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Dear Sir/Madam,

Pleased to share herewith a Vacancy Notice for a Consultant for Civil Society Engagement for a period of 6 months with possible extensions under a Special Services Agreement.

It would be very much appreciated if you could please share this VN within your networks for wider circulation.

Thank you.

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VACANCY NOTICE

The Mission of WHO is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health

Vacancy Notice No: WCO-SRL-2021/01

Date: 12 March 2021

Title: Consultant – Civil Society Engagement

Deadline for application : 25 March 2021

Contract type: Special Services Agreement

Grade:

Duration of contract: 06 months with possible extension

Organization unit: Country Office for Sri Lanka

Introduction:

The World Health Organization is the United Nations Specialized agency for health established on 7 April 1948. WHO was one of the first United Nations agencies in Sri Lanka (1952) and over sixty years on, WHO remains a steadfast intergovernmental organization committed to supporting the people of the country to attain the highest level of health through the strengthening of the health system on the principles of equity, fairness and responsiveness with emphasis on the poor and marginalized.

Our Goal

"To support the people of the country to attain the highest level of health through strengthening of the health system on the principles of equity, fairness and responsiveness with emphasis on the poor and marginalized."

Our Core Functions

- Providing leadership on matters critical to health and engaging in partnerships where joint action is needed
- Shaping the research agenda and stimulating the generation, translation and dissemination of valuable knowledge
- Setting norms and standards, and promoting and monitoring their implementation
- Articulating ethical and evidence-based policy options
- Providing technical support, catalyzing change, and building sustainable institutional capacity
- Monitoring the health situation and assessing health trends

Objectives of the Consultancy:

The WHO Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19 highlights the importance of mobilizing all sectors and communities to ensure that every sector of government and society takes ownership of and participates in the COVID-19 response. WHO works with multiple partners, including Member States, UN agencies, non-government organizations, civil society organizations (CSOs), and community groups to strengthen community resilience so that people are protected from, prepared for, and able to respond to and recover from the impact of health emergencies. Therefore, WHO Sri Lanka is uniquely positioned to support community readiness and resilience through health structures and systems in Sri Lanka.

To support the 'whole of society' approach to the COVID-19 response through the involvement of civil society and communities, as equal partners integral to national pandemic responses and recovery, WHO Sri Lanka is providing resources to strengthen CSO engagement in the COVID-19 response at the national and local levels. This initiative is considered an accelerator project which aims to demonstrate how small investments in CSOs can have meaningful impacts.

WHO Sri Lanka is seeking a National Consultant to support the management of this project, including monitoring, documentation, visibility, evaluation, and oversight. The successful candidate will work directly with the CSOs, WHO Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Health (MOH), and other stakeholders to ensure this impact-driven initiative to engage, empower, and enable civil societies in the 'whole of society' response to the COVID-19 pandemic is successfully implemented. The consultant will also work with WHO Sri Lanka to build networks with CSOs to ensure the outcomes of this project are sustainable.

Job Description:

Under the guidance of the Public Health Administrator and day-to-day collaboration with relevant NPOs, the SSA will:

- Develop a CSO engagement strategy for WHO Sri Lanka.
- Support CSOs with developing and implementing a comprehensive and feasible work plan, including a robust monitoring and evaluation plan. Provide support to CSOs to overcome challenges, as needed.
- Liaise with the CSOs, WHO Sri Lanka, the MOH, and other stakeholders to ensure grant activities are implemented promptly and in line with pre-agreed upon expectations.
- Ensure appropriate documentation of and visibility for the project, including reports and data for decision-making.
- Ensure the project is community-centered through the initiation of two-way communication activities and structures.
- Oversee the mapping of all public/private (including services by NGOs/ CBOs) entities involved in the prevention and control of COVID-19 and in addressing its health and social impact.
- Provide WHO Sri Lanka with periodic updates and comprehensive reports.
- Perform any other related duties assigned by the supervisor as and when required.

Deliverables

- WHO Sri Lanka CSO engagement strategy
- Monitoring and evaluation plan for community engagement and planned activities
- Periodic update reports, including data, community feedback, photos, stories, etc.
- A document that comprehensively maps all identified active CBOs/CSOs, community leaders, and volunteers involved in addressing COVID-19 in selected divisions.
- A final report, including a project summary, outcomes, best practices, lessons learned, challenges, and a sustainability and amplification plan.

Recruitment Profile:

Education:

Essential

The National Consultant should have the following academic qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Public Health, Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences, or a related field obtained from a recognized university in Sri Lanka or overseas.

Experience:

Essential

The National Consultant should have the following work experience

- At least 3-5 years work experience in managing projects/programs related to community or civil society empowerment and development;
- experience working with CSOs or directly with communities; and
- experience with program/project monitoring and evaluation

Desirable

- Ability to produce creative contents (e.g., creative writing, photography, design, etc.).
- Knowledge of global health and national health development issues.
- Familiarity with WHO processes and experience with international agencies.

Language Skills:

- Excellent written and spoken English, fluency in Sinhala and/or Tamil.

Competencies:

- Teamwork
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Communicating in a credible and effective way
- Moving forward in a changing environment
- Building and promoting partnerships across the Organization and beyond

Annual Salary & others Benefits:

Annual Salary

- Annual salary will be based on Professional Staff local salary pay band

Others Benefits

WHO Offers locally competitive packages such as:

- Health Insurance; Accident and illness insurance;
- Annual Leave (30 days per year)
- Sick leave (7 days per year);
- WHO Holidays

Special Requirement

- Availability to start work in two weeks of selection

NOTE:

- 1) Qualified Candidates will be evaluated and interviewed.
- 2) Applicants should send a brief **Resume** of their relevant experience, explaining reasons for being suitable of the activity, together with duly completed **Personal History Form (PHF) and scanned copies of educational certificates.**
- 3) Please send your applications only via email to: **ragelk@who.int**
- 4) We regret that due to large volume of applications normally received, applications cannot be acknowledged individually.
- 5) This vacancy is open to all Sri Lankan Nationals (all genders). ***Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply***

."WHO is committed to workforce diversity". "Any attempt to unduly influence WHO's selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant."



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Dr Olivia Corazon Nieveras
Public Health Administrator

12 March 2021

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