**Procurement and Supply Chain Officer**

# **Purpose of the TA**

The purpose of this TA is to provide support to the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSR&C) in evidence-based policy and programmatic reforms and actively participate in efforts to improve the functioning of the health system, financing, and supply chain. It includes health policy and systems analysis focusing on health procurement & Supply chain. The position will support the DoH ICT at the UHC Unit, especially the UHC Advisor.

# **Background**

As Islamabad is one the selected model districts for implementation of UHC benefit package in Pakistan, beside other building blocks of the UHC Benefit package, effective management and institutional capacity development is integral to strengthening health systems. To deliver quality health care services with the uninterrupted availability of supplies and commodities, capacity building and training of the DoH Staff on supply chain management and its basic concepts and components are of key importance in achieving.

Strengthening of integrated essential service delivery both through public and private sector is crucial to deal with disease outbreaks and also reducing child and maternal mortality, tackling the burden of prioritized communicable and non-communicable diseases and improving the services access and capacity such as the health workforce, availability of essential medicines and commodities, indoor care, communication, information, financing and governance.

To achieve a significant shift away from a largely “push” driven system that supplies medicines, vaccines, commodities and contraceptives, to one that consists of a “pull” system that is based on effective planning and forecasting, and availability of quality medicines that are demanded by health facilities and based on the needs of their clients/ patients. This shift will require improved capacity, ownership and management of all health officials, as well as training in rational and cost-effective use of drugs.

# **Planned timelines** (subject to confirmation)

# Start date: 07/07/2023

# End date: 15/12/2023

# **Work to be performed**

The objective of this assignment is to coordinate, analyse, provide technical support in evidence-based procurement & supply chain reform initiatives including active participation in efforts to improve system-wide policy, logistics and management system. It includes analyses while

● Promoting the use of evidence

● Utilizing evidence in decision making

● Participating in health policy and systems reforms focusing on procurement & supply chain

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* Liaise, coordinate and consult with government, its departments/ organizations and partners for acquisition of data to be used for procurement & supply chain analyses and strategy
* Lead the supply chain related data acquisition from federal, provincial/area health department, vertical programmes and other entities as required
* Develop reports on Supply Chain & Logistics in Pakistan and monitor the situation regularly
* Contribute in Supplies planning, forecasting and quantification, Supplies handling and storage, Supplies transportation and LMIS (Logistics Management Information System)
* Contributing to the required health logistics system analyses
* Facilitate Procurement & Supply Chain TWG and core committee consultations
* Contribute to the deliberations organized by HPISU, UHC Unit DoH and the Ministry
* Contribute in different reports produced by the DoH and the Ministry
* Actively participate, maintain and update the data required to assess procurement & supply chain, cost-effectiveness and budget impact of the UHC BP of Pakistan
* Put in contribution in the write up related to UHC benefit package of Pakistan
* Contribute to the implementation of the monitoring and evaluation framework and implementation interventions for the UHC BP of Pakistan
* Contribute in the district planning activity for UHC
* Presentations, briefs, concept notes, talking points, minutes of meeting, workshop reports etc.
* Coordination and liaison for meetings/workshops conducted by DoH with support of development partners and participate in planning and organizing relevant meetings, seminars and conferences

**Deliverables:**

* Implementation of LMIS at health facility level in a phase manner for reporting of essential medicines and equipment
* Capacity building of district and health facility staff on logistic system and supply chain management
* Facilitate all the procurement and supply chain management process
* Conduct store assessment of all public health facilities on Infrastructure, Equipment, HR, Transportation, Stationery, IT/LMIS and supply chain Guidelines at the end of year

# **Technical supervision**

The selected Consultant will work under the supervision of:

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| Responsible Officer:  | Dr. Ali Shirazi, Coordinator, HSD  | Email: | dalvih@who.int |
| Manager: | Dr. Palitha Mahipala, WHO Representative/ Head of Mission | Email: | Mahipalap@who.int |

# **Specific requirements**

## Qualifications required:

* Post-graduate master’s level qualification in Commerce /Economics/ Financing/Business.

## Experience required:

* At least 05 years of professional experience in quality assurance, financing, procurement, supply chain, and data analysis.

# **Place of assignment**

The consultant will be based at UHC Unit ICT, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (MNHSR&C) Islamabad, Pakistan.