

Terms of Reference

Development of a National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028 for the Ministry of Health in Suriname

1. Background

Noncommunicable diseases are the leading cause of preventable and premature death and illness in Suriname and in the Region of the Americas. Their substantial social and economic burdens, especially a steep rise in expenditures for treatment, harm the well-being of individuals and households and threaten to stager social and economic development¹.

While Member States in the Region are making significant advances in both preventing and controlling NCDs, these diseases continue to present significant challenges. Country policies and actions require renewed attention to implementing and scaling up effective, evidence based and cost-effective NCD interventions, and developing and applying new knowledge.

The Ministry of Health in Suriname underlines the need for the scaling up of the NCD response at a junction of the end of the implementation period of the National Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2015-2020 and the beginning of an era in which the focus on NCDs is globally promoted.

The PAHO will therefore support the Ministry of Health in Suriname with the development of a National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028 based on the outcomes of the NCD investment case, identified priorities and gaps based on the evaluation of the performance and progress of implementing the strategic objectives of the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases for 2015-2020 and the PAHO Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases for 2012-2025 along its four strategic lines of action:

1. multisectoral policies and partnerships for NCD prevention and control;
2. NCD risk factors and protective factors;
3. health system response to NCDs and risk factors; and
4. NCD surveillance and research.

The National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028 will furthermore propose actions that build on achievements and existing capacities in the country and the vision of the government related to these strategic lines of action with an emphasis on multisectoral initiatives and mechanisms to engage and coordinate stakeholders in the whole of society and the whole of government actions.

To effectively monitor and evaluate the plan to be developed, a M&E framework will be developed based on the WHO Global Monitoring Framework, regional and national NCD indicators.

¹ Menu of global and regional actions and tools. Available from:
http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=21348&Itemid=270&lang=en.

2. Purpose of assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to develop a National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028 for the Ministry of Health in Suriname.

3. Tasks

- 3.1. Prepare a workplan and methodology, in close collaboration with the Deputy Director of the Ministry of Health and his team, for the development of the National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028.
- 3.2. Carry out an evaluation of the performance and progress of implementing the strategic objectives of the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases for 2015-2020:
 - 3.2.1. Identify key priorities and remaining gaps based on consultations with stakeholders.
 - 3.2.2. Establish new and emerging priorities
 - 3.2.3. Identify gaps and priorities which will inform the development of the National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028 for the Ministry of Health in Suriname.
- 3.3. Update Suriname's NCD Situation Analysis.
- 3.4. Develop a draft National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028 based on the approved workplan consisting of a clear strategy for the prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases in Suriname.
- 3.5. Present the draft National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028, and two-year implementation plan, to Ministry of Health Team.
- 3.6. Revise draft based on feedback from Ministry of Health Team.
- 3.7. Submit final draft Framework, inclusive of two-year implementation plan

4. Period

All deliverables should be finalized and submitted by December 14, 2021.

5. Accountability, collaboration and working conditions

- The contractor will report to the PAHO National Consultant Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health.
- The contractor will work in close collaboration with the Deputy Director of Health, Ministry of Health.
- The contractor will work from an independent space.

6. Deliverables

Tasks	Deliverable
Prepare a workplan and methodology, in close collaboration with the Deputy Director of the Ministry of Health and his team, for the development of the National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028.	1. Methodology and workplan for the development of the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028.
Carry out an evaluation of the performance and progress of implementing the strategic objectives of the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases for 2015-2020; and identify key priorities, remaining gaps, new and emerging priorities with stakeholders.	2. Report on identified priorities, gaps, new and emerging priorities based on the evaluation of the performance and progress of implementing the strategic objectives of the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases for 2015-2020.
Desk review of relevant documents and Key Informant Interviews (KIIs).	3. Updated Situation Analysis inclusive of evaluation of NCD plan 2015-2020, KIIs and consideration of current situation.
Present the updated Situation Analysis on Non-Communicable Diseases in Suriname, and workplan	4. Presentation to Ministry of Health Team
Develop a draft National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028 based on the approved workplan consisting of a clear strategy for the prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases in Suriname.	5. Draft National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028
Present the draft National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028, and two-year implementation plan, to Ministry of Health Team.	6. Presentation to Ministry of Health Team, (with feedback provided to inform finalisation of the draft National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028)
Revision and submission of final draft Framework, inclusive of two-year implementation plan.	7. Final draft Framework, inclusive of two-year implementation plan.

7. Qualifications and experience

The consultant should possess:

- A university degree in one of the health and/or social sciences with a master's degree in health sciences or public health from a recognized university.
- 10 years' experience of combined national and international experience in areas related to strategic planning of health systems development, the developing of strategies to overcome barriers in accessing health care services, the extension of health care services to underserved populations / areas.
- Strong professional oral and writing skills;

- Strong writing skills in English with a clear, straightforward writing style
- Strong communication skills for achieving consensus amongst multiple stakeholders
- Good knowledge of English. Knowledge of Dutch would be an asset.

8. Payment

- The payment will be done based on the payment schedule below.

Deliverable		Due date	Payment
1.	Methodology and workplan for the development of the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028.	1 September 2021	15%
2.	Report on identified priorities, gaps, new and emerging priorities based on the evaluation of the performance and progress of implementing the strategic objectives of the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases for 2015-2020.	30 September 2021	30%
3.	Updated Situation Analysis inclusive of evaluation of NCD plan 2015-2020, KIIs and consideration of current situation. And Presentation to Ministry of Health Team	15 October 2021	20%
4.	Draft National Strategic Framework for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2021-2028. And Presentation to Ministry of Health Team	12 November 2021	20%
5.	Final draft Framework, inclusive of two-year implementation plan	14 December 2021	15%