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**Terms of Reference**

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| Unit: | Health promotion through the life course, RMNCAH – CAT-3 |
| Country Office: | Pakistan |

1. **Purpose of the Consultancy**

The purpose of this consultancy is to support the Ministry and provincial health department in adopting legislations for mandatory notification of maternal and perinatal deaths.

1. **Background**

WHO Pakistan has supported the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination (MoNHSR&C) in institutionalization of various quality of care tools. These include the Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR), an intervention that provides information for guiding public health actions focused on reducing maternal and perinatal deaths. MPDSR includes the routine identification, notification, quantification and determination of causes for all maternal and perinatal to prevent all maternal and perinatal deaths. The data thus obtained is used to bring about improvement in quality of care for both the mothers and newborns at the time or in the process of childbirth. However, many maternal and perinatal deaths remain unreported. A legislation mandating the reporting of all maternal and perinatal deaths is therefore, necessary. MPDSR system is being implemented across all four provinces and areas with WHO support over last couple of years. Introduction of a legal framework to make maternal and perinatal death reporting mandatory will strengthen the use of MPDSR system in the provinces/areas to yield the required quality improvement results.

WHO Pakistan supported the Ministry of NHSR&C and provincial DOH in preparing the first draft of legal bills on MPDSR (amendment to the existing bill in Sindh) through consultative process in 2023. The draft documents need expert review and finalization to be ready for parliamentary discussions. With this background, a consultant/ consulting firm is required to provide support in the federal capital territory and provinces of Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and KP to work closely with the WHO and relevant authorities to finalize the legal bills, guide and facilitate on the process of parliamentary discussions and approvals of the same.

1. **Planned timelines**

A total of **30 working days** spread over the following timeframe:

Start date: 1/03/2024

End date: 05/04/2024

1. **Work to be performed**

The consultant would work very closely with the Ministry of NHSR&C and Provincial Departments of Health including all the relevant programs (IRMNCH&N Program, Population Welfare Department and etc) as well as with the WHO Islamabad and WHO Punjab, KP, Balochistan and Sindh Sub-offices to provide technical assistance and devise mechanism to finalize the Draft Legal Bill on MPDSR to be tabled for approval.

Over the given timeframe, the consultant is required to:

* Review and finalize the available draft legal bills/ amendments and advise relevant stakeholders on the way forward for tabling the bill for parliamentary discussion and approval.
* Support the relevant teams in submission of the legal bills to respective parliamentary platforms in accordance with the requirements of the law department for timely approval of the proposed amendments/legislative documents.
* Draft rules and procedures for operationalization of the legal bills.
* Prepare timely reports for all activities under this assignment (challenges, achievements, next steps) and submit regular progress reports for review to WHO team and Departmental focal point (after approval from WHO team)
* Any other task assigned by the supervisor/ Team Lead HPLC

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| **Deliverables** | **Payment Schedule** |
| **First Deliverable:** Signing of contract | 0% (March 1, 2024) |
| **Second Deliverable:**  Finalized Draft Bills for Punjab, KP and ICT. | 50% (March 15, 2024) |
| **Third Deliverable:**  Finalized Draft Bill for Balochistan & Sindh. | 50% (March 31, 2024) |

1. **Deliverables and Timelines**
2. **Technical Supervision**

The selected Consultant will work under the supervision of:

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| Responsible Officer: | Dr Qudsia Uzma, Technical Officer, RMNCAH | Email: | [uzmaq@who.int](mailto:uzmaq@who.int) |
| Manager: | Ms Ellen Thom, Team Lead HPLC | Email: | [thome@who.int](mailto:thome@who.int) |

1. **Specific requirements**

Qualifications required:

* First University degree in law and legal studies. Post graduate degree in law or legal studies will be an asset.

Experience required:

* Up to 7 years of work experience with national or international organizations on legal and legislation review and development
* Experience of working with public sector entities, providing legal and legislative cover for enactment of legislations and bills within health sector

Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

* Report writing skills
* Training skills
* Excellent networking and coordination skills
* Data management skills

Language requirements:

Proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English is required.