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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SUPPORTING POLICY ENGAGEMENT FOR EVIDENCE-BASED DECISIONS (SPEED) PROJECT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Introduction

Supporting Policy Engagement for Evidence-based Decisions (SPEED) for Universal Health Coverage in Uganda Project' is a five-year initiative supported by the European Union (EU) under Makerere University College of Health Sciences, School of Public Health. It was launched in March 2015 and broadly addresses universal health coverage (UHC) and systems resilience in Uganda. The initiative is being implemented by a partnership of institutions that are specialized in health policy and systems research, economic policy analyses, social science research, national planning, and advocacy for health rights. SPEED implementing partners are Makerere University School of Public Health-MakSPH (lead implementer), Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC), National Planning Authority (NPA), Uganda National Health Consumers' Organization (UNHCO), Human Sciences Research Council-HSRC (based in South Africa) and the Institute of Tropical Medicine-ITM (Antwerp, Belgium). The project has been implemented for the period of 2 years aiming at strengthening policy analysis and influence that supports universal health coverage and health system resilience in Uganda by way of five main activity clusters: strengthening resources and expertise for policy analysis; knowledge generation; stakeholder identification and engagements; support for policy development; and monitoring selected policy implementation arrangements.

Objectives of the Consultancy

The over-arching objectives of the consultancy are to:

- Assess the project's performance and achievements vis-à-vis its overall objectives.
- To provide a synthesis of the projects achievements, challenges and learning.
- Assess the project's delivery mechanisms against its plans and quality standards. (i.e. was the project delivered within appropriate quality standards and according to plans, or where adaptations were made that this was done on the basis of appropriate data and learning).
- Review and analyze the process of project implementation and recommend if the design and strategies used allowed the project to meet its objectives, including how the design could have been different towards more successful impact.
- To undertake a quality assessment of the media impact in knowledge transfer and sharing of information.
- To review other key organizational systems required for the implementation of the project.
- Develop specific recommendations for major project stakeholders.

Deliverables

The consultant will be expected to prepare and present the following set of deliverables:

- Inception report.
- Draft project evaluation report.
- Final project evaluation report to include:
 - A synthesis of project achievements, challenges and learning
 - An assessment and verification of the quality of the information generated by the project.
 - An assessment of the project's delivery mechanism.
 - A review of other key organizational systems as deemed applicable.

Time schedule

The assignment will be implemented over a period not exceeding two calendar months. The assignment is expected to start on 15th November 2017 and end on 15th January 2018.

Method

The assignment shall be performed through, but not limited to, review of project reports, interviews with implementers and beneficiaries and another method deemed appropriate by the consultant in consultation with the project team leadership.

Application process

The following documents should be submitted as part of the application:

- A cover letter outlining the applicant's motivation and summarizing their relevant experience
- Applicants' summary of relevant experience should include:
 - A description of experience and proven capacity to conduct large health systems project evaluations in the last five years, with names and contacts of the clients.
 - Experience in qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, and media analysis.
 - A technical proposal showing the applicant's understanding of the assignment and how they plan to carry it out.
 - A financial proposal detailing the cost of carrying out the assignment.
 - A proposed work plan for carrying out the assignment.
 - Contact details for at least three independent referees with in-depth and proven knowledge of the applicant's expertise and relevant work experience.

Please express interest on the company letter head, send letter to sbaine@musph.ac.ug copied to ekemari@musph.ac.ug, no later than Friday 03rd November 2017. The application should be submitted as one PDF file (no more than 15 pages) to the following address by Friday 5:00PM 3rd November 2017.

Hard copy applications should be addressed to the Principal Investigator, and submitted to; Dr. Sebastian Olikira Baine, Room 322, Makerere University School of Public Health, New Mulago Hospital Complex, P.O. Box 7072, Kampala. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.



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