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INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR COORDINATING AFRICA CDC REGIONAL
PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION SHARING PLATFORMS USING EXTENSION
FOR COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE OUTCOMES (ECHO) MODEL.

1. BACKGROUND

Taking into consideration that diseases have no borders and that there is currently very little or no coordination of Member States across international borders, Africa CDC is working with Member States to implement a platform for exchanging information continuously and improving preparedness efforts. This effort will improve Africa CDC's efforts to achieve the declaration of heads of states and governments to accelerate the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR).

Africa CDC has been applying the University of New Mexico (UNM) "ECHO model" at its Regional Collaborating Centres. The platform involves the use of structured, moderated video-conferences to exchange information about acute and chronic disease threats and best practices in preparedness and response, as well as to build trust. Africa CDC began developing this platform in November 2017 by providing training at four of the five Africa CDC Regional Collaborating Centres, including Gabon (Central Africa), Kenya (Eastern Africa), Zambia (Southern Africa) and Nigeria (Western Africa).

The platform is currently being coordinated at three levels; -

- UNM, the owner of ECHO model, assist with technical operations, such as video-conferencing, training, and strategy
- Africa CDC HQ coordinates the activities of the 5 Regional Collaborating Centres (RCCs), including implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of ECHO
- Africa CDC RCC coordinates the regional Member states participation in the platform and also the biweekly operations of the ECHO sessions

Considering that the project is expanding to all the regions in the Continent, there is increased demand for implementation of activities, which required additional staff to implement and support coordination, thereby necessitate the need for recruitment of consultant for the implementation.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The objective of the consultancy is to provide focused, intensive scale-up and coordination of Africa CDC activities in the area of public health information sharing using ECHO model to address the weaknesses of the current program

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The consultant will:

- Facilitates the day-to-day management of ECHO based information sharing.
- Facilitate participation in the ECHO sessions and training activities
- Ensure data collection and collaborate with ECHO programme staff to monitor and evaluate the quality and effectiveness of training delivery.
- Provide administrative and operational support for participants joining at RCC level and at the Africa CDC headquarters
- Coordinate instructional course activities, which may include the logistics for distance delivery technologies
- Facilitate and enhance day-to-day operating relations with site coordinators and other stakeholders, as appropriate to the position;
- Perform remote and local IT trainings with participating training sites as needed;
- Identify and develop working relationships with IT personnel and participants in Africa CDC headquarters and RCC based training sites
- Analyze and solve IT-related problems for training sites
- Provide technical assistance to participants

4. KEY DELIVERABLES

- Facilitates 10 ECHO sessions per month in all the 5 RCCs i.e 2 per RCC in a month
- Facilitate the recording of each ECHO session in all the RCCs and posting it on the social media (Slacks, WhatsApp, etc) of each region for the focal person of each Member States to view in case they miss any of the session
- Provide summary report of each ECHO sessions in all the RCCs
- Provide support to the RCCs to coordinate the CoPs, including coordination of planning meetings and support to the biweekly CoP sessions
- Quarterly report of the activities in all the RCCs
- Provide support in tracking the ECHO session participation

5. QUALIFICATION

- Master's degree or higher in Public health, preferably with at least a degree in Epidemiology, health system management or other related field with at least 3- 5 years working experience
- MBBS or MBChB degree with at least 5- 7 working experience

6. REQUIRED SKILLS

- Knowledge of public health issues in Africa
- Demonstrated effectiveness in oral, written, and interpersonal communication
- Demonstrated management and leadership skills
- Demonstrated collaboration skills

- Demonstrated analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills
- Conflict resolution and negotiation skills
- Proven writing skills + computer literacy
- Fluency in English and/or French and any other African Union recognised language

7. DURATION OF THE CONSULTANCY

- The consultancy services is required for a period of 6 months

8. Consultancy fee

- The consultant shall be issued with a time-based Contract. The consultancy fee will be USD 7,200 per month which will be calculated on the basis of days worked.

9. EVALUATION CRITERIA

For evaluation of the expressions of interest the following criteria will be applied:

- a) General Education Qualification and Relevant Training (30 points);
- b) Experience Related to the Assignment (60 points)
- c) Language (10 points);

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents related to personal capacity assessment for AUC's consideration:

- Relevant experience related to the assignment
- Contacts of organizations previously worked for
- Curriculum Vitae of the Consultant

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours Local Time.

10. RESPONSE TO THE CALL

Application must be delivered in a written form to the address below not later than 1500 hours local time, 15th February 2019

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