

(CONSULTING SERVICES– INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)

**AFRICA CENTRES FOR DISEASE CONTROL SUPPORT PROGRAM TO
COMBAT CURRENT AND FUTURE PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS PROJECT
(P178633) – IDA-E1110**

**Consultancy Services to develop the framework for multi-sectoral engagement
and action for NCDs prevention and control and mental health promotion in
Africa.**

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1. BACKGROUND

In January 2017, the African Union (AU) formally launched the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) as a new, specialized technical institution of the AU. The mandate of the Africa CDC is to strengthen the capacity, capability, and partnerships of Africa's public health institutions to prevent, detect and respond effectively and efficiently to disease threats and outbreaks based on science, policy and data-driven interventions and programmes. Africa's fragile health system remains strained by the high burden of both infectious and non-communicable diseases which substantially accounts for Africa's reduced success in achieving progress towards improving broader health outcomes and African Union Agenda 2063.

In April 2022, the Africa CDC five years' strategy for NCDs & Injuries prevention and control and Mental health promotion (NCDIMH) was adopted and launched in a continental technical workshop and ministerial meeting. The Strategy is guided by the Africa CDC new public health order (NPHO) and is comprised of four guiding principles and six strategic objectives for Africa CDC action and priority interventions. Africa CDC, through its NCDIMH Strategy, aims to lay the foundation for a new public health order in Africa for firm prevention and control of NCDs, Injuries and Mental ill-health through empowered public health institutions and a grown public health workforce, stronger prioritization, procurement, and local production of health technologies as well as effective multi-sectoral, interdisciplinary partnerships.

The drivers and risk factors of NCDIMH conditions are largely determined in sectors other than health, such as agriculture, trade, education, labor, and transport amongst others. Therefore, a multisectoral approach is a key requirement to curb the burden of NCDs, injuries, and mental health conditions on the continent. As reflected in the second Africa CDC Strategic Plan (2023–2027) building on the NCDs, Injuries and Mental Health Strategy priorities, there is a strong need to align regional economic communities (RECs) and partners to establish, strengthen, and coordinate multisectoral action for NCDs, injuries, and mental health. In addition, the focus on the prevention and management of NCDIMH should be on health education, screening and early diagnosis at community and primary health care level, calling for strengthening of the community health worker program and the primary health care facility to integrate NCDIMH into the existing minimum primary health care services package.

In seeking to fill the above gaps around multisectoral action for NCDIMH and promote development and implementation of integrated models of care while scaling up the implementation of the NCDs, Injuries and Mental Health Strategy, Africa CDC established and launched the first-ever African Union Taskforce on Non-Communicable Diseases, Injuries, and Mental Health in November 2023. The taskforce is comprised of various relevant AU organs and through this taskforce Africa CDC will leverage its convening power as the public health agency of the African Union for high level advocacy for multisectoral actions toward NCD prevention and control on the continent.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The overall objective is to develop comprehensive continental frameworks for guidance to Member States on (1) how to integrate NCDIMH into Primary Health Care and 2) multi-sectoral coordination mechanism, engagement and action for NCDs prevention and control and mental health promotion in Africa.

Specific objectives and components of these assignment include:

1. Conduct comprehensive research on the current state of NCDIMH multisectoral action on the continent (national, continental) including stakeholders mapping and highlight the existing strength, gaps and opportunity for Africa CDC support towards advancing multisectoral action for NCDIMH prevention and control in Africa;
2. Develop the framework for multi-sectoral engagement and action for NCDs prevention and control and mental health promotion in Africa;
3. Develop a road map for operationalization of the African Union/ Africa CDC multisectoral taskforce on NCDIMH including specific areas of focus, action and respective M&E indicators for monitoring success at national and continental levels.
4. Conduct a situational analysis (**review evidence and assess gaps**) of integration of NCDs into primary health care across the continent.
5. Consult and co-create a draft framework for guidance to Member States for strengthening integration of NCD at primary and secondary health care level on the continent.

6. Build consensus, validate and finalize the framework with Member States including a road map for implementation of the framework on integration and an M&E log frame to monitor the implementation of the framework.
7. Support the development of a continental NCDIMH scorecard to provide real-time information on NCDIMH policies across the African continent, facilitate evidence-based decision-making on NCDIMH prevention, treatment, and management, identify gaps in NCDIMH policy development and implementation and enable benchmarking and tracking of progress in NCDIMH policy implementation across African countries.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

Under the guidance of the Head of the Division Disease Control and Prevention, the incumbent will assume the following core responsibilities and achieve the stated tasks:

Situation analysis

- Conduct desk review to assess existing documents including country specific material e.g. strategies, reports and scientific papers, to understand the existing strength, gaps and opportunities for Africa CDC in advancing integrated models of care as well as multisectoral action for NCDIMH prevention and control.
- Organize country case studies (continental in-country assessments) in selected Member States to understand existing different models, gaps, challenges and opportunities on integration of NCDIMH into primary health care and advancing multisectoral action to complement findings from the desk review and ensure the framework aligns well with Member States priorities.

