

Consultancy Opportunity – Documentation Professional or Scientific Writer

About IntraHealth

At IntraHealth, we are a global team of creative, committed humanitarians on a mission. We are advocates, technologists, health workers, and communicators. We are passionate and diverse; and are united in our belief that everyone everywhere should have the health care they need to thrive. That's why we work every day to improve the performance of health workers around the world and strengthen the systems in which they work.

For 40 years in over 100 countries, IntraHealth has partnered with local communities to make sure health workers are present where they're needed most, ready to do the job, connected to the technology they need, and safe to do their very best work. Our programs are designed with a deep understanding of and appreciation for the context of human rights, gender equality and discrimination, economic empowerment, and changing populations.

Are you an experienced and documentation professional or scientific writer? This opportunity might be of interest to you.

Scope of Work

IntraHealth seeks an experienced documentation professional or scientific writer to work with its USAID Ingobyi Activity team to document key project interventions, processes and outcomes. The USAID Ingobyi Activity is a five-year cooperative agreement to improve the availability, utilization, and quality of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) and malaria services, in a sustainable manner with the goal of reducing neonatal, child and maternal mortality and morbidity in Rwanda. The Ingobyi Activity builds upon the tremendous gains Rwanda has made in the health sector as well as previous USAID investments in the sector to provide a healthier, more productive future for all Rwandans.

Interventions delivered by Ingobyi Activity to achieve expected results include the following, among others: competency-based skills building through clinical training and mentorship; systems strengthening, focused on supporting district health units to organize regular DHMT meetings to discuss, prioritize and respond to key health challenges, strengthening the referral system to improve case management, capacity strengthening for community health workers (CHWs) on community level packages, including integrated community case management (iCCM), community-based maternal and newborn health (CB-MNH), and community-based program on family planning (CBP-FP); infection prevention and control, including preparedness and prevention of infectious diseases, such as Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and COVID-19, at facility and community levels to reduce preventable causes of morbidity and mortality; and promotion of healthy behaviors and demand creation through radio broadcasts, community outreach – integrated RMNCH and malaria messaging and service delivery, and health communication for clients at health facility level.

Ingobyi Activity implements globally approved high impact RMNCH and malaria interventions to increase access to high quality services for mothers, newborn, and children, such as: emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmONC); safe c-sections; respectful maternity care (RMC); management of pre/eclampsia; management of

port-partum hemorrhage (PPH); obstetric fistula screening and repair; essential newborn care (ENC) – helping babies breathe (HBB); essential care for every baby (ECEB); essential care for small and sick babies (ECSB); family-centered care (FCC); emergency triage, assessment, treatment and admission (ETAT+); integrated management of childhood illnesses (IMCI); integrated community case management (iCCM); improved diagnostic services; management of malaria in pregnancy (MIP); and severe malaria and home-based care interventions, among many others.

The consultant will work under direct supervision of the Technical Director/DCOP and in collaboration with various technical leads during the entire course of the assignment. Occasionally, the consultant will be required to consult with key contact persons at the Ministry of Health and Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) to gather additional data and information.

Purpose of consultancy and key expected tasks

The purpose of this consultancy assignment is to support IntraHealth's Ingobyi Activity team to document key project interventions and strategies for internal and external dissemination. The goal is to use final products as tools to promote awareness of project interventions, approaches, learning and promising practices with the global health community. The consultant will perform the following tasks, among others:

- Participate in orientation/introductory meeting with Ingobyi Activity technical team leads to gain a deeper understanding of the project, key interventions, including those to be documented as part of this assignment, documentation procedures and expected deliverables;
- Prepare and submit a generic inception report outlining key tasks, approaches to be used, sources of information/data for each intervention or strategy to be documented and the timeline for the entire assignment;
- Gather all relevant documents required for the documentation (reports, data, stories, photos, etc.) from respective Ingobyi Activity technical leads;
- Conduct desk review on each identified intervention or strategy to gather literature on current global and local knowledge and practices to provide context for documentation;
- Conduct in-depth interviews with selected staff, beneficiaries and/or partners to gain understanding of the benefits and outcomes of the strategies and interventions being documented;
- Prepare first draft (see expected content and outline of each document below) for each intervention and/or strategy pre-identified by Ingobyi Activity team (see below list for interventions to be documented - Additional areas may be identified in the course of the assignment) and submit assignment supervisor for review;
- Incorporate feedback from Ingobyi Activity team and submit revised draft of each document; and
- Present final drafts of the above documents using the outline provided below - branding guidance will be provided.

