

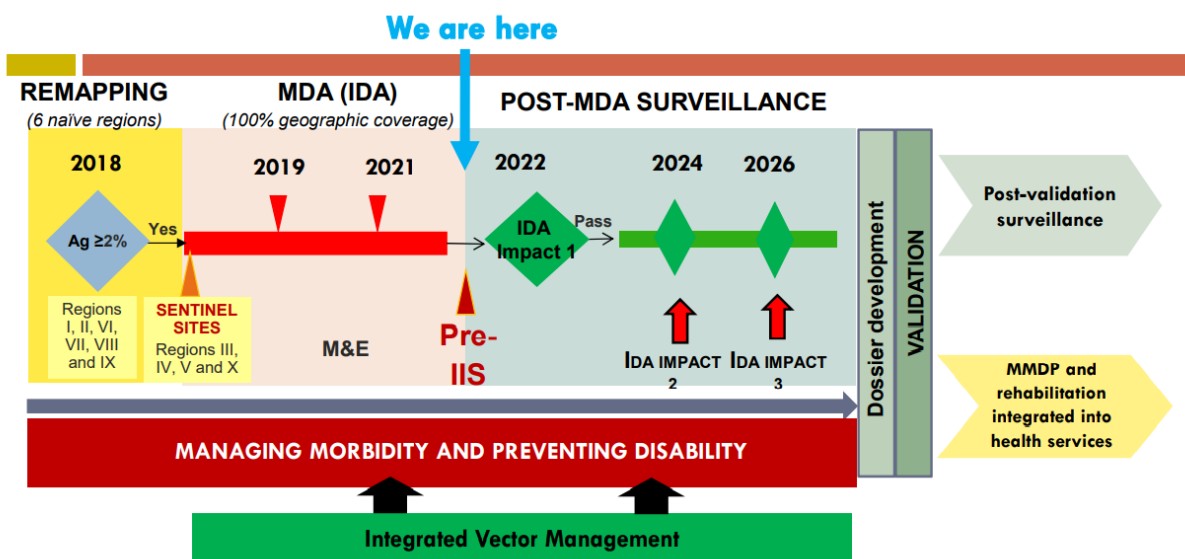
TERMS OF REFERENCE

National PAHO Consultant, Neglected Infectious Diseases

BACKGROUND:

Guyana is moving forward in its trailblazing efforts in lymphatic filariasis elimination which is graphically summarized as follows:

Framework to reach the elimination of LF in Guyana 2018- 2026



As the country completes its first IDA Impact Survey (IIS) in June 2023, reinforces the Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention (MMDP) of LF, and operationalize Guyana’s commitment to the elimination of LF, leishmaniasis, leprosy, Chagas, and Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH), a National Consultant is being hired to comprehensively support the implementation of its National Action Plan for Neglected Infectious Diseases 2022 – 2027.

OBJECTIVE OF THIS CONSULTANCY:

The Consultant will provide support to efforts geared towards the prevention, surveillance, control, and elimination of priority NIDs in Guyana, including lymphatic filariasis, leishmaniasis, leprosy, Chagas Disease, and soil transmitted helminthiases. Specifically, s/he will provide technical support to:

1. move forward on the agenda for control and elimination of NID as outlined in the country’s NID National Action Plan 2022-2027; and

2. strengthen the national surveillance and control networks through the collection and analysis of data for the prevention and control of neglected parasitic diseases, with emphasis on lymphatic filariasis, leishmaniasis, leprosy, Chagas Disease, and soil-transmitted helminthiasis.