Stakeholders consultations and co-creation of draft frameworks

- Conduct consultations with relevant stakeholders will e.g. WHO to ensure alignment with the existing guidelines and avoid any kind of duplication but rather ensure complementarity.
- Develop a draft continental framework for guidance to Member States on advancing integrated models of care for NCDIMH prevention and control on the continent. This draft should include key recommendations, implementation road map for the framework as well as an M&E framework to monitor progress and measure success.
- Develop a draft continental framework on multi-sectoral coordination mechanism, engagement and action for NCDs prevention and control and mental health promotion in Africa. The draft will include results from the stakeholders mapping, a road map for operationalization of the African Union/ Africa CDC multisectoral taskforce on NCDIMH including specific areas of focus, action over time and respective M&E indicators for monitoring success at national and continental levels (framework of operations)

Consensus Building and validation of the frameworks

- Organize a high-level Member States and Stakeholders' workshop to gather final inputs from participants on the frameworks, finalize, validate and launch

the continental frameworks on multisectoral coordination mechanism and integrated model of care for NCDIMH prevention and control. After the document is validated it will then be disseminated for use.

- Develop a set of indicators for the continental NCDIMH scorecard

Knowledge Management

- Ensure alignment of the project objectives with the second Africa CDC strategic plan (2023-2027) and the Africa CDC strategy on NCDIMH
- Coordinate and ensure flow of information between Africa CDC, partners including the Africa CDC advisory board on NCDIMH and provide support regarding finance administration and project reporting
- Contribute to the organization of workshops and virtual meetings that involves different stakeholders including Member states, Partners, ...
- Draft scientific publications and presentations
- Contribute to funding applications for potential projects on multisectoral action and integrated models of care for NCDIMH prevention and control.
- Facilitate various activities including, operationalization of the AU/Africa CDC taskforce on NCDIMH, MS peer-to-peer learning and support, planning and experience sharing on strengthening the integration of NCD and Mental Health services into existing primary health care system and advancing multi sectoral action on these conditions in Member States.

4. KEY DELIVERABLES

- a) Inception report including the work plan.
- b) Monthly progress reports of the activities conducted and the lessons learned.
- c) Draft continental frameworks for guidance to MS on: (1) how to integrate NCDIMH into Primary Health Care and 2) multi-sectoral coordination mechanism, engagement, and action for NCDs prevention and control and mental health promotion in Africa.
- d) Draft NCDIMH continental scorecard

5. DURATION OF CONSULTANCY

The consultancy service duration is nine (09) months. The consultancy service's accomplishment will be the successful completion of the development of the continental frameworks on how to integrate NCDIMH into Primary Health Care, 2) multi-sectoral coordination mechanism, engagement, and action for NCDs prevention and control and mental health promotion in Africa and submission of all reports to Africa CDC and 3) a set of indicators for the continental NCDIMH scorecard.

6. CONSULTANCY FEE

The budget allocated for this assignment is US\$ 54,000.00. Africa CDC shall pay the Consultant a monthly fee at 6,000\$. If there is any travel related to the assignment, Africa CDC will cover the cost of Travel ticket and DSA.

7. DUTY STATIONS

The consultant will be deployed to Africa CDC HQ in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

8. APPLICATION SPECIFICATIONS

Interested consultants should include in their application the following:

- a) Curriculum vitae of the Consultant stating his/her relevant experience and capacity to undertake the work
- b) Proof of experience in NCDs prevention and control and health systems strengthening. Additional Experience in Public Health, health sciences research, policy and strategy development will be an asset.
- c) Contacts of at least two organizations previously worked for and contact persons.

9. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CONSULTANT

- University Bachelor's degree in public health, medicine, epidemiology, health science, health-services research or related health discipline;
- An advanced degree in, public health, epidemiology, medicine, health science, health services research or related health discipline is an asset.

Required Experience:

At least 5 years of relevant experience. Preference will be given to candidates possessing:

- Technical skills and experience in supporting public health programs with special emphasis on NCDs and Mental health in Africa, epidemiology, policy and strategy development and implementation and related workforce capacity development;
- Resourceful and skilled at collecting, analyzing and using data to recommend, make and communicate decisions of a technical nature to both scientific and lay audiences;
- Strong technical and scientific writing skills, in addition to narrative and technical reporting skills;
- Knowledge of public health programs, health sciences research and health systems strengthening, and experience in supporting projects and programs under government ministries and external donors;
- Familiarity with administrative and management practice and processes typically employed by public health and other public sector programs, particularly in the context of emergency response;
- Demonstrable experience and in-depth knowledge of operations of the Africa CDC, Regional Collaborating Centers and National Public Health Institutes;
- Knowledge of public health issues, policies and guidelines in Africa and previous experience working in Africa;
- Knowledge of oral communication techniques and skill in presentation delivery, program consultation and credible verbal response to inquiries;
- Skills in translating technical information into presentations, briefings and reports and funding proposals for both technical and lay audiences;

- Understanding of the African Union way of working and managing associated relationships with Member State entities and partners.

10. GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT BY Africa CDC

- Office accommodation;
- Photocopying, stationery;
- Facilitation of Visa; and
- Internet Access

11. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Technical Proposal Evaluation points		
1.	General Education, Qualification, and Relevant Training	30
Experience Related to the Assignment		
1.	Experience relevant to the assignment	70
2.	Total	100

12. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATIONS

Interested Consultants are required to submit the following.

- a) Statement about understanding of the assignment and why the desire to work with Africa CDC
- b) A detailed and updated curriculum vitae (CV), and indicating nationality, age and gender.
- c) Two (2) referees with good knowledge of the candidate's past assignment, furnishing full contact details, telephone, fax and e-mail addresses.

13. Invitation

The African CDC now invites eligible Individual Consultants ("Consultants") to submit their CVs in providing the Services and required documents as listed in the ToR. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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

CVs must be delivered in a written form following the above shortlisting criteria to the emails below before **15:00 Hours Local Time on 17th October 2024**

African CDC,

Attn: Supply Chain Management Division

Administration Directorate

Africa CDC Office Building, Tower A2, Floor 7th, Room Number 712.

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