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|  | **CONSULTANCY** |

**Terms of Reference**

This Consultancy is requested by:

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| Unit: | Promoting Health through the Life Course |
| Department: | RMNCAH |

**Purpose of the Consultancy**

The aim of this assignment is to develop the Post Partum Hemorrhage (PPH) operational guide in Pakistan to facilitate implementation at scale.

**Background**

Postpartum haemorrhage (PPH), defined as a blood loss of more than 500 ml, is the leading cause of maternal death worldwide, accounting for 27% of maternal deaths (International, 2014). Each year, about 14 million women experience PPH resulting in about 70,000 maternal deaths globally. Every six minutes a mother dies from PPH in low-resource countries. In many settings, when a mother dies in childbirth, her infant has less than a 20% chance of surviving past the first month (Say et al., 2014).

Despite the ambition to end preventable maternal deaths by 2030, several countries are not on track to meet their SDG maternal mortality targets. In recognition of the need for global action to improve the quality of PPH care, WHO Geneva convened a PPH Global Summit in March 2023 to bring together relevant stakeholders to review and prioritize the most urgent PPH priorities to fast-track progress towards attaining SDG 3.1 target in terms of research, guidelines, advocacy, and implementation. In the wake of this summit, country case studies were also conducted to consolidate implementation bottlenecks and inform development of concrete, country-focused and audience-targeted measures to address these challenges. Pakistan also contributed to this exercise and shared lessons learnt from in-country experiences.

Countries have adopted policies, guidelines and initiated implementation for the prevention and treatment of PPH; however, accelerated efforts are needed to further operationalize at country level and accelerate progress towards the SDGs. In Pakistan, the latest global guidance on PPH has been integrated into the recently launched National SRHR guidelines and revised training guides on PCPNC and MCPC in November 2023. To facilitate capacity building and implementation of PPH prevention and control interventions at scale, there is a dire need to develop an operational guide at country level. Therefore, services of a technical expert are required to support WHO country office in developing the PPH operational guide in Pakistan.

**Objectives**

The main objective is to develop PPH operational guide in Pakistan through consultative and participatory approach.

**Scope of work:**

The consultant is expected to work closely with the Mo NHSR&C focal points, Technical Officer SRHR –CAT 3 and Technical Officer MNCAH at WHO Islamabad and provincial levels to achieve the following:

1. Review the existing national protocols, guidelines and training materials on PPH.
2. Identify gaps between existing documents and the latest global guidelines.
3. Develop first draft of the PPH operational guide and undertake consultation with relevant stakeholders, to seek feedback.
4. Finalize the PPH operational guide and co-facilitate the process for endorsement from the M/o NHSR&C.
5. Coordinate with the Ministry and provincial DOH as and when required.
6. Any other tasks assigned related to the assignment.

**Planned timelines (tentative)**

Start date: 1/03/2024

End date: 5/04/2024

**Deliverables and timelines**

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| **Deliverables** | **Payment Schedule** |
| **First Deliverable:** Signing of contract | 0% |
| **Second Deliverable:**   * First draft of PPH operational guide in Pakistan by 15th March 2024 | 50% |
| **Third Deliverable:**   * Final approved version of PPH operational guide in Pakistan. * 5th April 2024 | 50% |

**Technical Supervision**

The selected Consultant will work under the direct supervision of:

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| Responsible Officers: | Dr Qudsia Uzma, Technical Officer RMNCAH | Email: | [uzmaq@who.int](mailto:uzmaq@who.int) |
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**Qualification & Experience**

Qualifications required:

MBBS with postgraduate degree in Obs/Gyn/neonatology or public health.

Experience required:

* More than 10 years’ work experience in technical resource development and capacity building working with both governmental and non-governmental organisations.
* Extensive experience related to clinical management and training on PPH management.
* Experience of working with UN organizations and WHO will be preferred.

Skills:

* Excellent interpersonal, oral communication, writing and documentation skills.
* Ability to meet tight deadlines and to work effectively under pressure.
* Computer skills

Language requirements:

* Fluent in English (reading, speaking and writing)