Interventions and strategies to be documented

- Low does high frequency (LDHF) training approach
- Clinical mentorship – both by professional associations and district based mentors
- e-Learning courses for community health workers
- Supportive supervision
- Infection prevention and control – both at facility and community level
- Screening, repair and management of obstetric fistula
- Citizen voice and action (CVA)/patient voice program (PVP)
- COVID-19 responses and efforts to assure continuity of health services
- Social and behavior change – interventions to create demand for, and uptake of, key RMNCH and malaria services

Expected content and outline of each document

Each document is expected to include the following topics, as applicable to each intervention or strategy (additional topics may be added in the course of the assignment). Each document is expected to be between 5 and 10 pages long (excluding references and annexes).

- Introduction;
 - Description of intervention or strategy
 - Purpose and objectives of the intervention or strategy
 - Description of Ingobyi Activity – goal, expected results and key interventions
- Presentation of literature on the intervention or strategy – both local and global;
- The implementation approach;
- Key activities involved in the intervention or strategy and population coverage;
- Key results or outcomes to date – to include service data from project reports and databases and beneficiary voices, and stories of impact with relevant photos;
- Key lessons learned and opportunities for scale-up both locally and globally;
- Challenges and how Ingobyi Activity has responded or addressed them;
- References; and
- Annexes.

Deliverables

Expected deliverables for this assignment include the following:

- Inception report clearly stating key tasks, approaches to be used, sources of information/data for each intervention or strategy to be documented and the timeline for the entire assignment;
- Relevant desk review (including global and local literature) for each identified intervention and strategy;
- First draft of each documented intervention or strategy;
- Second draft of each documented intervention or strategy;
- Final drafts of each documented intervention or strategy; and
- Consultancy completion report.

Requirements

The ideal candidate is expected to meet and/or possess the following qualifications and requirements.

Education and training

- Advanced degree (at least Master's level) in public health, health communication, global health or other related fields with specialization or experience in scientific writing, informatics and global health research.
- Clinical background with working knowledge and experience in the Rwanda health sector (community, health post, health center, district hospital and district health unit, as well as central level institutions) will be required.

Experience and skills

- Minimum 10 years of relevant working experience in scientific writing, scientific publications, global health research and documentation of health programs;
- Extensive experience in scientific writing (evidence of submitted papers required), documentation of program activities, evaluation of health programs, preparation of project and research papers or policy briefs (evidence required);
- Sound understanding of current developments in RMNCH and malaria prevention and treatment programs;

- Excellent interpersonal skills, strong organizational skills and an ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment;
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English are key requirements (evidence of written work will be required);
- Solid skills in documentation and report writing (evidence of written work will be required); and
- Excellent use of MS Word and Excel required.

Assignment tasks and expected duration

This assignment is expected to commence in in early June and should be completed by end of August 2021. The below table outlines estimated level of effort for each task.

#	Task	Working days
1.	Participate in orientation/introductory meetings with Ingobyi Activity technical team leads	2
2.	Prepare and submit an inception report (4 days)	4
3.	Gather all relevant documents required for the documentation (reports, data, stories, photos, etc.) from respective Ingobyi Activity technical leads (documents for 3 interventions per day)	3
4.	Conduct desk review on each identified intervention or strategy to gather literature on current global knowledge and practices (1 day for each intervention)	9
5.	Conduct in-depth interviews with selected staff, beneficiaries and/or partners to gain understanding of the benefits and outcomes of the strategies and interventions (1 day for each intervention)	9
6.	Prepare first draft of the identified interventions and strategies (4 days for each document)	36
7.	Incorporate feedback from Ingobyi Activity team and submit revised draft of each document (1 document per day)	9
8.	Prepare and submit final drafts of each document (3 documents per day)	3
9.	Prepare consultancy completion report	1
	Total number of working days	76

How to apply

Applications must be sent to the Chief of Party via email: ingobyiprocurement@intrahealth.org with "Documentation or scientific writing consultant" in the subject line, no later than July 10, 2021 at 5.00 pm.

Evaluation of proposals:

The proposals will be evaluated as follows:

- ✓ Technical proposal: 70% marks
- ✓ Financial proposal: 30% marks

The application file should include:

- Motivation letter and updated CV;
- Three professional references with full names, phone number and email address;
- Well written technical proposal (3 pages maximum), including your past experience in similar assignments, understanding of the current assignment, and how you plan to carry out the assignment/methodology;
- Proof of completion of similar assignments within the last 5 years;
- Financial proposal - provide your daily consultancy rate including applicable taxes; and
- Proposed timeline for the assignment.

IntraHealth International is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment and consultancies.

Note: Only applicants fulfilling the above requirements will be contacted. If you don't hear from us within one week from the submission deadline, consider your application unsuccessful.