



WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION (WAHO)

Sahel Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Project (SM/NTD)

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Reference: N°FM/TEND/AMI/P-MTN/2020/001/SPM/AM/bk

FOR THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF RESEARCH TO IMPROVE THE FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA AND NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES IN BURKINA FASO, MALI AND NIGER

The West African Health Organisation with support from the World Bank, and in collaboration with national programmes, plans to improve the Control of Malaria and NTDs", through the Regional Project for the Control of Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases in the Sahel (SM/NTD); and carry out a study entitled: "Study to identify the optimal start and end period for Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention in children under 5 years of age in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger. This study will make it possible, amongst other things, to determine the optimal start and end period for Seasonal Malaria Chemo-Prevention in children under 5 years of age according to epidemiological patterns in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.

To achieve this objective, WAHO will use the service of a qualified research team (Institution, Centre, University...) in order to determine the optimal start and end period for Seasonal Malaria Chemo-Prevention in children under 5 years of age according to epidemiological patterns in the three (3) identified countries; Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger.

Specifically, the research aims to:

- Identify evolving trends in clinical malaria incidence confirmed weekly in different age groups in each selected sentinel district;
- Study the relationship between rainfall patterns and trends in the incidence of confirmed clinical malaria in cross-border districts targeted by the project;
- Identify socio cultural features that may influence SMC campaigns
- Identify how rainfall –based schedule of daily activities (farming, trading, etc) could influence SMC in terms of observance.
- Analyze data and figure from selected sentinels' site to determine the peak period of malaria transmission
- Carry out a spatial and temporal analysis of the relationship between rainfall and malaria incidence(s), and determine the most suitable timing of SMC campaigns;
- Determine the cost/benefit ratio associated with suitable start and end period of SMC in the year.

The study will be conducted by a recognized and reputable research institution. This institution must have research expertise in the field of parasitic diseases, epidemic-prone diseases, emerging diseases and zoonoses, health systems and traditional medicine. In addition, the research institution must have carried out several studies in these fields with articles published in international journals.

The team must have an organisation/structure demonstrating the availability of knowledge within the permanent position or staff, in fields such as biology, pharmacology, parasitology, epidemiology, sociology, statistics and a database manager.

The criteria for evaluating applications before shortlisting for interviews or negotiations are:

- Study/research experiences in the general health field (epidemic or emerging diseases and zoonoses or health systems): 20 pts
- Research experience in the field of malaria or neglected tropical diseases: 20 pts
- Publication of articles in in the field of malaria or neglected tropical diseases control international journals: 50 pts (10 pts per article)
- Composition of staff (organization and availability of knowledge in the fields of biology, pharmacology, parasitology, epidemiology, sociology, statistics and database management): 10 pts

Shortlisted teams will be invited to make a presentation at interview.

The research mission will last a maximum of **1 month** from the signature of the contract.

The West African Health Organisation (WAHO) invites qualified consulting firms (“consultants”) to express their interest in providing the afore-mentioned services. Qualified consultants must provide information demonstrating that they possess the required qualifications and relevant experiences (introductory documentation, areas of competence and necessary references concerning the performance of similar contracts) to perform these services. The references must be evidenced by cover pages and Contract signature pages or Certificates of successful completion. A table summarising past experience(s)/references must include the purpose of the mission, the address of the client, the cost of the project, year of completion, and duration. Selection will be based on the above criteria.

Consultants (Firms or Research Centre) are hereby informed that the provisions of paragraph 1.9 of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers under the IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants", (January 2011 edition, July 2014 revised version), on World Bank rules regarding conflict of interests shall apply.

A consultant (Firm or Research Centre) will be selected using the **Consultant’s Qualification Selection (CQS)** as specified in the Guideline for Consultants.

Interested consultants (Firm or Research Centre) may access the TORs on WAHO's website at:

www.wahooas.org

Interested consultants (Firm or Research Centre) may also obtain additional information on reference materials from the address below and during work hours from Monday to Friday 08h00 to 16h00. Mrs. Lalaissa AMOUKOU, Email: lamoukou@wahooas.org

Expressions of interest Expressions of interest can be sent by email to tenders@wahooas.org . The subject of the email must **ONLY** and **MANDATORILY** indicate the reference **FM/TEND/AMI/P-MTN/2020/001/SPM/AM/bk**. The deadline for receipt of applications is **October 29, 2020 at 12:00 GMT**.

WAHO or World Bank shall not bear any costs or expenses incurred by the Consultant (Firm or Research Centre) in connection with the preparation or submission of the EOI.

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