

Terms of Reference (TOR)

Consultancy in THC Unit, Global TB Programme of WHO, Geneva

Background and overall objective

The TB/HIV and Community Engagement (THC) Unit at the Global TB Programme of WHO focuses on development of relevant policies and strategies, guidelines and tools to address (1) HIV-associated TB (2) latent tuberculosis infection (3) integrated community-based TB activities including through effective engagement of nongovernmental and other civil society organizations, and (4) integration of TB prevention, treatment and care services to maternal, neonatal and child health services

The Consultant will contribute to the latent TB infection (LTBI) area of work of the Unit through close collaboration with other units and teams of the Global TB Programme, as well as WHO regional and country offices, and other key external stakeholders. The Unit coordinates the implementation of WHO recommendations on the treatment of LTBI for people living with HIV and for children aged less than 5 years old who are close contacts of a pulmonary TB case, as well as other high risk groups living in low-TB burden countries. The Unit also provide secretariat to the WHO Global Task Force on LTBI to raise the profile of programmatic management of LTBI, including monitoring and evaluation of implemented activities.

Tasks and deliverables

1. Support the overall implementation of the WHO policy on the programmatic management of LTBI in both high and low TB burden countries including monitoring and evaluation of activities with particular focus on people living with HIV, childhood contacts of less than five years old and other high risk groups.
2. Conduct policy and programme analysis on the gaps in the implementation of programmatic management of LTBI including the use of rifamycin based short term TB preventive therapy for PLHIV and childhood contacts globally.
3. Develop and maintain a global database of ongoing studies and promote scientific interaction and networking among researchers on latent TB infection including identification of gaps and opportunities.
4. Support the WHO LTBI Task Force to achieve its mandate, including ensuring efficient communication to members, setting meeting agenda, preparing and managing meetings reports, following progress of tasks, facilitating communication and collaboration with other units of GTB department as well as other relevant stakeholders.
5. Conduct other tasks to support the objective of this TOR as deemed necessary.

Requirements

Essential qualification: Advanced university degree in medical sciences, public health or related area. Medical degree will be an advantage.

Essential experience: at least 5 years of professional experience in the management and/or implementation of health programmes including TB, HIV or other communicable diseases. High level team playing capacity and flexibility. Fluency in English is required.

Duty station : Geneva

Duration of contract : 1 year based on performance and with possibility of extension

Grade and payment : P4 rate based on experience

If you are interested to apply please send your CV and a one pager motivation letter to Rosalie Edma (edmar@who.int) no later than June 26, 2016. Only short listed candidates will be contacted and written exam and interview will be used for the selection process.