

Advertisement of Consultant vacancies

1. Area of expertise :

Consultant: Covid 19 Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines

2. Purpose of consultancy

The purpose of this consultancy is to assist in consolidating multiple current technical IPC interim guidance into a comprehensive living guideline document, facilitate reviews of PICO questions and assist in the development of guidelines in the context of COVID-19.

3. Background

Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) is central to the public health emergencies, including outbreak response and containment. IPC also constitutes the foundations of safe essential health services and resilient communities and health systems, ensuring quality care, and protecting against healthcare associated infections (HAIs) and anti-microbial resistance (AMR). The success of ensuring IPC measures are implemented for outbreak response, in health facilities and communities, is dependent upon maintaining IPC operational readiness to rapidly respond to cases and putting in place at least the IPC minimum requirements at the national and health care facility levels as soon as possible.

4. Deliverables

Assist in the development and consolidation of the current multiple WHO interim guidance of the infection prevention and control of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) into a comprehensive living guideline document by:

Deliverable 1: Guideline development workplan developed including regular COVID-19 IPC GDG meetings held

Activity 1: Develop workplans for the guideline development process in collaboration with other team members including milestones and deliverables.

Activity 2: Prepare, plan, and hold Guideline Development Group meetings as part of the guideline development process.

Deliverable 2: External literature review teams workplan developed including regular meetings held

Activity 1: Coordinate COVID-19 evidence review process, with the External Literature Review Groups by developing workplans with the review teams including milestones and deliverables.

Activity 2: Set up regular meetings with the external literature review groups and the GDG where evidence will be presented as part of the GRADE process.

Deliverable 3: Updated COVID-19 IPC recommendations per thematic area published

Activity 1: Facilitate the development of the ongoing living guidelines, titled: “*Infection Prevention and Control in the context of COVID-19*” via the MAGICapp platform.

Deliverable 4: Publication of the updated COVID-19 IPC recommendations as they are released, in medical journals

Activity 1: Ensure that updated key COVID-19 IPC recommendations are published in medical journals.

All deliverables expected by 31 September 2023

5. Qualifications, experience, skills and languages

Educational Qualifications:

Essential: First university degree in public health, tropical medicine, health science and or infectious disease.

Desirable:

Advanced university degree in public health, tropical medicine, health science and or infectious disease.

Experience

Essential:

- At least 3 years of relevant work experience in public health and or IPC
- Experience in guideline development using GRADE Methodology

Desirable:

- Experience in the area of public health policy development and implementation.
- Previous experience working with the WHO
- Experience working with external partners

Skills/Knowledge:

Essential:

- Knowledge of guideline development processes and principles including GRADE methodology.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

Desirable:

- Ability to work with and or coordinate a diverse group of stakeholders.
- Strong interpersonal networking and diplomacy skills
- Ability to take initiative and work independently

Languages:

Essential: Expert knowledge of English

Desirable: Intermediate knowledge of French and another Official UN Languages

6. Location

Off site: Home-based

7. Travel

The consultant is not expected to travel

8. Remuneration and budget (travel costs are excluded):

- a. Remuneration: Pay Band level A from 3,955 USD to 6,980 USD per month
- b. Living expenses (A living expense is payable to on-site consultants who are internationally recruited): N/A
- c. Expected duration of contract (Maximum contract duration is 11 months per calendar year): 11 Months