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Job Description

Strengthening Supply Chain Management – 4 Districts in Somaliland

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DFID Somali Health & Nutrition Programme (SHINE) Supply component

Introduction

DFID implements a large range of programmes in Somalia and Somaliland in the areas of governance, economic and private sector development, humanitarian and conflict response, health, nutrition and overall social development. The **Somali Health & Nutrition Programme – SHINE Supply Component** aims at providing access to basic health and nutrition services as defined by the Essential Package of Health Services (EPHS) to 2 million inhabitants of Somalia and Somaliland and strengthen the capacity of Somalia and Somaliland's Health Authorities to oversee, coordinate, plan and manage the implementation of essential health service provision as defined in the EPHS framework.

1. Somali Health & Nutrition Programme – SHINE

SHINE is a 5-year programme to reduce mother and child deaths in Somalia & Somaliland by improving the supply and demand for improved health and nutrition services. The programme aims to strengthen Health Authorities' oversight of basic service delivery and contribute to the wider state building agenda.

This Job Description refers to the SHINE Supply component and more specifically to the SHINE Supply HSS support. For HSS implementation, Mott MacDonald has formed a Consortium with three partner consultancies, i.e. International Procurement Agency B.V. (IPA) (a consultancy agency specialised in Procurement and Supply Chain Management), THET (a consultancy agency specialised in health workforce development) and CGA (a consultancy agency with expertise in health workforce management). Together with the Mott MacDonald International Health Group, the Consortium is responsible for providing support in the design and/or refinement of particular systems related to specific health system functions through technical assistance and subsequent mentoring/coaching of dedicated officers deployed at the MOHD.

2. Support to Health System Strengthening

In October 2018, the SHINE Supply programme conducted a thorough review of HSS interventions supported by various donors and implementing partners since 2015 and identified the key HSS priorities of the Somaliland MoHD.

The HSS review findings and the subsequent input of the MoHD in the report formed the basis for determining the HSS interventions to be supported by the SHINE Supply programme. In consultation with and on advice of DFID, six key areas for HSS support were identified.

The key areas of SHINE Supply that will be supported under this Job Description are:

- Governance – operational planning
- Governance – Coordination



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- HMIS and other relevant data analysis and use for planning, management and decision making

In addition, two HSS interventions will focus on Awdal and Togdheer Regions where SHINE Supply supports the delivery of the EPHS:

- Strengthening the supply chain management system

These priorities largely reflect the key priorities identified by the Somaliland MoHD.

3. Support to strengthening the Supply Chain Management System

UNICEF and UNFPA have been contracted by DFID to ensure commodity security for integrated EPHS delivery by the SHINE Supply programme. The contracted UN agencies have supported the introduction of supply chain management procedures and protocols at the MoHD. This includes procedures and protocols related to the move from 'push to pull' for pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to hospitals and Referral Health Centres (RHCs). For Health Centres (HCs) and Primary Health Units (PHUs), the push system is still in place; however, also PHUs and Health Centres should receive support to move from push to pull, preferably during the first year of the SHINE Supply programme.

4. Key objectives covered by this Job Description

To support the process of strengthening the forecasting & quantification, IPA, as consortium partner for the Supply Chain Management, has identified the need for support to the health facilities in warehouse management, supply storage, record keeping and data collection in order to improve the functionality of the warehouses and storage rooms for health facilities.

In order to implement this strengthening process, IPA has recruited in International Pharmacist and Quantification Expert as well as Regional Supply Chain Manager. To support our capability of delivering the strengthening process, we are intending to expand our team with a National Technical Assistant for Somaliland, able to accommodate and support with the following activities:

- Visiting health facilities in all districts supported by SHINE Supply to evaluate and support improvements in medicines and health product management.
- Undertake warehouse management, consumption data recording and stock management assessments at Hospital level, RHC, HC, PHU and MC, reflecting demand over consumption;
- Improving adherence to treatment guidelines with reference to EML down to facility level, to improve rational use of medicines
- Identifying and supporting the level of training received, including training tools, in Good Distribution Practice to improve warehouse and stock management, receipt and distribution, stock taking and document completion;
- Support the named facilities in practical and "hands-on" support in improving their information management skills and submission of data, enabling the overall program with consumption data and forecasting information;
- Undertaking follow-up visits and document progress and improvements. Provide supervision to district and regional staff
- Reviewing and reporting on goods received/supplied, including consumption and expiry date recording.
- Analysis of process of managing of expired medicines including quantities and management down to facility level.



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- Advising on Good Warehousing Practice and identifying the gaps in current practices at district level.
- The assignment is part-time 50% for a 3 months period with possible extension.

5. Job specific requirements and qualifications

To perform the services required, we appreciate the following professional background and qualifications:

- Qualification as pharmacist or pharmacy technician with a minimum of 5 years' working experience;
- Knowledge and practical working experience with Compliance on Good Distribution Practice and Good Warehousing Practice at all Health Facility levels;
- In-depth knowledge of Logistic Management Information System(s);
- Understanding and practical experience in the collection and interpretation of quantification data for forecasting at facility level;
- Proven experience with training and guidance of MoHD Counterparts and Health Facility Staff at all levels;
- To support reporting to MoHD, counterparts and Implementing Partners on progress and challenges relating health product use in relation to the implementation of the Treatment Guidelines and EML.
- Able to undertake substantial travelling to Health Facilities in all districts supported by the SHINE Supply project;
- Fluent in English both verbally and writing.

6. Application process

Interested candidates are requested to submit their motivation letter and full CV to International Procurement Agency BV, P.O. Box 190, 1400 AD Bussum, the Netherlands. Website: www.ipa-bv.nl
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