



Ethnic Health System Strengthening (EHSSG)

Consultancy Terms of Reference

Technical Consultant (Advocacy)

Introduction

EHSSG is a network of 14 organizations, namely Mae Tao Clinic (MTC), Burma Medical Association (BMA), Back Pack Health Worker Team (BPHWT), Karen Department of Health and Welfare (KDHW), Civil Health Development Network (CHDN-Karanni), Mon National Health Committee (MNHC), Pa Oh Health Workers Committee (PHWC), SHC (Shan Health Committee), KHN (Kachin Health Network), SSYCBC (Shan State Youth Capacity Building Center), KWAT (Kachin Women Association Thailand), CHEC (Chin Health and Education Committee), THO (Ta'ang Health Organization), and RCHWA (Rakhine Community Health Worker Association). EHSSG has years of experience in developing and implementing training programs for health workers along the border and in Eastern Burma. We cooperate with partnering community-based organizations and ethnic health organizations under the EHSSG umbrella, to realize quality assurance of delivered health services, through strengthening and standardization of health workers' knowledge and competencies. This health systems strengthening happens in accordance with the World Health Organization's six core building blocks, i.e. (i) service delivery, (ii) health workforce, (iii) health information systems, (iv) access to essential medicines, (v) financing, and (vi) leadership/governance.

Background

EHSSG is currently seeking the services of a qualified Technical Consultant (Advocacy) to strengthen the networking capacity of Ethnic Health Systems Strengthening Group (EHSSG) and its member organizations.

Objectives

The primary objective of the Consultant is to develop the capacity of EHSSG and its member organizations in advocacy through training, workshop and strategy development.. The Consultant will work closely with the management team of EHSSG and its member organizations to enhance effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

Scope of Work

- The Consultant will be responsible for the following tasks:
- Conduct a comprehensive review of the current advocacy practice of EHSSG and member organizations to identify advocacy areas for improvement.

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- Design and deliver a 3-day training on advocacy basic concepts for EHSSG and member organizations.
- Facilitate a workshop to develop a 3-year advocacy strategy for EHSSG and member organizations, aligned with the EHSSG strategic plan.
- Provide ongoing guidance and support to EHSSG and member organizations throughout the advocacy strategy development process.

Deliverables

- Training materials, guidelines, and tools to support EHSSG's advocacy initiatives.
- Advocacy Training Report, summarizing achievements, challenges, and recommendations.
- Advocacy Strategy Workshop Report, highlighting organizational/network's strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for next steps.
- Finalized Advocacy Strategy Document for EHSSG and member organizations

Indicative timeframe

The consultancy will start on **16th June 2024** and will be completed on **15th August 2024**.

Qualifications and Experiences

The consultant should possess the following qualifications and experience:

- Demonstrated expertise in advocacy, including experience in developing and implementing advocacy strategies.
- Strong understanding of the context and issues relevant to EHSSG and its member organizations, preferably in a cross-border setting.
- Proven experience in designing and facilitating training workshops for adult learners.
- Excellent facilitation and presentation skills.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- A Master's degree in a relevant field (e.g., public policy, international relations) is preferred.
- Fluency in English is required. Burmese language fluency is a plus.

Selection Process

Interested candidates should send CV and Letter of Interest not later than 14th June, 2024. A competitive selection process will be used to shortlist and interview applicants. The selection committee will be composed of representatives from EHSSG and its member organizations.

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