

Call for Expressions of Interest and Proposal

VN#035 – National STC on malaria elimination strategy

1. Background:

Malaria burden is significantly declining over the years in Viet Nam. The prevalence of malaria in Viet Nam continues to fall and is now concentrated in the country's northern and central areas. The number of cases reported by Viet Nam in 2023 was 441, a 2.64% reduction compared to 2021 (467 cases were reported in 2021). As of August 2024, 46 provinces which has no locally transmitted malaria in the last five years were classified as malaria elimination provinces.

The five-year national strategy for malaria elimination (2021-2025) aims to address priorities in malaria endemic areas, further drive malaria burden down and prevent reintroduction of malaria transmission in targeted areas and monitor drug resistant malaria. The current plan prioritizes malaria core interventions in accordance with the present situation and reinforces the country's vision of reaching a malaria-free status by 2030.

Despite of substantial reduction in number of malaria cases over the years in the whole country, in several provinces, number of malaria cases has increased. Moreover, antimalarial drug resistance remains an ongoing concern.

As the current national strategy for elimination of malaria is ending in 2025, there is a need to development of the new National strategy for elimination of malaria for new period 2026-2030.

WHO Viet Nam is recruiting a part-time consultant to coordinate with the national counterparts and key stakeholders to support National Institute for Malaria, Parasitology and Entomology (NIMPE) to develop National Strategy for elimination of malaria period 2026-2030.

2. Work to be performed

In consultation WHO, the National Institute of Malariology, Parasitology, and Entomology (NIMPE) and institutes of malariology, parasitology, and entomology (IMPEs) in Quy Nhon and Ho Chi Minh City, the consultant should carry out the following tasks:

- To conduct desk review on current policy, strategy, programme evaluation to develop an overview of the current situation of malaria in Viet Nam including programmatic gaps and challenges.
- To analyse the current financing situation for national malaria programme and provide recommendations for sustainable financing mechanism for the period 2026-2030.
- To work with NIMPE, national institutes and other stakeholders to draft the national strategy for elimination of malaria by 2030.

3. Deliverables

- A report on overview of the current situation of malaria in Viet Nam including epidemiology, programme and financial gaps and challenges with recommendations for prioritized activities for the period 2026-2030.
- Draft of the national strategy for elimination of malaria by 2030.

4. Planned timeline:

From 10 October 2024 to 31 December 2024

5. Specific requirements

Educational Qualifications

Essential: Advanced university degree (Master's or equivalent) on health sciences, or health related discipline from a recognized university.

Desirable: Training on epidemiology, infectious disease, health financing

Experience

Essential: Minimum 5 years of experience in management of public health programme

Desirable:

- Experience on planning/implementation of the health programmes, public health programme related interventions
- Experience in analysis of malaria epidemiology and/or other infectious diseases
- Experience in development of national strategy on prevention and control of targeted diseases such as malaria, HIV or TB.
- Experience working with UN agencies

Skills/Knowledge

Knowledge on programme management, prevention and control of infectious diseases, public health responses, analytical and presentation skill, and computer literacy

Languages and level required

- Vietnamese native speaker
- Proficiency in writing and speaking English

6. Place of assignment

Hanoi, Viet Nam

Candidates who are interested can submit the following documents before/by **27 September 2024**

- Most updated CV and application letter
- Copy of passport
- Copy of education certificates

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