

Call for Expressions of Interest

#036 - Job Title: A national Short-term Consultant to provide consulting service in conducting capacity building for climate change resilient communities

1. Background:

In Viet Nam, climate change is expected to pose greater health risks to the Vietnamese community from increases in the frequency and magnitude of extreme weather events (e.g., more heat events of longer duration, floods, droughts and salt intrusion, wildfires and storm surges), poor air quality, impacts on drinking and recreational water quality, food-borne diseases and vector-borne and zoonotic diseases.

Climate-driven events are impacting communities in many ways. To cope with climate change impacts to communities, it is necessary that communities have a strong capacity, starting from good awareness on health impacts from climate change, capacity to assess their vulnerability and risks to climate change to capacity of making plan for adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts and for recovery after climate change events.

In 2022, the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, with the support of UNDP, has developed a set of indicators to assess vulnerability and adaptive capacity to climate change in the health sector. In order to be used for conducting V&A assessment for communities, the existing set of indicators in the Annex 1 needs to be tailored.

In addition, VIHEMA with support from WHO is going to build 3 models for climate change resilient communities in 3 selected provinces including Nghe An, Thai Binh and Ca Mau that are considered typical with the most vulnerable communities. Nghe An is typical for drought (water scarcity), heat waves and storm/flood. Thai Binh is vulnerable to typhoon, flood while Ca Mau is vulnerable to sea level rise and salt intrusion. Lessons learnt and experience from these models will be collected and shared nationwide to help communities cope with climate change. To prepare for it, therefore, VIHEMA proposes WHO to support another activity entitled “**Capacity building for climate change resilient communities**”.

As part of its technical assistance to VIHEMA, WHO is recruiting 01 national expert to provide technical support to VIHEMA in conducting the above activity.

2. Planned timelines:

Start date: 15 August 2023 (subject to confirmation)

End date: 31 December 2023

Number of working days as a consultant: 27 non-consecutive working days

3. Work to be performed

Purpose of the consultancy

To provide consulting service in conducting capacity building for vulnerability assessment, climate risk assessment, monitoring and evaluation, and climate change adaptation planning in community.

Method(s) to carry out the activity:

- In general, a selected national consultant in climate change and health issues will carry out his or her work based on this ToR.
- The selected national consultant will work closely with WHO Technical Officer in Environmental Health and VIHEMA focal points to conduct his or her work such to support the government on the development of a set of indicators for V&A assessment in community and development of adaptation plan for the community and deliver trainings at community level. In addition, the consultant will work with WHO communications team to prepare for stories on models of climate change resilient communities.

Outputs

Output 1: The existing set of indicators for V&A assessment and instruction for V&A assessment process (tools, procedure etc.) and planning for adaptation to be reviewed and revised.

- Deliverable: Recommendations for revised set of indicators for V&A assessment/instruction on adaptation plan, tool (forms) and procedure of assessment to be developed, ready for training to build capacity at provincial level.

Output 2: Trainings on V&A assessment and adaptation planning to be conducted at 3 provinces

- Deliverable 1: 3 trainings to be conducted (training reports and minutes of meeting, training materials to be submitted)
- Deliverable 2: Recommendations for the adaptation plans for V&A developed by each province

Output 3: Implementation of V&A assessment and developing adaptation plan at the 3 selected provinces to be monitored

- Deliverable 1: Lessons learnt from conducting V&A assessment at 3 provinces to improve the set of indicators and V&A assessment process.
- Deliverable 2: Recommendations for finalized set of indicators and V&A process and tool ready for nationwide use
- Deliverable 3: Recommendations for the plan for adaptation of each selected province

4. Specific requirements

Educational Qualifications required:

At least Master degree in public health, environmental health, environmental science or other relevant areas from a recognized university.

Experience required:

- The consultant shall (a) have at least 7 years of experience in dealing with climate change, and public health, environmental health, climate change vulnerability and adaptation assessment (V&A) or WASH, energy etc.
- Experience in conducting V&A assessment for health sector is advantage.

Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

- Knowledge on climate change aspects in the countries
- Experience and skills in conducting V&A assessment, developing training materials for capacity building and plan for adaptation and mitigation in climate change
- Working experience at community level
- Training and communication skills.
- Team work spirit, co-ordinating skills are needed for this post.

Language requirements:

- Excellent in writing and speaking English. Fluency in Vietnamese as a mother tongue

5. Place of assignment

The Consultant is required to work mainly at his/her own places in Hanoi and travel to conduct field trips in the three provinces.

6. Medical clearance

The selected Consultant will be expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work.

7. Travel

The Consultant is expected to travel according to the itinerary and estimated schedule below:

Travel dates				Location:
From	15 Aug. 2023	To	15 Dec. 2023	Nghe An, Thai Binh and Ca Mau
Purpose:		To conduct training and monitoring V&A assessment at the 3 selected communities		

8. Budget

Please take note of the following when submitting application:

- The contractor will be responsible for paying taxes, if any.



Application letters and updated CVs in English should be received **on/or before 17 July 2023** and should be addressed to:

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