# **Purpose of the Consultancy**

The purpose of this consultancy is to facilitate the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSR&C) by accelerating progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Pakistan with focus on implementation National Health Support Program in Pakistan. The incumbent will develop an effective liaison between the M/o NHSRC, Provincial Health Department and other stakeholders.

# **Background**

The Ministry of NHSR&C is committed to help the people of Pakistan in maintaining and improving their health and to make our population among the healthier in the region. Under the National Health Vision, the Government strives to achieve universal health coverage (UHC) that is efficient, equitable, accessible and affordable to its entire populace. The federal ministry with all the provincial departments of health is working to improve the health outcomes of all citizens while ensuring delivery of quality health services through a resilient and responsive health system. Such a system is also envisioned to respond to the Sustainable Development Goals for the country.

M/o NHSR&C, in collaboration with the stakeholders developed a national Universal Health Coverage Benefit Package (UHC BP). The national UHC BP was approved and endorsed by M/o NHSRC and all provinces at the Inter-Ministerial Health and Population Forum. This was followed by provincial localization of the UHC BP across all provinces / areas with the support of DCP3 and other partners.

In order to support the UHC reforms in Pakistan and strengthen the equitable delivery and quality of essential health services the Government of Pakistan and World Bank agreed on a ‘National Health Support Program’ amounting to US$ 300 million IDA and US$ +130 million of Multi-Donor Trust Fund (from GFF, GAVI, B&MGF and others). The program is envisaged on the pattern of National Immunization Support Project (NISP) – with an emphasis on provision of essential package of health services at community and PHC centre level.

NHSP follows “Program for Results (PforR)” which disburses based on achievement of results (Disbursement Linked Indicators – DLIs), not on input. PforR is a new approach or instrument for the health sector in Pakistan, but is under implementation in education, agriculture, public financial management sectors in the country. Familiarity with some aspects of PforR in health - National Immunization Support Project, Investment Project that uses DLIs.

To continue the support to M/o NHSR&C, the Finance Officer, is expected to support activities related to the **execution of NHSP in terms of financial management, selection of staff along capacity building** at the M/o NHSRC.

# **Planned timelines**

Start date: 01-04-2024
End date: 30-06-2024

# **Work to be performed**

* Work with MoNHSRC, partner organizations and stakeholders for account opening for smooth flow of NHSP funds.
* Provide support to Ministry of health on high level event of UHC Country platform
* Participate in technical forums, working groups, and other meetings with government, Provinces, and other counterparts as needed.
* Support in the activation and functionalization of steering committee for overseeing and uninterrupted activities.
* Assist in data acquisition from federal, provincial/area health department, vertical programmes and other entities as required
* Assist M/o NHSR&C in selection and capacity building of programme staff.
* Support analytical work in UHC related areas including but not limited to fiscal activities, service budgeting, cost-effectiveness analysis, national health accounts, efficiency assessments, and support the development of health financing reforms, policies and plans.
* Support any other activity related to UHC BP or any task assigned by the line manager.

# **Deliverables:**

1. Account opening for NHSP funds
2. Selection of related staff
3. Capacity building of hired staff
4. Facilitate ministry in organising coordination meetings with WB and provinces
5. Operationalisation of NHSP

# **Technical supervision**

The selected Consultant will work under the supervision of:

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| Responsible Officer:  | Dr Naveed Asghar- NPO Health System- WHO Country Office Pakistan | Email: | masghar@who.int |

# **Specific requirements**

## Qualifications required:

Master’s level degree or equivalent in a relevant field, which may pertain to but not limited to Business Administration.

## Experience required:

* Essentially a minimum of 10 years’ experience, 7 years in the health sector including work experience in costing, cost-effectiveness analysis, Data Analysis, and Financial management.
* Demonstrated experience in Budgeting, Finance, costing, emergency, and collaboration.
* Previous experience working in conducting systematic work.
* Demonstrated experience in writing technical documents

## Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

* Experience in producing budgets and costed plans.
* Having good English communication skills.
* Exceptional organizational skills, ability to facilitate communication between various levels of management, and work independently to meet deadlines.

# **Place of assignment**

The consultant will be based at Islamabad.