

TERMS OF REFERENCE World Bank Short Term Consultant

Health Economist for supporting the analytical work program on health insurance in OECD countries

February 1 – June 30, 2021

OBJECTIVE

The World Bank Group is seeking to engage a Health Economist as a short-term consultant to support the HNP analytical program on health insurance in OECD countries.

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 Governments 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 Governments in the Middle-East. The Bank conducts Health Expenditure and Institutional Reviews for governments and regular analyses to inform policy reforms to improve access to care and ensure sustainable health financing. Lessons from health insurance reforms in OECD countries are highly relevant in different country contexts. HNP is seeking to hire a health economist on a short-term consulting basis to work with the Bank team on this analytical agenda for Middle-Eastern countries.

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 analytic work. Conduct analysis of expenditure and utilization data and household survey data focusing on health, and write up analysis, conclusions and recommendations in collaboration with health team
- Prepare literature reviews on health financing and health insurance reforms in OECD countries (e.g. regulatory aspects, organizational forms, financing, pooling etc.)
- Prepare powerpoint presentations to present findings and participate in meetings on health financing topics as requested by task team leader.
- 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
- Literature reviews on health insurance reforms in OECD countries
- Technical briefs (short written outputs) as requested by the task team leader
- Various power point presentations prepared
- A compilation of the data, information, and documents collected (Word documents and Excel files if any)

DURATION

The assignment will consist of 80 working days from February 1 to June 30, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA/COMPETENCIES

Applicants must have:

- 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 (health insurance or/and government in OECD country).
- Knowledge of the government and health system in OECD countries and experience working on health programs; experience working with data from government and health insurance.
- Ability to perform professional level analyses with specific reference to health financing.
- Strong analytical skills (quantitative and qualitative research methods) and familiarity with evaluation methodologies and analysis of databases.
- Ability to work with a range of stakeholders 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 in English.
- Proficiency in computer skills (MS Office, STATA) and presentations (Powerpoint)

Interested candidates should send their CV and cover letter to Di Dong ddong1@worldbank.org