

Consultant – Public Health Planning

The National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) was created in 2007 under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. NHSRC acts as the nodal agency for providing technical assistance to central and state governments for effective planning and implementation of NRHM, with specific focus on health systems strengthening and capacity development.

The Consultant-PHP will be based at NHSRC, Delhi and will report to the Advisor Public Health Planning division. The Consultant will work closely with other team members and contribute towards delivering the key outputs of Public Health Division, broadly outlined below.

Terms of Reference

State and District level Capacity Building for improved Public Health Planning

1. Technical assistance for decentralized planning & strengthening health systems in the poor performing and high Priority districts of India.
2. Building capacities at district and state level for making evidence based health plans and improving the existing plans, using epidemiological and HMIS inputs. Budgeting and financial planning as required by the poor performing states.
3. Support development of model plans in selected district(s), follow up on implementation and M&E (measurement of progress towards UHC)
4. Collaborate with state level technical structures like SPMUs, SHSRCs, PRCs, RETs for coordinated efforts in planning, implementation and M&E of health programmes

Technical Support in Implementation and Monitoring & evaluation

1. Conduct quarterly monitoring visits to the allocated states and prepare high quality reports based on field visit HMIS data analysis and synthesis of other evaluation reports from the state
2. Provide technical assistance at central and state levels for implementation of the NRHM, as may be agreed upon from time to time
3. Review the components of project implementation plans (PIPs) and proposals submitted by the states
4. Collate and act as a repository of health service delivery, infrastructure, HR, health indicators and programme data for the allocated states.

Policy and strategy development

1. Provide in a timely manner; technical response to queries from ministry, desk research for policy Briefs, as and when asked by Advisor /ED NHSRC
2. Evaluate certain state specific interventions (as per instructions of MoHFW) including PPP models and new initiatives to provide evidence for formulation of norms guidelines and future policies.
3. Capture best practices, innovations for knowledge sharing and cross learning within the states
4. Mobilize technical assistance inputs for the states and district administration, including preparation of Terms of Reference, inviting proposals/ application etc.

Evaluations, operational research and other:

1. Develop study / evaluation protocols and undertake and guide studies as needed.
2. Additional technical roles (publications, studies, trainings and knowledge management) assigned within PHP division will have to be carried on, without this affecting the delivery of core work listed above.

Educational Qualifications and Experience

- Post graduation or higher qualification in Public health, Community health, Preventive & Social Medicine.
- Published work in the area of health systems or public health is desirable.
- At least 2 years of post qualification work experience in Health Systems Research or in Planning and implementation of service delivery.

Skills and Competences:

- Good understanding of NRHM's programmes and policies, and health systems' structure at village, district, state and national levels.
- Demonstrated experience in operationalizing health programme at field level / working in strengthening of district level health systems.
- Ability to work on multiple assignments simultaneously and meet the timelines even if it means working beyond office hours
- Demonstrated ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills, analytical and interpersonal abilities, excellent oral and written communication skills in English. Working knowledge of Hindi is desirable.
- Computer proficiency with high level of familiarity with commonly used packages like MS Word, Excel, Power Point & Web surfing to search relevant data & documents.
- Willingness to travel extensively to states & districts for providing technical assistance
- Age up to 40 years.

Last Date for receiving of Applications: 22-Jun-2013, by 4 pm.

The eligible candidates should apply with detailed CV and a cover letter (letter of intent)_by email to consultant.php.2013@gmail.com. Please mention '**Consultant-Public Health Planning**', in the subject-line, without which applications will not be accepted. Alternatively application can be submitted by post or by hand to: HR Manager, NHSRC, NIHFWS Campus, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi -110 067. Please mention '**Consultant-Public Health Planning**' on the envelope, without which applications will not be accepted.
