

## Vacancy Notice



The World Health Organization has a vacancy for the position of:

### **Consultant for Health Care Financing**

(Ten-month contract)

#### **Purpose of the post:**

This consultancy is seeking technical assistance to support the Department of Finance (DoF) and the National Health Insurance Bureau (NHIB) and other relevant departments of the Ministry of Health as well as development partners and other technical units at WHO to actively facilitate:

- Integration of health financing policies towards universal health coverage
- Strengthening of capacities, especially at provincial and district level
- Monitoring and evaluation of national priorities and international commitments

#### **Duties:**

Under the supervision of the Coordinator, Health Systems & Social Determinants of Health and general guidance of the WHO Representative, Lao People's Democratic Republic, the consultant will perform the following functions:

1. Support the NHIB in disseminating and implementing the National Health Insurance Strategy 2017 – 2020;
2. Assist the NHIB with further adjustments to the design of the National Health Insurance scheme;
3. Coordinate with the NHIB the capacity development, especially at provincial and district level, for the implementation of the National Health Insurance scheme;
4. Support the DoF with trainings related to accounting, financial reporting and financial management at provincial and district level;
5. Coordinate with the MoH and DoF the dissemination of results of the National Health Accounts for related years;
6. Provide technical assistance to the MoH on preparations for participating at national, regional and international health financing policy meetings including the regional UHC TAG Meetings and follow-up actions;
7. Facilitate the convening of policy dialogues on financial flows and budget allocations in the health sector;
8. Co-support other key partners on discussions on identifying and monitoring core indicators related to health financing in national and international strategies including through the use of DHIS2;
9. Collaborate and coordinate with health development partners in supporting national Universal Health Coverage (UHC) events to increase awareness and build consensus around health financing and UHC issues;
10. Convene the Technical Working Group for Health Financing and informal meetings of the health financing development partners group; and
11. Other tasks as assigned by the Coordinator in order to accomplish the Health System team objectives.

#### **Knowledge & skills:**

- a. Sound knowledge of health systems principles and functions, good understanding of health financing policies, familiarity with international health financing policy debates.
- b. Knowledge of the Lao Health Sector is required: Lao Health Sector Reform Strategy and Framework, primary health care, and Lao Health Sector Planning;
- c. Good communication and interpersonal skills;

- d. Ability to interact with, and advise, the Government and Ministry of Health counterparts, nongovernmental organizations and international agencies on technical areas related to HCF, and develop effective working relationships with senior decision-makers and officials in a variety of settings and cultures;
- e. Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds and maintain a high standard of personal conduct;
- f. Understands the principles of results-based management and can develop plans, organize resources and take actions to ensure objectives are achieved within realistic timelines; and
- g. Ability to quickly acquire a thorough working knowledge of essential WHO policies and procedures, and rules and regulations that support WHO's presence in countries.

**Education:** Essential: Advanced university degree or equivalent professional training in health financing; public health policy or related fields.

**Experience:** Essential: At least 5 years work experience in the development and implementation of public health and health financing interventions.

**Languages:** Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit applications and curriculum vitae in the English language with a subject "**Consultant for Health Care Financing (HCF)**" to the below address by **17 November 2017**.

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