

Call for Expressions of Interest

#002: Five national consultants to revise and update the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services focusing on Safe motherhood.

1. Background

Vietnam has made great strides in improving the quality and diversifying types of maternal and child health care (MCH), reproductive health, meeting the needs of people, lowering maternal and child health mortality rates.

In the process of implementing maternal health and reproductive health services, standardization of professional activities is an issue that needs special attention to improve service quality and minimize possible errors. The "National Guidelines on Reproductive Health Services" was issued by the Ministry of Health for the first time in 2002, updated for the first time in 2009 and the second time in 2016, including maternal and child health care. Children and reproductive health have many developments, limit errors and meet most of the above important requirements.

The 2016 National Guidelines on Reproductive Health Services includes 10 parts based on 10 priority content related to reproductive health: General guidelines, Safe motherhood, Gynaecology, New-born care, Family planning, Reproductive tract infections and sexually transmitted diseases, Adolescent reproductive health, Safe abortion, Andrology, and other contents of reproductive health. The content in this document only provides basic steps and general principles that need to be followed to help service providers avoid missing steps during implementation and possible errors. In particular, each topic of the document focuses on instructions for treatment at each level based on the regulations of the Ministry of Health on technical tasks in the field of reproductive health care at medical facilities. Specific instructions for each technical operation according to the National Guidelines are mentioned specifically in the training materials.

National guidelines on reproductive health care services are implemented at all health care levels, especially grassroots health care levels, including both public and private health care, which is the legal basis for the implementation of reproductive health care services, and is a guidebook for health workers in the process of providing services and is also a basis for developing training materials for health workers, supervision, evaluation of the quality of reproductive health care services at medical facilities.

However, after 7 years since the National Guidelines were supplemented and revised for the second time, many scientific and technical advances in the field of maternal and child



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health care have been applied and many regulations in the National Guidelines are no longer appropriate to reality and need to be supplemented and amended. The 2023 Law on Medical Examination and Treatment, which will take effect from January 1, 2024, also introduces new regulations on decentralization of medical examination and treatment. Therefore, the Department of Maternal and Child Health advocates reviewing, supplementing and updating the National Guidelines on Reproductive Health Services to replace the 2016 Guidelines. The purpose of this update and revision is to:

- Review and update guidelines based on new recommendations from the World Health Organization on the basis of good domestic practices, such as early essential newborn care, and postpartum haemorrhage treatment.
- Integrate and connect health services to provide comprehensive services to people, minimize missed diagnoses and improve the quality of care, for example: integrating the services regarding prevention of infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases in pregnant women and children, preventing and screening for reproductive cancers, treating sick children with an integrated perspective, and nutrition.
- Additional topics on obstetric pathology such as infectious diseases and pregnancy, fetus clinging to old surgical scars, postpartum embolism, etc. will be included in the guidelines.
- Additional topics on management and provision of maternal and child health and reproductive health services such as safe hospital transfer, red alert, professional consultation, Robson classification, maternal and child health management tools, periodic health checks for children by age, and adolescent-friendly reproductive health services will be included in the guidelines.
- The guidelines will also add trending problems in society, with a huge need for reproductive health care, requires professional guidance specific for all levels of care, including primary care, in the provision of services such as: mental health, reproductive health for LGBT and some disadvantaged/vulnerable people such as people with disabilities.
- Content that has been mentioned in other documents of the Ministry of Health such as regulations on essential drugs, equipment, etc. will be amended or removed depending on the specific details.

The WHO Representative Office in Vietnam is seeking five (05) national consultants to update and amend topics (and develop new ones if any) under the Safe Motherhood Section of the National Guidelines on Reproductive Health Services. Contracts will be issued to the successful candidates through the tender process according to these terms of reference.



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2. Planned timelines (subject to confirmation):

Start date: 01/04/2024

End date: 01/10/2024

3. Work to be performed

Method(s) to carry out the activity:

The five 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 in VNM to revise and update the National Guidelines on Reproductive Healthcare Services in 2016, focusing on Safe Motherhood Section with the following topics: Antenatal care, Postnatal care, Abnormalities in pregnancy, labour and birth; and obstetrics procedure and surgery,

Output 1: Review the Safe Motherhood section of the 2016 National Guidelines on Reproductive Health Care Services and relevant professional documents at national level and global level, including the updated guidance from WHO and other organizations/associations.

