# Terms of Reference Short Term Senior Consultant – Healthcare Technology (Diagnostics)

National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) has been set up under the National Health Mission (NHM) as an autonomous registered society, to provide technical assistance and capacity building support to the States for strengthening the public health system. The NHSRC is also mandated to contribute towards National strategic health planning and programme design.

The division of Health Care Technology of National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) has been spearheading the Free Diagnostics Initiative. The division aims to support the strengthening of the Free Diagnostics Initiative through handholding States on implementation of revised guidelines on Free Diagnostics Initiative which recommend an expanded range of diagnostics from District level till the subcentre; monitor the implementation of the program in States through primary surveys, secondary data analysis etc.; assess and guide States for adequacy of services and optimal utilization of budgets; conduct capacity building workshops on implementation of diagnostics and enhancement of quality in services; support States in setting up quality assurance processes in laboratories; support development of management information systems for laboratory and Radiology; develop best practices in procurement of diagnostic equipment and reagents; strengthen technical specifications of diagnostic equipment; assess innovative diagnostic products for use at Health and Wellness centers; provide support to other divisions of NHSRC for their work in diagnostics.

NHSRC intends recruiting a Senior Consultant (Short Term) for its Healthcare Technology Division, purely on a contractual basis.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

The Consultant will be required to provide technical support work in the strengthening of Free Diagnostics Initiative with a specific focus on the following areas.

- Provide support to States for implementation of revised guidelines on Free Diagnostics Initiative.
- Undertake periodic field visits to states and districts to review programme implementation in the States, identify implementation challenges and support states in charting appropriate solutions.
- Support development of monitoring structures including monitoring tools, Information system tools etc. for diagnostics.
- Conduct monitoring of the program in States through primary surveys, secondary data analysis etc. and conduct assessment of States for adequacy of services and optimal utilization of budgets.
- Guide States on appropriate utilization of funds through study of the availability and utilisation of diagnostic services matched with usage of funds and scope of enhancing capacities in a cost efficient manner.
- Support capacity building workshops on implementation of diagnostics and enhancement of quality in services.
- Support development of best practices for setting up quality assurance processes for laboratories
- Provide inputs on best practices in procurement of diagnostic equipment and reagents.
- Provide technical support for strengthening technical specifications of diagnostic equipment.
- Provide technical support for broad assessment of innovative diagnostic products.
- Work with other Government agencies for their work in diagnostics.

## **Qualification and Experience:**

### **Essential:**

- Possess a degree in medical background (B.Sc/MBBS/BDS/AYUSH)
- Have at least 5 years of work experience with atleast 1 year of experience in public health
- Excellent communication and presentation skills, analytical and interpersonal abilities.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.

### Desirable:

- Post graduate degree/diploma in relevant field
- Work experience of atleast 2 years in the area of diagnostics in public health.
- A degree or diploma in management studies.
- Working knowledge of Hindi / other major regional language
- Demonstrated ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment.

Age Limit: 50 Years (As on last date of receiving applications)

Location: New Delhi with willingness to travel to states and districts

Contract Duration: For 3 months and extendable

Remuneration Range: Between Rs. 99,000/- to Rs. 1,43,000/- per month

\*Fee offered within the band will be commensurate with qualification and experience

**To Apply:** Candidates are requested to download the application form attached with the TOR, which is uploaded on the NHSRC website and email the duly filled application form to <a href="mailto:shortterm.nhsrc@gmail.com">shortterm.nhsrc@gmail.com</a> only by 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Application submitted in other format will not be accepted. Please ensure to mention post applied for on the application form, without which the application form will not be accepted.