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|  | **Terms of Reference** |

This consultancy is requested by:

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| Unit: | Communicable diseases (Tuberculosis) and HPLC (RMNCAH) |
| Country Office:  | Pakistan |

1. **Purpose of the consultancy**

The purpose of this assignment is to support the WCO in field implementation of the research studies on tuberculosis among pregnant women and children in the W&C hospital, Rajjar, Charsadda.

1. **Background**

Tuberculosis (TB) is a major public health problem in Pakistan. TB can have particularly severe consequences for women, especially during their reproductive years and during pregnancy. The diagnosis of TB in children is more difficult and challenging in resource-constrained countries like Pakistan. It is primarily based on a history of contact with a TB case, in addition to clinical and radiological findings, often without microbiological confirmation. Mother and child health services present a critical opportunity that should not be missed as a strategic entry point for increasing access to TB services, for both women and their families.

With this background, WHO country office is supporting implementation research to be conducted at the Women & Children hospital, Rajjar, Charsadda, KP province to assess the prevalence of TB in pregnant women and also to assess the diagnostic yield of genexpert using stool samples in children under 5 years of age. For this purpose, a consultant is required to support the field implementation of the said research at the hospital.

1. **Planned timelines** A total of **60 working days** spread over the following timeframe:

Start date: 1 Aug, 2024

End date: 23 Oct, 2024

1. **Work to be performed**

The consultant would work very closely with the WHO sub-office KP and Technical Officers for TB and RMNCAH at WHO Islamabad as well as with the provincial, district and facility stakeholders to achieve the following:

* To coordinate with the identified focal points at G/O, Peads and TB diagnostics at facility level to ensure regular routine screening of cases;
* To collect relevant information related to the two research studies as advised;
* Maintain the communication between G/O, Peads and laboratory teams for smooth implementation of research studies;
* Provide all necessary support in organizing any coordination meetings etc and keep record of minutes ;
* To share regular updates on progress of implementation (including issues and challenges) with all concerned at provincial and country office levels;
* Draft detailed activity report and share for review from relevant stakeholders;
* Incorporate any feedback to finalize the process documentation report;
* Any other relevant task as advised by the supervisor;
1. **Technical Supervision**

The selected Consultant will work under the supervision of:

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| Responsible Officer:  | Dr Babar Alam, Head of WHO sub-office, KP | Email: | babaralamm@who.int  |
| Manager: | Dr Dapeng Luo, WHO Representative | Email: | luod@who.int |

1. **Specific requirements**

Qualifications required:

* Graduate degree in social sciences or equivalent

Experience required:

- At least 1 year of professional experience

Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

* excellent networking and coordination skills
* ability to use the relevant Microsoft office programmes namely Word, Excel

Language requirements:

Local language (Pushto) is preferred.

1. **Place of assignment**

Charsadda, KP.

1. **Travel**

No travel required for this assignment.