

CONSULTANT SCOPE OF WORK

Consultancy: Health Financing for Tuberculosis (TB)- National Consultants

Location: We are looking for national consultants with a background in health financing and/or Tuberculosis (TB) based in Zimbabwe

Duration: May – September 2024 (LOE equivalent to 18 days)

Organization: Open Development, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Health Systems for TB (HS4TB) Project

About the Project:

The USAID HS4TB project seeks to transform the way country leaders and health system managers understand and work toward TB control and elimination. HS4TB is a five-year USAID contract focusing on health systems priorities that most directly support the achievement of TB outcomes, focusing on health financing and governance in the USAID TB priority countries. The project helps countries increase domestic financing, use key TB resources more efficiently, build in-country technical and managerial competence and leadership, and support policy formation and dissemination. HS4TB is led by Management Sciences for Health (MSH) in partnership with Open Development.

Sustainable financing is pivotal in fortifying a robust national TB response. The TB Financial Sustainability Index (TB-FSI) was developed by the USAID HS4TB project to assist countries in sustainably financing efforts to eradicate TB. The TB-FSI is a new tool countries can use to benchmark progress toward mobilizing and utilizing domestic government resources for TB. The TB-FSI was piloted in Ethiopia and the Philippines, and, with the support of the USAID HS4TB project, will be made available to select countries from April to October 2024.

Scope of Work:

In support of this scope of work and under the direction of Open Development, the national consultant will work closely with the regional consultant to support the implementation of the TB Financial Sustainability Index, developed collaboratively between USAID and HS4TB. Working in close collaboration with the HS4TB international technical assistance (based in Washington, DC) and the local logistics advisor, the national consultant will support the regional



consultant in planning for and implementing the TB FSI in Zimbabwe. Illustrative responsibilities include:

- Engaging with the National Tuberculosis Program (NTP), Policy and Planning, and Finance departments within the Ministry of Health to support the implementation of the TB FSI;
- Supporting the initial stages of document review and data collection process for scoring the TB FSI;
- Assisting the regional consultant in identifying and communicating with the appropriate government and non-government stakeholders to be engaged for the key informant interviews (KIIs) or expert consultations, the half-day sensitization workshop, and the two-day validation workshop for the TB-FSI scoring;
- Supporting the regional consultant in outreach to schedule key informant interviews and to share invitations for participation in a two-day workshop;
- Supporting the regional consultant in analyses of government funding data for TB, by preparing data requests/letters as needed and using the forms prepared by HS4TB;
- Supporting the preparatory work and leading the facilitation for the half-day sensitization workshop and the final two-day workshop (including preparation for the workshop, workshop facilitation, and note-taking); and
- Working closely with the regional consultant to prepare the TB-FSI country report; this report will present the findings from the KIIs, expert consultations, and workshop engagements.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree or higher in Public Health, Health Economics, International Development, or a related field;
- Experience and expertise in health financing, Tuberculosis (TB) programs, and a solid understanding of health systems strengthening approaches;
- Experience conducting or leading key informant interviews, focus group discussions, and stakeholder workshops in the context of health and/or finance;
- Familiarity with financial analysis, budget formulation, and tracking processes related to TB and health programs;
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills to comprehensively analyze the TB and health financing landscape;
- Excellent communication skills, demonstrated through engaging with government health and finance stakeholders, facilitating workshops, and effectively presenting findings;
- Excellent note-taking, event planning, coordination, and organizational skills;



• Proficiency in compiling qualitative findings from KIIs, focus group discussions, and workshops, as well as drafting comprehensive country reports, incorporating feedback, and finalizing reports for submission.

Application Process:

Interested candidates are invited to submit a detailed CV, a cover letter addressing relevant experience, and two professional references to <u>opportunities@opendevelopment.co</u>.

Clearly indicate "Application for TB-FSI Consultancy – [Your Name]" in the subject line.