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CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY – COVID-19 CRITICAL CARE TRAINERS AND VACCINATION TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Background

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 almost 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 competent critical care trainer and mentor? This opportunity might be of interest to you.

Scope of Work

The USAID Ingobyi Activity is a five-year cooperative agreement to improve the 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 in Rwanda. The Ingobyi Activity builds upon the tremendous gains Rwanda has made in the health sector as well as previous USAID investments in this sector to provide a healthier, more productive future for all Rwandans. Ingobyi works to improve the availability, quality and utilization of RMNCH and malaria services with resilience and sustainability.

Covid-19 is a highly infectious disease that has affected many people's lives, including maternal, newborn and child, and continues to present a significant barrier to delivery of quality RMNCH and malaria services. The pandemic is associated with poor outcomes if not detected early and well managed. To support Rwanda's efforts to manage Covid-19 cases in various hospitals across the country, there is need to build capacity of health professional in each district so that they can appropriately manage Covid-19 patients in their districts, including the critically ill that need intensive care services, and effectively support the roll-out vaccinations in their respective facilities.

To support this effort, IntraHealth International, through the USAID Ingobyi Activity, intends to recruit highly experienced trainers to train and mentor health professionals (doctors, nurses, anesthetists, and infection prevention and control teams on critical management of Covid-19 patients and to support the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccination across the country. This is expected to enhance the capacity of frontline health workers to appropriately manage critically ill patients and improve outcomes in the hospitals supported by Ingobyi Activity.

The trainers will work with the Ministry of Health and Ingobyi IPC technical teams to conduct the following activities.

Key Responsibilities

Critical care training and mentorship

- Participate in orientation/introductory meetings with USAID Ingobyi Activity to discuss scope of work and expected deliverables for each assignment.
- Prepare and submit training and mentorship materials, including PowerPoint slides, participant handouts and training schedules for approval.
- Conduct training for frontline health workers in hospitals and treatment centers: at least 5 days of training per hospital (including theory and practical sessions).
- Conduct follow up support through mentorship (estimated 2 days per hospital per month for 3 months).

Vaccination support and supervision

- Participant in and/or support joint planning with RBC/MOH for rollout of Covid-19 vaccine.
- Ensure proper coordination between various central level and district level.
- Work with RBC/MOH and districts to identify vaccination needs and develop and/or review priority lists of people to be vaccinated.
- Conduct supportive supervision and ensure any pertinent issues related to vaccination are tracked and reported to RBC/MOH and Ingobyi Activity on time.
- Closely follow up on all reported vaccination issues for prompt action and/or escalation as appropriate.
- Provide guidance and skills development in the integration of epidemic prevention in routine care.
- Assess vaccination capacities and practices in hospitals and health centers, and recommend improvements as needed.
- Works in collaboration with other Ingobyi Activity and RBC/MOH staff to build capacity of supported hospitals and health centers in infection prevention, vaccination, and data management.
- Support in coordination of Ingobyi-led procurement and distribution of basic vaccination materials or commodities, in collaboration with RBC/MOH, district hospitals and health centers in Ingobyi-supported districts.
- Prepare and submit reports on completed and ongoing tasks to the IPC specialist and DCOP.

Deliverables

- Inception report demonstrating steps and approaches to be taken to complete the assigned tasks.
- Covid-19 critical case management training materials (PowerPoint slides, handouts and training schedules).
- Training reports.
- Mentorship reports, including mentee evaluations.
- Reports on vaccination needs identified, including capacity gaps, and actions taken to address them
- Vaccination monitoring and supportive supervision reports.
- Notes on meetings with central and/or district level vaccination teams, outlining key issues discussed, recommendations and actions taken.

Expected duration of the consultancy

Successful candidates will be issued an initial framework agreement for a period of one year, renewable for another year depending on the needs and performance of the consultant.

Requirements

Ideal candidates are expected to meet and or possess the following qualifications and requirements.

Education and training

- Advanced degree (master's level) in emergency medicine, critical care, intensive care, anesthesiology, internal medicine with sub specialization in pulmonology, infectious diseases, or other related fields.
- Vast experience in management of Covid-19 patients, especially those on ventilators in ICU.
- Formal training on use of critical care equipment (such as ventilators, etc.).

Experience and skills

- Experience working in Covid-19 treatment centers;
- At least 5 years of experience in critical case management in hospital settings;
- At least 5 years of experience as a trainer in critical care;
- Extensive experience in developing and implementing clinical trainings;
- Sound understanding of the current context of Covid-19;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, strong organizational skills and an ability to work effectively in a team;
- Excellent communication skills in English and Kinyarwanda would be an added advantage;
- Skills in documentation and report writing; and
- Ability to travel to remote areas.

How to apply

Applications must be sent to the Chief of Party via email: ingobyiprocurement@intrahealth.org with subject title "COVID-19 Critical Care Trainer and Vaccination Support " in the subject line, **no later than Monday July 26 , 2021 before 5:00PM Kigali time.**

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 (2 pages maximum) including your past experience in similar assignments, understanding of the current assignment, how you plan to carry out the assignment/methodology;
- Financial proposal: please provide your **daily consultancy fee including applicable taxes in Rwandan francs.**

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.