



Call for Expression of Interest: Consultancy for Conducting Coverage Evaluation Survey for Mass Drug Administration (MDA)

Location: 6 counties (Yambio, Mvolo, Twic, Awerial, Kapoeta South, Mayom and Pariang)

Reporting Line: CBM NTD Programme Coordinator

Closing Date: 16th August 2024

Who We Are

Christian Blind Mission (CBM) is an International NGO headquartered in Germany with a fully developed country office in South Sudan. Disability-inclusive development is the framework of all our initiatives and the key theme which drives our activities and the impact of our work.

Based on its core values and over 100 years of professional expertise, CBM addresses poverty both as a cause and as a consequence of disability and works in partnership with local and national civil society organisations to create an inclusive society for all.

Our work

CBM has been in South Sudan for over 20 years working in partnership with national and international NGOs, Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) and government to deliver programmes. The partnership is focused on delivery of inclusive eye health services, Including NTD's aimed at contributing to elimination of NTDs, community based inclusive development projects, Inclusive Humanitarian Assistance and Development interventions.

CBM in partnership with the Ministry of Health currently implementing Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign for the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Onchocerciasis, Lymphatic Filariasis and Trachoma in twenty-seven counties across in South Sudan.

Terms of reference for consultancy

CBM is looking for a consultant to carry out an Independent Coverage Survey (ICS) of the Mass Drug Administration against onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis and trachoma in South Sudan.

1. Purpose/ objectives

Independent coverage surveys (ICS), also commonly known as post-MDA coverage surveys (or Coverage Evaluation Survey- CES), are to be conducted after MDA implementation for the following purposes, ensuring ethical requirements are met:

- to validate reported coverage
- to determine why individuals did, or did not, take part in the MDA by ingesting the drug;
- to identify adverse and serious adverse events (SAEs);
- to capture information about the knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) of community members around NTDs
- to gather vital programmatic information on BCC/IEC, LNOB, Gender Equity Social Inclusion (GESI) and other aspects of programmatic implementation

2. Deliverables, methodology, timeframe and duration

The consultant will be required to submit the following deliverables at the end of the consultancy.

- File containing raw data set.
- File containing clean data set.
- SPSS or Stata Do File for both cleaning and Analysis syntaxes.
- Key results in Excel file.
- The final CES report.

Methodology:

- Acquire ethical clearance from the concerned department in the MoH
- Elaborating the survey protocol in collaboration with CBM and MoH.
- Training of surveyors on the protocol and use of equipment, including field test.
- Field testing of the protocol and review of the protocol if required.
- Effective data collection in the selected counties
- Analyzing the collected data
- Providing feedback and the draft report to CBM
- Submission of the final report within the time frame of the contract
- Presentation of the ICS findings during relevant NTD review meeting.

The timeframe/duration:

The expected timeframe of the consultancy is: 1st August – 30th September 2024. The Consultant will:

- Hold consultations with the CBM team and the NTD Director in Juba.
- Carry out the ICS training in the selected counties, starting with a 3-day theory training of surveyors followed by a 2-day test of the ICS training in the field.
- Analyze the collected data and provide the final report by September 30th, 2024

3. Place /location of service delivered.

The consultant will train the surveyors in a convenient location preferably in Juba and the training will include the field-testing of the tool.

Implementation of the ICS will take place in 7 counties (Yambio, