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Position: State RMNCHA Consultant

Employing Agency (Employer): Inductus Limited

Duration of the contract: 01-Dec-24 till 31-May-25 (extendible till 31st Dec 2027 based of satisfactory performance and budget availability. The TOR is valid till Dec 2027)

Remuneration: Gross compensation budgeted for the position is attractive. Please note that the offer made to the selected candidate shall be commensurate with qualifications, experience, and salary history. **(Current & Expected professional fee to be quoted on portal www.inductusjobs.com/un)**

No. of Vacancy : 1

Duty Station: Swasthya Bhawan, Nawa Raipur

Reporting Line:

1. Administrative Supervision- Inductus Limited
2. Health Specialist – Nawa Raipur

Last Date for Application: 29th Nov 2024 (Mid Night)

(Early joiners will be given preference)

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Description: State RMNCHA Consultant will provide technical support for NQAS, SUMAN, MusQan, Kayakalp & LaQshya certification in state / districts through capacity building, supportive supervision and mentoring.

1. Background

Improving the maternal and child health and their survival are central to the achievement of national health goals under National Health Mission as well as Goal 3 of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To bring greater impact, it is important to recognize that reproductive, maternal and child health cannot be addressed in isolation as these are closely linked to the health status of the population in various stages of life cycle.

Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in Chhattisgarh is 38 per 1000 live births (SRS Bulletin May 2022) and MMR of 137 per 100,000 live births (SRS 2018-20). Chhattisgarh has shown considerable progress in the key Maternal, newborn and child mortality indicators compared to other high focus states in India. However, there are disparities within the states with the presence of tribal blocks and poor performing districts. There is a need to further bring down the neonatal and perinatal mortality rates by improving quality and coverage of services to most deprived populations of the state. RMNCHA strategy aims to accelerate the implementation of evidence-based interventions across life-cycle stages along the continuum of care for reducing MMR, U5MR, IMR and TFR.

UNICEF as a lead development partner and providing support to State and Aspirational Districts / Blocks for implementation of RMNCH+A strategy. With an improvement in institutional delivery, the operationalization of facility-based new-born care; quality improvement during childbirth will give the greatest return or dividend for reducing neonatal deaths. Additionally, upscaling of certain evidence-based interventions which UNICEF has already piloted in certain districts (Microbial surveillance for SNCU, Model labor room, strengthening of HBNC and SNCU graduates' follow-ups) will contribute toward reducing neonatal and maternal mortality in the state. With the above background, UNICEF will support coordinated planning and implementation of RMNCHA strategy in Aspirational Districts/ Blocks.

2. Purpose / objective

The rationale for hiring services of consultant to provide technical support for strengthening and upscaling of essential MCH interventions which include strengthening of facility-based newborn care including SNCU, quality of labor room, supportive supervision of RMNCHA and other health sector program supported by UNICEF.

The key objectives include:

1. Support the state-level process in strengthening program under RMNCH+A and frame strategic action plan for facility and community level maternal and new-born health program
2. Support at the state level for prepare MCH strategy to reduce maternal and child mortality as per SDG
3. Progress analysis and process documentation of different interventions/pilot health program implemented
4. Support the district-level process in implementing MCH interventions under RMNCH+A framework
5. Carry out regular data/gap analysis as per the guideline and formulate a strategy for improvement
6. Supportive Supervision and on the job training in field and documentation of best practices in AD

3. Major tasks – focus on Aspirational Districts (AD) & Aspirational Blocks (AB)

a. Strengthening data collection, collation and reporting mechanism for RMNCHA

- Conduct desk review of child and maternal death reporting and review processes
- Recommend integrated approach to enhance the reporting and review mechanism
- Provide support for capacity building in SNCUs and NBSUs focusing on quality improvement
- Assist in establishing a State MIS for NCD data management

b. Institutional strengthening through capacity building and technical support

- Support RMNCHA training initiatives – FBNC, SBA, HRP, MPCDSR, HBYC/HBNC etc
- Support in establishing a State Center of Excellence for newborn care
- State review meetings on focus areas – MDR, CDR, HRP, KMC, FBNC, HBYC/HBNC
- Support child death audit with line listing of child deaths and regular CDR meetings
- Ensure KMC bag availability and scale up Community KMC in targeted districts
- Sensitization on quality initiatives like NQAS, LaQshya, MusQan & WASH in Health Facilities
- Provide technical support for NCD initiatives - state workshops and implementation support

c. Documentation of Best Practices and Field Experiences

- Monitor progress of UNICEF supported interventions in Aspirational Districts / Blocks
- Document and report system strengthening and institutional support activities by UNICEF
- Document success stories, best practices, and human-interest stories for each thematic area

d. Health System Strengthening Support

- Assist in drafting the State Health Action Plan to support NHM PIP
- Promotion of Comprehensive Primary Healthcare in Aspirational Districts / Blocks
- Facilitate FRU operationalization and LaQshya state certification of FRUs
- Promote Yoga in Pregnancy (YIP) program across districts

e. Innovative Interventions

- Conceptualize and implement innovative interventions in MNCH and leverage funds for the same

4. Duty Station - The consultant will be based at Swasthya Bhawan, Nawa Raipur

5. Supervisor – Health Specialist, Raipur

6. Travel Requirement - Up to 7 days per month in districts / state HQ as per the program needs.

7. Duration of Contract - 01-Dec-24 till 31-May-25 (extendible till 31st Dec 2027 based of satisfactory performance and budget availability. The TOR is valid till Dec 2027).

8. Qualifications / Experience /Language skills required

- Postgraduate in Public Health / Community Medicine / Pediatrics from a reputed institute.
- 5-7 years of professional experience in the management of public health programs at State level and experience of working with NHM / State Health framework
- Work experience of Chhattisgarh is preferred
- Good understanding of development context of the health sector and of institutional arrangements.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Hindi preferred
- Computer skills proficiency, both in usual MS Office application, data analysis software.