This technical support is requested by:

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| Unit: | WHO Health Emergencies |
| Country Office:  | Pakistan |

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of the technical support is to assist the Federal government to develop a national proposal for “The Pandemic Fund” for the Detect component and to coordinate with all the stakeholders’ agencies

1. **Background**

The devastating human, economic, and social cost of COVID-19 has highlighted the urgent need for coordinated action to build stronger and resilient health systems, and employ additional resources for pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. Pandemic preparedness is a top global priority. With broad support from members of the G20, the World Bank Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF) for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPR) on June 30, 2022. The FIF PPR, now known as The Pandemic Fund was established by its Governing Board at its inaugural meeting on September 8-9, 2022 and officially launched at a high-level event on the margins of the G20 Joint Finance and Health Ministers’ Meeting on November 13, 2022.

The Pandemic Fund Governing Board has approved an envelope of $300 million of financing for its first round of funding to help developing countries better prepare for and respond to future pandemics.

The pandemic fund has announced it’s first round of funding to help countries Build Resilience to future pandemics. The Projects to be financed by the first round of funding will prioritize strengthening comprehensive disease surveillance and early warning, laboratory systems, and human resources/public health workforce capacity. This is in line with the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) and other internationally endorsed legal frameworks and consistent with a One Health approach.

Ministry of NHSR&C through National Institute of Health (NIH) intend to submit a proposal for first round for 25-30 million USD. World Bank and WHO has been identified as implementing partners by the government. WHO has agreed to extend support to finalize the Pakistan Proposal, to that effect WHO has developed TORs for this purpose.

1. **Planned timelines**

Three Month

1. **Work to be performed**

The consultant will support the Ministry of NHSR&C’s Technical Working Group on Pandemic Fund for the development of a proposal for the first round of funding of Pandemic fund. Then incumbent is expected to work closely with the technical team of NIH under supervision of WR and ED NIH/Chief CDC, and perform the following tasks/deliverables:

1. Work closely with the Ministry’s Technical Working Group (TWG) for Pandemic fund in the proposal development.
2. Solicit, collect, and review all relevant background information/documents from Pandemic Fund website/webinars and other reports for proposal development.
3. Attend all meetings of Technical Working Group established for Pandemic fund and other relevant meetings for updated information, record the key action points to be incorporated in the proposal
4. Attend wider stakeholders’ consultations organized/coordinated by NIH/Ministry/ WHO CO for priority setting and identification of critical gaps that need to be addressed through the proposal.
5. Work closely with a costing/budgeting consultant to finalize a costed proposal within the timelines and guidelines provided by the Pandemic fund Secretariat.
6. Participate in review meetings on the draft version, collect inputs from the TWG members and revise the proposal drafts in incorporating the suggestions/comments.
7. Once endorsed by the competent authority, facilitate in submission of the proposal to the Pandemic fund secretariat
8. Support the GOP in responding to the queries raised by the PF Secretariat after the proposal submission.
9. **Technical Supervision**

The selected Consultant will work in the supervision of:

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| Responsible Officer | Dr Michael Lukwiya  | Email: | lukwiyam@who.int  |
| Manager: | Dr Palitha Gunarathna MahipalaWHO Representative in Pakistan | Email: | mahipalap@who.int |

1. **Specific requirements**

**Qualification:**

**Essential**: MBBS & Masters/ MD in Public Health

**Additional qualification:** PhD

**Experience:**

* 10 years’ experience on Health systems strengthening, preferably Health emergencies/security/surveillance
* Demonstrated experience on proposal writing especially related to proposals at national level on diseases surveillance, laboratory system and workforce development.

**Skills/technical skills and knowledge:**

Advanced computer literacy (Word, Excel, Power point, etc.) and good writing skills

**Language requirements**:

English & Urdu expert proficiency (Read - Write – Speak)

1. **Place of assignment**

WHO, Islamabad /National Institute of Health Islamabad