

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE National PAHO Consultant, Disease Elimination**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In June 2023, the Ministry of Health of Guyana affirmed the country's commitment to disease elimination and identified the following as among the potential priorities:

- Neglected Infectious Diseases: Lymphatic filariasis, Chagas, Leishmania, Leprosy, STH
- Malaria
- Hepatitis B & C
- EMTCT PLUS: Transmission of mother-to-child HIV infection
- Congenital Chagas Transmission
- Congenital Syphilis Transmission
- Reduction /elimination of Hepatitis B in children
- HIV/AIDs
- Cervical Cancer
- TB

In support of Guyana's Disease Elimination Initiative, PAHO has been requested to provide clear guidance in terms of defining the elimination goals for each of the diseases / conditions that are considered, including inputs in terms of clear roadmaps, workplans, milestones, and timelines. Concurrently, PAHO-GUY is requested to provide technical cooperation to facilitate the operationalization and implementation of the corresponding roadmaps and workplans.

### **OBJECTIVE OF THIS CONSULTANCY:**

The Consultant will provide support to the disease prevention, control, and elimination efforts of Guyana, particularly on the prioritized diseases and conditions. Specifically, s/he will provide technical support in terms of:

1. the integrated implementation of PAHO technical cooperation in the prioritized diseases and conditions, as aligned with PAHO's Integrated Sustainable Framework for the Elimination of Communicable Diseases in the Americas, and the country's relevant national strategic plans and health program commitments.
3. the reinforcement of the national surveillance and diagnostic network; human resource capacity building; strengthening of supply chain; integration of priority diseases and conditions in the country's health surveillance system and health service delivery mechanisms; policy and advocacy; and roll-out of innovative strategies to address key populations; environmental and social determinants of health, as may be deemed necessary for the achievement of disease elimination targets.

### **MAIN ACTIVITIES:**

Under the general supervision of the PAHO/WHO Representative in Guyana and the direct supervision of the PAHO/WHO Advisor, Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control,

the incumbent is responsible for, but not necessarily limited to, the following assigned duties:

1. Provide technical cooperation to national health authorities on the implementation of programs and initiatives related to malaria prevention, control, and elimination through the development and implementation of political, regulatory, and technical platforms necessary to operationalize, consolidate and maintain the diagnosis-treatment-investigation-response (DTI-R) process both at national and sub-national levels.
2. Provide direct support towards reinforcing surveillance; use of available data for technical and programmatic decision-making; and micro-planning to develop the “surveillance-response” process for disease prevention, control, and elimination at national and sub-national levels.
3. Collaborate in facilitating coordination across MOH agencies that are identified as key collaborators on disease elimination, including the development and implementation of joint / inter-programmatic workplans.
4. Sustain advocacy for the importance of disease elimination in Guyana and collaborate towards translating political commitment to investment of actual resources towards activities that enable and / or contribute to disease elimination.
5. Provide technical support on Food Safety and collaborate in addressing important threats to disease elimination such as antimicrobial resistance (AMR), including the issue of antimalarial drug resistance in the Guyana Shield.
6. Promote collaboration between the Ministry of Health, key partners and across sectors to strengthen the capacity to monitor programmatic progress and impact of public health interventions,
7. Collaborate in linking and synergizing disease elimination efforts to the country’s commitment towards pandemic preparedness and response, One Health, and the roll out of the country’s Essential Health Package (EHP).
8. Collaborate in the preparation of the Representation’s Biennial Work Plan (BWP) and the execution of international cooperation, including the analysis of political, technical and socioeconomic realities.
9. Perform other related duties, as assigned.

## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:**

### **Qualifications:**

A University degree in a health-related profession from a recognized University. Eligible consultants must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience working in epidemiology, disease prevention and control programs and/or the administration of health services related to communicable diseases both of the public sector and in an international organization.

### **Desirable:**

A medical degree; master’s degree in epidemiology, communicable diseases, public health or a related field; experience working in disease elimination, malaria surveillance, control and prevention would be an asset.

## **DELIVERABLES:**

1. Yearly work Plan for malaria and other diseases and conditions prioritized under the

- Disease Elimination Initiative, including related procurement and capacity building plans
2. Implementation of the corresponding work plans, and execution of the capacity building, and procurement plan for malaria and other diseases and conditions prioritized under the Disease Elimination Initiative, and other related activities.
  3. Consolidated surveillance information on malaria and other diseases and conditions prioritized under the Disease Elimination Initiative
  4. Periodic reports on status of collaboration with relevant partners and stakeholders.
  5. Periodic technical reports on the implementation of activities regarding malaria and other diseases and conditions prioritized under the Disease Elimination Initiative, and other related activities.

**DURATION OF CONSULTANCY:**

This is a fulltime consultancy for Guyanese nationals and the initial duration of the assignment is six months with the possibility of extension on an annual basis.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

The total payment for the initial 6-month assignment is contingent to the successful candidate's qualifications; up to G\$ 3,000,000.00 (or G\$ 500,000 per month) to cover all related expenses.

**PROJECT OFFICERS:**

With guidance from and in collaboration with the Project Manager, the Consultant will work in collaboration with the PAHO-GUY CDE team, MOH Vector Control Services Unit, and other relevant agencies.

**PROJECT MANAGER:**



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Approved by:



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