Deliverable 1.1: Identify and summarize the gaps and the out-of-date content in Safe Motherhood area that need to be revised in the guidelines and recommendations for revision.

Output 2: Update, revise, and supplement the Safe Motherhood section of National Guidelines

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

Deliverable 2.2: A final draft of the recommendations to the Reproductive Healthcare Services guideline focusing on Safe Motherhood for submission

4. Specific requirements

- Qualifications required:

A post-graduate degree in medicine, specialized in obstetrics and gynaecology

- Experience required:

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

- Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

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



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- 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

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7. Medical clearance

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

8. Travel

The Consultants aren't expected to travel outside of Viet Nam.

9. 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

Five consultants will review and revise the following contents in 25 working days for each. The consultants would cover the chapters based on the following:

- Consultant A: chapters 1-14
- Consultant B: chapters 15-25
- Consultant C: chapters 26-35
- Consultant D: chapters 36-43
- Consultant E: chapters 44-52

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

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TABLE OF EXPECTED WORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR CONSULTANTS

No.	Content in the National Guideline 2016	Consultants
A	ANTENATAL CARE	
1.	Counseling and care before pregnancy	A
2.	Antenatal care	A
3.	Consulting for pregnant women	A
4.	Prenatal diagnosis	A
5.	Pregnancy Registration	A
6.	Counseling women during labor and immediately after giving birth	A
7.	Prognosis Factors during labor	A
8.	Diagnosis of labor	A
9.	Monitor normal labor and delivery	A
10.	Continuously monitor uterine contractions and fetal heart rate	A
B	Intrapartum CARE AND POSTNATAL care	
11.	Labor chart	A
12.	Normal delivery of the vertex presentation	A
13.	Inspection of the placenta	A
14.	Home delivery and management of delivery-en-route (road-side birth?)	A
15.	Care for mothers and newborns on the first day after birth	B
16.	Care for mothers and newborns in the first week after birth	B
17.	Care for mothers and newborns in the first 6 weeks after birth	B
C	ABNORMALITY IN PREGNANCY, LABOR AND Child BIRTH	
18.	High-risk pregnancy	B
19.	Bleeding during the first half of pregnancy	B
20.	Bleeding during the second half of pregnancy and during labor	B
21.	Postpartum haemorrhage	B



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No.	Content in the National Guideline 2016	Consultants
22	Obstetric shock	B
23	Management of amniotic embolism	B
24	Hypertension, preeclampsia and eclampsia	B
25	Management of multiple pregnancies	B
26	Abnormal presentation/ Breech presentation	C
27	Threatened premature labor and premature labor	C
28	Management of post maturity thai quá NS?	C
29	Premature rupture of membranes	C
30	Umbilical cord prolapse	C
31	Fetal death in uterus	C
32	Acute pulmonary edema in labor	C
33	Obstructed labor	C
34	Monitoring labor in women with uterine scars	C
35	Acute fetal distress	C
36	Use Oxytocin	D
37	Postpartum infections	D
38	Detection of danger signs, treatment/management and referral of obstetric emergencies	D
39	Gestational diabetes	D
40	Basedow's disease and pregnancy	D
41	Hypothyroidism and pregnancy	D
42	Heart disease and pregnancy	D
43	Hepatitis and pregnancy	D
D	Obstetric procedures and surgeries	
44	Methods of inducing labor	E
45	Amniocentesis technique	E
46	Inspection of fetal head's descent of the cephalic presentation	E
47	Delivery of the the head in the breech presentation	E
48	Management of second fetus in twins pregnancy	E
49	Forceps	E
50	Ventoux	E
51	Manual removal of the placenta	E
52	Uterine checking	E

Annex 2

No	Content	Working days (for each STC)
1	Output 1: Review the Safe Motherhood section of the 2016 National Guidelines on Reproductive Health Care Services and	5



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	<p>relevant professional documents at national level and global level, including the updated guidance from WHO and other organizations/associations.</p> <p>Deliverable 1.1: Identify and summarize the gaps and the out-of-date content in Safe Motherhood area that need to be revised in the guidelines and recommendations for revision.</p>	
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