behalf of the Ministry of Health. Being the technical focal point, Directorate of NCD will closely follow-up the study throughout the consultancy period. Any additional human resources required for the study in the means of data collection and analysis etc, that has to be borne by the consultant. The interim and final report of the study will have to be submitted by the consultant according to the agreed formats for the acceptance of the Ministry of Health in given time lines.

5. Deliverables (Expected outputs)

1. Present draft study methodology including introduction, literature review, research methodology including study design, study population with inclusion and exclusion criteria, sample size, sampling technique, data collection technics and instruments, training of data collectors, method of data analysis and time frame
2. Present logistic plan for the study with estimated budget
3. Conduct of the study according to the agreed methodology using logistic and HR support through the project
4. Produce interim study report
5. Produce final study report with findings and recommendations

*Each deliverable will be reviewed and approved by the Ministry of Health before payments.

6. Qualifications/ Experience

- A Community Physician or a Medical Administrator
- Minimum 8 years of experience in public health sector of Sri Lanka
- Publications and research in the areas of NCD and public health
- Experience in similar kind of consultancies with international development partners or Ministry of Health

7. Deliverables chart

No	Activity	Due date	Deliverables	Payment terms
1	Signing contract and submission of inception report	As soon as signing	Signed contract and inception report	10%
2	Initial meeting with Project, Director NCD	Commencement date + day 1	Meeting Minutes	-
3	Draft study methodology, logistic plan and budget	Commencement date +week 2	Draft proposal including methodology, logistic plan and budget	10%
3	Discussions with Director NCD and other appropriate personnel on revisions to the draft methodology, logistic plan and budget	Commencement date +week 4	Minutes	-
4	Submission of the final proposal	Commencement date +week 5	Final study proposal	10%
5	Obtaining ethical clearance	Commencement date + Week 10	Ethical clearance	10%
6	Submission of interim report	Commencement date	Interim report	30%

		+week 14		
7	Final study report according to the given format	Commencement date +week 16	Final report	30%

8. Client Inputs

- Arrange facilities for meetings with relevant parties and officers
- Provide available documents and guidelines whenever necessary
- Provide logistic facilities for data collection including transport, printing of data collection instruments, stationaries according to the agreed logistic plan
- IT equipment, software required for the study will not be provided by the client
- Fee for the ethical clearance will be reimbursed by the client

9. Marking scheme for the selection

Item No	Description	Marks
01	MD in Community Medicine or MD in Medical Administration	20
02	8 or more years' experience in the public health sector of Sri Lanka	Minimum 10 maximum 20
03	Research and publications in the related areas of concern	25
04	Experience in assignment with scope similar to this assignment	25
04	One-page summary document on the methodology for achieving study objectives	10
	Total	100