



WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)

TO CONDUCT A SITUATION ANALYSIS OF RESEARCH FOR HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO STRENGTHEN RESEARCH FOR HEALTH IN THE ECOWAS REGION

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Reference No FM/TEND/AMI/OOAS/2022/09/bk

RECRUITMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

1- Introduction

The West African Health Organisation's mission shall be the attainment of the highest possible standard and protection of health of the peoples in the sub-region through the harmonisation of the policies of Member States, pooling of resources, cooperation with one another and with others for a collective and strategic combat against the health problems of the sub-region. In the protocol establishing WAHO, the institution was requested to "promote research on major endemic diseases in the sub-region and to undertake activities aimed at combating and eradicating these diseases."

Promoting research is nowadays on the front burner of discussions at global level notably during epidemics. Under the auspices of WHO, promotion of research and development was one of the topics discussed during the recent World Health Assembly. At the African level, a consultation was conducted with WAHO's participation. Consequently, promotion of research on health systems has become more than necessary to implement programs.

Since WAHO is to develop a strategic vision 2030 with one focus area on research for health facilitation, the organization has decided to develop a regional strategic plan to promote research for health for the 2020 – 2030 period. But prior to preparing this document, WAHO would like to have better understanding of the status of research for health to do a better planning.

2- Objective

The overall objective is to conduct an analysis of the health research situation and develop a regional strategic plan to promote health research for the 2020-2030 period

More specifically, the consultancy aims to:

- Describe the way research for health is organized at the regional level and in the 15 ECOWAS member countries (structures, operations, coordination human resources, cooperation, training, publications, key players, strengths and weaknesses) and the needs for strengthening,
- Describe funding for research for health at the regional level and in the 15 ECOWAS member countries and propose mechanism to improve internal funding,
- Identify health research systems strengthening projects and programs the regional level and analyse how WAHO can collaborate,
- Identify research for health strategic partners at the regional level and in the 15 ECOWAS countries,
- Conduct further analysis in the areas of research on health in Universal health coverage, research for health during epidemics, research on drugs, vaccines development and traditional medicines,

- implementation research, research on one health and proposed mechanism for improvement,
- Analyze the status of research within the West African Health Organization,
- Organize a workshop to validate the outcomes, identify regional priorities and strengthening strategies,
- Develop and validate the regional strategic plan to strengthen research for health

3- Duration of Contract

The mission will last a maximum of forty-five (45) working days from the date the contract is signed by both parties.

4- Profile of the Consultant

The consultant must have the following qualifications,

- Have a postgraduate doctorate (PhD) or equivalent in the health or relevant social sciences
- Have ten (10) years of experience in health research development
- Have experience in developing strategic health research plans
- Have experience working in West Africa

5- Content of the Expression of Interest

Eligible individual consultants are invited to express their interest in providing the above services. Interested individual consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to provide the services described above: The response to the expression of interest must include:

- A letter of interest specifying the title of the assignment
- A detailed, accurate, dated and signed curriculum vitae highlighting qualifications and experience in performing similar assignments, as well as references for verification.
- Copies of diplomas and/or academic certificates required and proof of successful completion of assignments.

Because of the specific nature of the assignment, the consultant may engage the services of interviewers/support staff for data collection and other assistance deemed necessary. In this case, the support staff will only be entitled to per diem and other expenses that the consultant will clearly indicate in his budget at the technical and financial proposal stage.

6- Method of Selection

The Consultant will be selected based on the Individual Consultants' Service method (ICS) in accordance with the ECOWAS Tender Code (revised in September 2021).

7- Criteria for Evaluating the Expression of Interest

Essential criteria (90 marks)

- Have a post-graduate degree in medicine with a specialization (master's degree or certificate) in public health, or in relevant social sciences: **20 marks;**
- If in addition, a degree or certificate in health research: **10 marks;**
- Have ten years of experience in health research development: **10 marks;**
- Have five years of experience working in West Africa: **5 marks.**
- Have completed at least two missions to develop strategic health research plans: **45 marks.**

Desirable criteria (10 marks)

- Knowledge of issues related to planning and evaluation of health programs in the ECOWAS region and

the health sector in Africa (experience in planning **3 marks** and evaluation **2 marks**): **5 marks**.

- Ability to speak and write French or English or Portuguese fluently: **3 marks** ;
- Proficiency in a second ECOWAS Community language is an advantage: **2 marks**.

7- Other information on submission

Interested individual consultants can also obtain additional information on reference materials from the address below, during work hours, from Monday to Friday 08h00 to 16h00. Madam Lalaïssa AMOUKOU, Email: lamoukou@wahooas.org with a copy to Mr. Maurice ADJOVI madjovi@prj.wahooas.org

They may also download the call for EOI from WAHO's website.

Interested and suitably qualified Consultants are invited to express their interest by submitting their application electronically to <https://data.wahooas.org/tenders/tenders/list>. The deadline for receiving applications is **September 26, 2022 at 12:00 GMT**.

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