

National Consultant - Epidemiology & Biostatistics - (2208056)

Contractual Arrangement: External consultant

Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days): 6 months

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Primary Location Sri Lanka-Colombo

Organization SE_SRL WR Office, Sri Lanka

Schedule Part-time

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Purpose of consultancy

WHO is seeking a Senior Consultant with expertise in the fields of epidemiology and biostatistics to provide the overall guidance to the technical units in the Country Office (WCO).

Background

The WCO recognizes the importance epidemiological and biostatistical analysis of local data gathered through routine surveillance information systems in the country, including Ministry of Health, Department of census and statistics, other government Departments and NGOs. Comparison of local data such as trends in time and distribution as well as comparison with global data for evidence-generation and strategic planning.

In this regard, the Consultant is expected to strengthen the capacity of the technical units in the WCO in the key areas of epidemiology and biostatistics, for analysis and interpretation of relevant local data and their documentation. Review of technical papers, research articles, fact sheets, web postings and other publications of the WCO, particularly in relation to their epidemiological and statistical relevance are among others. The Consultant is also expected to provide technical guidance for studies and surveys and other evidence-generation activities undertaken or coordinated by the WCO including their publications. Further, as WHO's support to MoH, WCO has been conducting evidence synthesis activity for improving health systems efficiency in the dual challenge of a prolonged global pandemic and an economic crisis in Sri Lanka. The Consultant is expected to provide technical guidance on the analytical work to be done by the technical units and the subsequent consolidation and publication of recommendations into a Policy Options document.

Deliverables

- Capacity building of WCO staff in epidemiology and biostatistics for analysis, interpretation and documentation of relevant local data.
- All technical papers, research articles, fact sheets, web postings and other publications of the WCO reviewed.
- Technical guidance provided for all studies and surveys conducted by the WCO.

Work to be performed

Under the general supervision of the Public Health Administrator and in close consultation with the WCO team, the Consultant (part-time consultancy) to:

- Provide support to strengthen the capacity of the technical units in the WCO in the key areas of epidemiology and biostatistics, including analysis and interpretation of relevant data i.e., local and global for technical reporting, decision making and policy recommendations.
- Provide technical guidance to the technical units in the WCO for documentation including publications of fact sheets on a regular basis.
- Review technical papers, research articles, fact sheets and other publications of the WCO, particularly in relation to their content and statistical relevance and accuracy. Assist in the technical editing and ensuring the accuracy of web postings related to WCO and activities.
- Provide technical guidance for studies and surveys and evidence generation activities undertaken or coordinated by the WCO in collaboration with Ministry of Health and other stakeholders in Ministries.
- Whenever necessary represent the WHO at technical meetings related to the areas of expertise in the Ministry of Health and other Ministries.
- Support the WCO and the team in any other matters related to his/her expertise and experience.

Qualifications, experience, skills and languages

Educational Qualifications:

Essential: Advanced University degree from a recognized University on public health with epidemiology and biostatistics as major discipline.

Desirable:

- Specialization or training in advanced epidemiology and biostatistics at national or international level

Experience

Essential: At least 15 years work experience in the field of advanced epidemiology and biostatistics

Desirable:

- Experience in conducting research related to advanced epidemiology and biostatistics
- Demonstrated experience in review of research articles at the national or international level

Skills/Knowledge: Excellent knowledge of computer applications; ability to make oral and written presentations; and ability to prepare coherent, and concise briefing documents.

Languages and level required (Basic/Intermediate/Advanced):

Excellent written and spoken English, fluency in Sinhala or Tamil.

Location

On site: Colombo, Sri Lanka (WCO Office)

Travel: No travel involved is involved during the consultancy assignment

Remuneration and budget (travel costs are excluded):

- Remuneration: National Consultant, NO-C (Max) – LKR 945,892 per month
- Expected duration of contract: 6 Months

Additional Information:

- This vacancy notice may be used to identify candidates for other similar consultancies at the same level.
- Only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.
- A written test may be used as a form of screening.
- If your candidature is retained for interview, you will be required to provide, in advance, a scanned copy of diploma(s)/certificate(s) required for this position. WHO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Universities (IAU)/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed via link: <http://www.whed.net/>. Some professional certificates may not appear in the WHED and will require individual review.
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- Consultants shall perform the work as independent contractors in a personal capacity, and not as a representative of WHO or any authority. The execution of the work under a consultant contract does not create an employer/employee relationship between WHO and the Consultant.
- WHO shall have no responsibility whatsoever for any taxes, duties, social security contributions or other contributions payable by the Consultant. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for withholding and paying any taxes, duties, social security contributions or any other contributions which are applicable to the Consultant in each location/jurisdiction in which the work is performed, and the Consultant shall not be entitled to any reimbursement thereof by WHO.
- This assignment is subject to local recruitment and will be filled by persons recruited in the local commuting area of the station/assignment location.