



Call for Expressions of Interest

#001: Two national consultants to revise and update the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services focusing on Newborn care.

1. Background

The International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994, with the participation of over 180 countries worldwide, including Vietnam, agreed on a comprehensive approach to Reproductive health care. Following the conference, Vietnam implemented its commitments through a series of measures to enhance the quality and diversify types of Reproductive healthcare services to meet the needs of the people and reduce maternal and child mortality rates.

In the implementation process of providing Reproductive healthcare services, standardizing specialized activities is a particularly emphasized issue to improve the quality of Reproductive health services and minimize possible errors in clinical practice. To meet this requirement, the Ministry of Health issued the "National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services" in 2001 and carried out subsequent updates and revisions in 2009 and 2016.

The National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services issued in 2016 cover 10 sections and apply to all healthcare facilities, including public and private healthcare, especially at the grassroots level. These guidelines are specialized instructions for the provision of Reproductive Healthcare Services, acting as a guidebook for healthcare professionals and considered a good reference for developing training materials, implementing monitoring activities, and assessing the quality of Reproductive Healthcare Services at healthcare facilities.

However, after many years of implementing the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services, many significant scientific and technological advancements have been applied in maternal and child health areas. Many regulations in the national guidelines are no longer suitable for reality and require supplementation and modification.

Therefore, the Ministry of Health requests WHO support for reviewing and updating the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services in 2016, focusing on Newborn Care.



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The WHO Representative Office in Vietnam is seeking two (02) consultants to review and update the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services in 2016, with a focus on Newborn Care.

2. Planned timelines (subject to confirmation):

Start date: 01/04/2024

End date: 01/10/2024

3. Work to be performed

- The consultants will work closely with focal point and other experts from Maternal and Child Health Department, under the overall supervision of the Team Coordinator of WHO UHC-DC Team in VNM to review relevant documents, revise and update the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services in 2016, focusing on Newborn Care.
- On content: The expected documents will revise and update the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services in 2016, including the following topics: early essential newborn care EENC and Kangaroo Mother Care KMC; newborn feeding, newborn referral guideline, Newborn infection; treatment and management common illnesses and emergencies of newborn (annex).

Method(s) to carry out the activity:

The selected consultant will work with WHO team and an international expert to produce the following results:

Output 1: Collect and review documents and guidelines on newborn care to propose the content for revision and updating.

Deliverable 1.1: Identify the gaps and the out-of-date content in Newborn care area that need to be revised in the guidelines.

Output 2: Update, revise, and supplement the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services (theme: Newborn Care);

Deliverable 2.1: A first draft of the Reproductive Healthcare Services guideline focusing on Newborn care area was developed to share for comments from relevant experts.

Deliverable 2.2: A final draft of the recommendations for the Reproductive Healthcare Services guideline focusing on newborn care for submission.

4. Specific requirements

- Qualifications required:

A post-graduate degree in medicine, specialized in paediatrics



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- Experience required:

A minimum of five to ten years of relevant work experience including paediatrics, with preference given to clinical experience in paediatrics.

- Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

Have experience developing professional guidelines in maternal and child health areas.

- Language requirements:

Well written and spoken in Vietnamese and English

- Other required:

Proficient in using office computer software.

5. Competencies

- Communication
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Ability to demonstrate gender equality and cultural appropriateness within the office and among partners.
- Producing results

6. Place of assignment

Viet Nam.

7. Medical clearance

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

6. Travel

The Consultants are not expected to travel outside of Viet Nam

7. Budget

Please take note of the following when submitting application:

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

Those who are interested can submit your most updated CV and application letter indicating post title and vacancy notice # **on or before 19 March 2024** and should be addressed to:



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Annex

Two consultants will review and revise the following contents in 25 working days for each. Consultant A would cover chapters 1-16, while consultant B would cover chapters 17-31.

Task allocation for each STC specified in the table below (annex 1)

ANNEX 1
TABLE OF EXPECTED WORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR CONSULTANTS

No.	Content in the National Guideline	Consultants	
A	Early essential newborn care EENC and Kangaroo Mother Care KMC		
1.	Essential medicines for newborn care at different levels	A	
2.	Essential equipment for newborn care at different levels	A	
3.	Care for Preterm/low birth weight babies	A	
B	Newborn feeding and support		
4.	Breastfeeding counseling	A	
5.	Gastric Tube Feeding	A	
6.	Neonatal intravenous feeding	A	
7.	Communication and mental health support for families with sick children	A	
8.	Emergency breast milk ejection	A	
C	Newborn referral guideline		
9.	Safe referral for newborns	A	
10.	Discharge of newborns	A	
11.	Coordination between obstetrics and pediatrics in newborn care	A	
D	Newborn infection		
12.	Principles of antibiotic use for newborns	A	
13.	Neonatal sepsis	A	
14.	Ocular infection in newborns	A	
15.	Umbilical infection	A	
16.	Skin infection	A	
E	Treatment and management common illnesses and emergencies of newborns		
17.	Early intervention for newborn congenital anomalies	B	
18.	Neonatal body temperature disorders (Hypothermia/Hyperthermia)	B	
19.	Neonatal jaundice	B	
20.	Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome	B	
21.	Hyaline membrane disease (respiratory distress syndrome in preterm babies)	B	
22.	Surfactant replacement therapy	B	



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No.	Content in the National Guideline	Consultants	
23.	Pneumonia	B	
24.	Therapeutic hypothermia in neonatal asphyxia	B	
25.	Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)	B	
26.	Hemorrhage in newborns	B	
27.	Hypoglycemia in newborns	B	
28.	Necrotizing enterocolitis in newborns	B	
29.	Babies born to mothers with hepatitis B, tuberculosis, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, HIV	B	
30.	Seizure syndrome	B	
31.	Meningitis in newborns	B	
32.	Blood transfusion and blood products	B	
33.	Blood exchange in jaundiced newborns	B	
34.	Endotracheal tube placement technique	B	
35.	Mask ventilation	B	
36.	Syringe aspiration and endotracheal tube placement	B	
37.	Newborn gastric tube placement	B	
38.	Lumbar puncture	B	
39.	Phototherapy technique for jaundice treatment)	B	



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Annex 2

No	Output/deliverables	Working day (for each STC)
1	<p><u>Output 1</u>: Collect and review documents and guidelines on newborn care to propose the content for revision and updating.</p> <p>Deliverable 1.1: Identify the gaps and the out-of-date content in Newborn care area that need to be revised in the guidelines.</p>	5
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