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

1. Provide technical support and guidance on surveillance and elimination of lymphatic filariasis, leishmaniasis, leprosy, Chagas Disease, and control of human soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH), as well as other Neglected Infectious Diseases (NID);
2. Collaborate with counterparts and experts for the planning, implementation and evaluation of national forums (meetings) on NID in Guyana, mainly for lymphatic filariasis, leishmaniasis, leprosy, Chagas Disease, and soil-transmitted helminths; strengthen country capacity to implement the World Health Assembly (WHA) resolutions calling for the elimination of neglected tropical diseases, elimination of lymphatic filariasis, leishmaniasis, leprosy, and Chagas Disease as a public health problem and preventive chemotherapy for pre-school and school-age children living in areas of risk of morbidity from soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH) through direct and indirect technical cooperation;
3. Prepare and submit progress reports on the project “Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination in Guyana”; prepare situation analyses on neglected infectious diseases in the country; produce documents with strategic technical information for dissemination at national level, in order to document and systematize information in the framework of the Organization’s resolutions and the country’s progress towards control and elimination goals of NIDs particularly lymphatic filariasis, leishmaniasis, leprosy, Chagas Disease, and soil-transmitted helminthiasis;
4. Provide technical support for the implementation of the WHO Roadmap for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and the approved PAHO/WHO programmatic plans of action for NIDs;
5. Provide technical support to strengthen country capacity to implement the Organization’s “Plan of action for the elimination of neglected infectious diseases and post-elimination actions 2016-2022”, approved through PAHO’s Directing Council Resolution the World Health Assembly’s comprehensive Resolution on NTDs and other resolutions on Neglected Infectious Diseases; promote the achievement of the public health goals set out in this resolution and follow up on resolutions as approved by PAHO’s Directing Council;
6. Provide technical support for the planning and implementation of training workshops, seminars, surveys, studies, interventions, and direct technical cooperation and follow-up with Guyana to assist in the design and implementation of their integrated national action plans for the control or elimination of NID and other programs for NID control and elimination;
7. Provide technical support for development and implementation of plans, guidelines,

- protocols and documents as tools for strengthening and building capacities at national and subnational levels towards NID goals in Guyana;
8. Provide technical support for the development and follow-up of projects for testing integrated, inter-sectorial, inter-programmatic and multi-disease approaches to neglected tropical diseases prevention and control, and their use as an entry point to strengthen and integrate health systems, combat poverty, and to promote sustainable development and other international and regional mandates;
 9. Perform other related duties, as assigned.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

Qualifications:

A university degree in a health-related profession from a recognized University is required; a medical or relevant graduate degree will be an asset.

Eligible consultants must have a minimum of three (3) years relevant work experience, with knowledge of the functioning both of the public sector and in an international organization. Experience in the health field, including the development, management, and knowledge of implementation of large-scale field campaigns in any capacity will be an asset.

Desirable:

Relevant experience with Mass Drug Administration, conducting surveys, monitoring and evaluation of community activities and campaign is desirable.

DELIVERABLES:

1. Yearly work Plan for NIDs, including procurement and training plans related to lymphatic filariasis elimination program in Guyana.
2. Execution of the procurement plan for the of the IDA impact survey (IIS); Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention of LF in Guyana; and other related activities.
3. Execution of the training plan, workshops, and meetings for NIDs.
4. Implementation of the IDA Impact Surveys, and related activities in support to the MoH and in collaboration with other relevant stakeholders.
5. Consolidated surveillance information on NIDs that are included in the country's Disease Elimination efforts.
6. Periodic technical reports on the implementation of activities regarding NIDs that are included in the country's Disease Elimination efforts.

DURATION OF CONSULTANCY:

This is a fulltime consultancy for Guyanese nationals and the total duration of the assignment is twelve (12) months commencing on 1 July 2023. The consultancy will conclude on 30 June 2024 with the submission of the final report; with possibility for extension, subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funding.

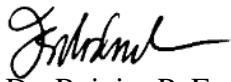
PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The total payment for the assignment is contingent to the successful candidate's qualifications; up to G\$ 6,000,000 (or G\$ 500,000 per month) to cover all related expenses. Payments will be made at the end of every month; first payment to be done on 31 July 2023.

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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Advisor, Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control

Approved by:



Dr. Luis Felipe Codina

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