



TERM OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE CURRICULUM AT VECTOR CONTROL TRAINING CENTRE, MUHEZA, TANZANIA

Population Services International (PSI) is a non-profit social marketing organization with programs in over 60 countries making it easier for all people to lead healthier lives and plan the families they desire. Funded by USAID-PMI, and implemented by Population Services International, the PMI DHIBITI(CONTROL) MALARIA project supports the Government of Tanzania (GOT) to reduce the burden of malaria and move towards malaria elimination. PMI DHIBITI(CONTROL) MALARIA provides technical and implementation support for malaria case management through quality improvement initiatives and malaria surveillance. PMI DHIBITI(CONTROL) MALARIA interventions aim at contributing to four result areas: (1) Improved case management and malaria in pregnancy (MIP) services; (2) Improved ability of individuals to practice positive healthy behaviors; (3) Enhanced enabling environment; and (4) Improved entomological monitoring.

Background and problem statement

The government of the United Republic of Tanzania, through the Ministry of Health, established the Vector Control Training Centre in Muheza, Tanga, in 1986. The aim was to strengthen capacity for addressing vector-borne diseases at the community level. The institute has been operational since its inception, but its curriculum has never been updated to reflect the current needs required to effectively tackle vector-borne disease transmission at the community level. Changes in the transmission system, driven by various contributing factors, have further compounded the issue.

This outdated curriculum compromises the quality of graduates from the institute, thereby undermining the health system's ability to improve community health and well-being in Tanzania. Based on these challenges, it was recommended during the 9th NMCP-VCTWG meeting to revitalize the institute by updating its curriculum. This update will address current demands and contribute to efforts to reduce or eliminate vector-borne diseases in Tanzania.

Objective

Review the existing curriculum and update it to cater for the current needs to effectively address vector-borne disease transmission at the community level.

Approach to Address the Activity:

The curriculum review and update is expected to be conducted by either an individual consultant or consultancy firm in collaboration with a dedicated task force from the NMCP-VCTWG. The consultant will be required to complete the following main activities:

Main Tasks to be Completed:

- I. Conduct a desk review of current national and global strategies and other relevant documents on vector-borne diseases and their control.

2. Conduct a desk review of the existing curriculum of the Vector Control Training Centre.
3. Map key stakeholders.
4. Gather a meeting with key stakeholders
5. Conduct a needs assessment.
6. Analyze the findings.
7. Share findings with the NMCP-VCTWG task force, teaching staff, and management of the Vector Control Training Centre for input and consolidation.
8. Draft the updated curriculum and submit it to the management of the Vector Control Training Centre for further action.

Consultant Deliverables:

The consultant is expected to deliver the following:

1. A report summarizing the work performed.
2. A draft of the updated curriculum.

Qualifications & Experience:

- Holder of PhD in vector-borne diseases or related field
- A minimum of 5 years working in vector-borne disease space
- Experience of curriculum development at higher-level training institutions
- Experience working in research and higher-level training institutions could be a plus
- Well-established track record of publications in international peer reviewed journals as the first or senior authors
- Evidence of awareness of the global development agendas

Skills and attributes;

- Ability to review, analyze and synthesize report from multiple sources.
- Ability to conduct both qualitative and quantitative assessment
- Great interpersonal skills
- Creative and analytical thinker
- Great oral presentation skill
- Excellent in Swahili and English written communication skills

Consultancy terms:

- The applicant could work remotely in some of the assignment but will be expected to have regular meetings with NMCP-VCTWG task force, teaching staff of the Vector Control Training Centre and other staff as identified by NMCP through the Ministry of Health to discuss and share the progress
- The consultant would be expected to travel to Dodoma and/or Muheza-Tanga work with responsible staff to ensure appropriate interpretation of information
- Needs assessments should come from diverse stakeholders including academician, researchers from public health, agricultural and veterinary Health, representative from the Ministry of Health, POLARG, alumni of Vector Control Training Centre, Muheza, local communities and Development partners
- High quality draft curriculum

- The final deliverables schedule (timeline) will be finalized between NMCP, PMI Dhibiti (control) Malaria and successful applicant.

Assignment commencement and payment schedule:

- This assignment is expected to start on 20th January 2025 and completed within 90 working days. The consultant will propose a plan that will maximized the use of allocated number of days.

How to Apply

- Interested candidates should address an application comprising a detailed Curriculum Vitae, and application letter, to: procurement@psi.or.tz The deadline for submission of applications in on **Thursday, 16th January, 2025, 00:00 AM.**

Contracting process:

- Selection of the consultant will follow the PSI/Tanzania procurement policies and procedures. Upon submission of CVs, and proposal, only shortlisted consultants will be contacted for further process.