

TERMS OF REFERENCE World Bank Short Term Consultant

Health Economist for supporting the Rwanda analytical work program in health and nutrition

January 1 – June 30, 2021

OBJECTIVE

The World Bank Group is seeking to engage a Health Economist as a short-term consultant based in Rwanda to support the Rwanda HNP analytical program.

BACKGROUND AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The central contribution of the Health Nutrition and Population (HNP) Global Practice to the World Bank's twin goals is to enable the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), in which all people are effectively covered by essential health services, and nobody suffers undue financial hardship because of illnesses. At the country level, HNP works closely with the Government and Health Partners to seek ways to further improve the effectiveness of health sector spending by improving the benefits from the available resources. The World Bank has an active program of analytic work that includes technical assistance to RSSB and the MOH, as well as support to NECDP on nutrition budget tagging. The Bank just published the Nutrition Expenditure and Institutional Review 2020 for Rwanda and has conducted analysis based on the EICV5 household survey on access to care for insured and uninsured individuals. Furthermore, a human capital public expenditure review is planned and substantial analysis based on health facility data and household survey data. HNP is seeking to hire a health economist on a short-term consulting basis to be based at the Rwanda Country Office in Kigali to work with the Bank team on this analytical agenda.

DUTIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

The Health Economist will support the HNP headquarters-based team to ensure close monitoring and smooth implementation of the main activities. To this end, the Health Economist is expected to carry out the following roles and responsibilities:

- Contribute to HNP analytic work by collecting data and supporting knowledge management work as requested by the task teams.
- Organize meetings with government counterparts and development partners and workshops/seminars on nutrition/health topics as requested by task teams, in collaboration with government counterparts and/or development partners.
- Follow up on data requests as necessary and participate in data collection and cleaning
- Conduct analysis of expenditure and utilization data and household survey data focusing on health and nutrition, and write up analysis, conclusions and recommendations in collaboration with health team
- Represent the WBG in national platforms on health and nutrition financing and report back to the task team in Washington on major issues.

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- Coordinate closely with the Kigali-based teams working on health and nutrition related areas to ensure that activities across sectors are well synchronized and synergies are maximized.
- Prepare periodic updates on work progress

DELIVERABLES/SPECIFIC OUTPUTS EXPECTED

The consultant is expected to produce the following set of outputs:

- Data collection, cleaning and analysis in collaboration with health team
- Technical briefs (short written outputs) as requested by the TTL
- Various power point presentations prepared (presentations submitted in ppt format) as requested by the TTL
- A compilation of the data, information, and documents collected (Word documents and Excel files if any)

DURATION

The assignment will consist of 120 working days from January 1, 2021 to June 30.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA/COMPETENCIES

Applicants must have:

- Master's degree or PhD or equivalent in economics, health economics, public health, or related discipline.
- A minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Knowledge of the health system in Rwanda and experience working on nutrition/health programs.
- Ability to perform professional level analyses with specific reference to reproductive, maternal, adolescent and child health and nutrition issues in Rwanda.
- Strong analytical skills (quantitative and qualitative research methods) and familiarity with evaluation methodologies and analysis of databases would be desirable.
- Ability to work with a range of stakeholders including development partners and engage effectively with senior government officials.
- Ability to function well independently and handle multiple tasks, meet changing priorities and deliver high-quality analysis and work on-time with limited guidance and supervision.
- Strong written and communication skills and proficiency in computer skills (MS Office, STATA) and presentations (Powerpoint)

Interested candidates should send their CV and cover letter to: Moritz Piatti mpiatti@worldbank.org