

# Terms of Reference

## Health Economist – Strategic Fund

**Contractual Arrangement:** External consultant

**Job Posting:** 1/18/22

**Closing Date:** 2/1/22

**Primary Location:** Washington DC, USA (preferred) or Off-site

**Organization:** HQ/HSS/SF

### Background

Established in 2000 by the Member States in the Americas Region, the PAHO Strategic Fund (officially named the Revolving Fund for Strategic Public Health Supplies) was developed to facilitate procurement of essential quality-assured medicines and health supplies, improve access to quality health care, and strengthen the sustainability of health systems. The Strategic Fund (SF) has formal participating agreements with 44 countries, territories, and public health institutions as a regional technical cooperation mechanism leveraging pooled procurement.

### Objective

To provide technical assistance to the Department of Health Systems and Services (HSS) and the SF in strengthening elements such as competition, market sizing, and implications of health system segmentation. This allows SF to strengthen with actions within the national context and positioning to improve access to medicines and health technologies through the SF in Latin American and the Caribbean region within the implementation framework of the HEARTS initiative in the Americas.

### Responsibilities

Support the HSS / SF in activities related to the articulation, analysis, market assessment, and dissemination of information on purchases of medicines and supplies made by the SF, including the following tasks:

- a) Develop a situational analysis especially, to HEARTS for the Americas initiative participating countries, considering the opportunities and challenges for acquiring the products through the SF with emphasis on long-acting antihypertensive medications, including fixed-dose combinations, and statins. Elements such as competition, SF strengths for the specific context, market sizing, health system segmentation, allowing SF to position the improvement and strengthen universal access of medicines and health technologies in need aligning to WHO recommendations.
- b) Participate in meetings with diverse teams, especially related to NCDs health technologies, to develop and articulate with the national economic context, in particular, relating to the

- availability of financing and allocations, fiscal space, payment mechanisms, and domestic production capacity that will impact the participation of countries in the Strategic Fund. Promote strategies that address and support increased participation in the SF in this area.
- c) Provide technical support through participation in strategic programmatic discussions and planning considering elements such as NCD service delivery and challenges that impact supply chain management,
  - d) Provide technical advice and strategic information to promote cost-effective access to medicines strategies in Latin America and the Caribbean.
  - e) Support preparation of presentations to the SF Chief and the rest of the team.
  - f) Provide ad hoc data gathering and analysis to the SF team as required for opportunity analysis.

### **Products to be delivered monthly**

1. January 31<sup>st</sup>: Report on the market assessment of blood pressure measuring devices in Brazil.
2. February 28<sup>th</sup>: Report on the market assessment of blood pressure measuring devices in Ecuador.
3. March 31<sup>st</sup>: Report of antihypertensive market assessment in the Dominican Republic.
4. April 30<sup>th</sup>: Report on the market assessment of blood pressure measuring devices in Mexico.
5. May 30<sup>th</sup>: Report of antihypertensive market assessment in Trinidad and Tobago and Saint Lucia.
6. June 30<sup>th</sup>: Report of antihypertensive market assessment in Peru.
7. July 30<sup>th</sup>: Report of antihypertensive market assessment in El Salvador.
8. August 30<sup>th</sup>: Report on the market assessment of Antihypertensives in Argentina.

The timeline and deliverables may be subjected to changes based on prioritizing from the SF team.

### **Qualifications, experience, skills, and languages**

#### **Professional Experience:**

Seven years or more of experience in health economics and managing cross-functional projects at the national and international levels. Governmental and/or international experience will be an asset.

#### **Education:**

University degree from a recognized university in a related discipline, such as public health, economics, business, or focusing on health economics.

#### **Desirable attributes:**

- Knowledge and experience of health economic analysis for medicines and other technologies.
- Knowledge of Latin American and Caribbean healthcare public health systems, public markets, pharmaceutical economics, and regulation of medicines and health technologies.

# PAHO



- Knowledge of database usage and advanced knowledge of Excel or other data analytical tools.
- Experience in communication, report writing, health policy, and project implementation would be an advantage.

## Languages

Fluency in written and spoken Spanish and English is required.

## Location

Washington DC, USA (preferred) or Off-site (consultant is based in her/his country of residence.)

## Remuneration and budget

Remuneration: Pay band level B. Current daily rates range from USD 258 – USD 314.

Work schedule: full-time.

Duration of contract: 7 months.

Planned timeline of consultancy (subject to confirmation):

Start date: 02/15/2022

End date: 08/30/2022

Contact: [domingoale@paho.org](mailto:domingoale@paho.org)