



WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)

Sahel Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Project (SM/NTD)

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Reference: **FM/TEND/AMI/P-MTN/2020/003/bk**

FOR THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS

SUBJECT: STUDY ON THE COVERAGE, EFFECTS AND IMPACTS OF SEASONAL MALARIA CHEMOPREVENTION (SMC) AND MASS TREATMENT CAMPAIGNS FOR NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (MT/NTD) IN THE HEALTH DISTRICTS COVERED BY THE MALARIA AND NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (SM/NTD) PROJECT IN BURKINA FASO, MALI AND NIGER.

Introduction

The West African Health Organisation received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to use part of the proceeds of this grant for funding of a research study under the following research contract: *“Study on the Coverage, Effects and Impacts of Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (SMC) and Mass Treatment Campaigns for Neglected Tropical Diseases (MT/NTD) in the Health Districts covered by the Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (SM/NTD) Project in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger”*.

Objective

The study mainly aims to evaluate the coverage, effects and impacts of the SMC and MDA/NTD campaigns in the Health Districts covered by the SM/NTD project.

Specifically, the activity aims to:

- Ascertain SMC treatment coverage for children aged 03-59 months per Health District (HD) at the end of each year;
- Ascertain the coverage of preventive chemotherapy achieved by MDA/NTD campaigns to eligible populations per HD, disaggregated for onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, geo-helminthiasis, lymphatic filariasis and trachoma at the end of each year;
- To measure the impact of SMC on the incidence of simple and severe malaria cases, deaths and anemia due to malaria in children aged 3-59 months among the population and health facilities in the targeted district.
- Review the impact of the pandemic and related restrictive measures on the preparation, implementation of campaigns, compliance with SMC and MDA/NTD in 2020;
- Measure the impact of MDA /NTD campaigns on the prevalence of follicular trachoma (FT) among <5 years children, LF, geo-helminthiasis and Bilharziasis by Health District, each year.

The study will be conducted by a recognised research institution with a good reputation. This institution must demonstrate a good knowledge of malaria prevention strategy and mass treatment of neglected tropical

diseases, expertise and proven research experience in the field of malaria and neglected tropical diseases. Proven experience in carrying out impact/effect studies in these or similar fields, and in publishing the results in renowned international scientific journals. The research institution must be able to submit the reports in both English and French.

Contract Duration and Qualifications

The criteria for evaluating references are as follows:

- Study/research experience in the field of general health (neglected tropical diseases, epidemic or emerging diseases and zoonoses or health systems or traditional medicine): 10 marks.
- Study/research experience in the field of malaria and neglected tropical diseases: 10 marks.
- Sound knowledge of preventive treatment strategies for malaria and mass treatment of neglected tropical diseases: 20 marks.
- Proven experience in carrying out impact/effect studies in these or similar fields, and in publishing the results in leading international scientific journals. 50 marks.
- Have a staff with proven knowledge in the fields of biology, pharmacology, parasitology, epidemiology, sociology, statistics and database management: 10 marks.

In the event of a tie, the consultant with the most experience (missions) in conducting effect and impact studies in the field of malaria and/or tropical diseases will be preferred.

The research assignment will last a maximum of **two (02) months** from the date the contract is signed.

The West African Health Organisation (WAHO) invites qualified research institutions (“consultants”) to express their interest in providing the afore-mentioned services. **Qualified institutions must provide information demonstrating that they possess the required qualifications and relevant experience (documentation introducing them and their areas of competence, references concerning the performance of similar contracts) in the field of the mission to render the Services. The references must be evidenced by cover pages and Contract signature pages or Certificates of successful completion. A table summarising past experience/references must include the purpose of the mission, the address of the client, the cost of the project, year of completion, and duration. Selection will be based on the above criteria.**

Consultants are hereby informed that the provisions of paragraph 1.9 of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers under the IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, (January 2011 edition, July 2014 revised version), on World Bank rules regarding conflict of interests shall apply.

A consultant will be selected using **the Consultant Qualification selection method** as laid down in the Guideline for Consultants.

Other Information and Deadline

Interested consultants may access the TORs on WAHO website at: www.wahooas.org

Interested consultants may also obtain additional information on reference materials from the address below and during work hours from Monday to Friday 08h00 to 16h00.

Madam Lalaissa AMOUKOU, Email: lamoukou@wahooas.org

Expression of interest should be submitted via the platform <https://data.wahooas.org/tenders/tenders/list> or by e-mail at tenders@wahooas.org. The subject line of the e-mail must indicate ONLY and MANDATORILY the following reference: **FM/TEND/AMI/P-MTN/2020/003/bk**. Expressions of interest will be received **no later than November 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. GMT**.

Neither WAHO nor the World Bank shall bear the cost of preparation and sending of the EOI by the Consultant (Firm of Research Centre).

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