

Terms of Reference

Consultant: Integrated health and protection response in humanitarian crises

Purpose of the Consultancy

The purpose of this consultancy is to improve the integrated response between health and protection within humanitarian crises. The final output of this project is a **final version of a Joint Operational Framework** that will serve as an operational guidance for health and protection coordinators in cluster or cluster like coordination platforms.

The framework will provide health and protection coordinators, as well as child protection (CP), gender-based violence (GBV), mine action (MA), mental health and psycho social support (MHPSS) and reproductive health (RH) coordinators/working group leads, at the national or sub-national level, with the tools and guidance for coordinating and leading an integrated approach to health and protection response. The secondary audience of this framework is organizations implementing health and protection interventions, including CP, GBV, MA, MHPSS and RH, who will benefit from a clearer understanding of the ways that inter-sector activities should be undertaken between clusters/sectors.

Background

Individuals, groups, and communities affected by crises have the right to humanitarian assistance, including health and protection, regardless of their vulnerabilities, legal status or capacities. Ensuring that humanitarian response is adequate necessitates that clusters work closely with each other to better understand populations at risk and help protect, respect and fulfil their rights under international legal frameworks and standards.

To ensure the Health and Protection Clusters remain “fit for purpose” for humanitarian and public health response i.e. to be adequately prepared for and to deliver healthcare to meet the needs and rights of affected populations including those at risk, the Global Health Cluster and the Global Protection Cluster developed a zero draft joint operational framework which was guided by a Steering Committee (with members from Child Protection (CP), Gender-based Violence (GBV) and Mine Action (MA) Area of Responsibilities (AoRs), and Inter Agency Working Groups Reproductive Health in Crises and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS). The zero draft framework sets clear guidance and actions for an integrated approach to health and protection coordination and service delivery.

Specific objectives of the consultancy

In pursuit of the overarching goal of the project – **Finalization and roll out of the Joint Operational Framework** – the main objectives of the consultancy are to:

1. Review and consolidate comments to the zero draft of the Joint Operational Framework between Health and Protection
2. Coordinate the remote roll-out and field testing of the zero draft in at least three operations and incorporate field testing results accordingly
3. Lead consultations with members of the Health-Protection Steering Group (coordinators from Health and Protection Clusters, including the Child Protection, Mine Action, and GBV AoRs, MHPSS and RH working group leads) to validate the final draft of the Joint Operational Framework
4. Dissemination plan for final version

The work towards these aims will be highly consultative and involve strong liaising with:

- Protection & Health Steering group (Health Cluster focal point, Protection Cluster focal point, Child Protection, GBV, Mine Action and HLP AoR focal points, SRH focal point, and MHPSS reference Group focal point)
- Members of the Global Protection Cluster and the relevant Areas of Responsibility
- Members of the Global Health Cluster
- Relevant IASC Reference Groups, the GCCG and other key Global Clusters

Expected Deliverables

- Revised zero draft of JOF
- Methodology and plan for country field testing
- Final draft of JOF, incorporating field testing results
- Dissemination plan for final draft.
- Monthly progress reports submitted to the GHC and GPC Coordinator

Timetable: The timeline of these Terms of Reference is **asap October 2021 to 31 December 2021**. Any adjustment of this arrangement beyond the above period can only be considered in prior agreement with the Global Health Cluster Coordinator.

Technical supervision: The selected Consultant will work under the supervision of the GHC and GPC Coordinator and designated Technical Officers within the GHC and GPC units.

Person specification:

Essential:

- Advanced university degree in law, public health, medicine, international health, management or social sciences or related field.
- At least 10 years' experience in health and protection response including experience in the development and implementation of humanitarian health projects, IASC protocols and guidelines, tools and policies, performance and/or risk management

- Experience in Cluster Coordination at national and global level; experience in inter-cluster coordination;
- Experience in data collection analysis and report writing
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written; Fluent English
- Experience of working collaboratively with multiple internal and external stakeholders.

Desirable:

- Specialized training in emergency management, international aid, humanitarian principles, recovery, and cluster coordination.
- Degree or training in disaster management.
- Experience with WHO, UN Agencies or International NGOs
- French or Arabic language skills.

Budget: The costs for the work include a monthly payment to the consultant and will be dependent upon experience and agreed by the GHC Coordinator.

Administrative support for this consultancy will be provided by the GHC Unit based in WHO Geneva.

Place of assignment: This is a home-based consultancy

Travel: is not anticipated within the scope of this consultancy

Medical Clearance: the selected consultant will be expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness to work.

Application Process

To apply please send the following by **22 September 2021** to healthcluster@who.int

- Letter of interest, highlighting examples of successful undertaking of similar work
- Curriculum vitae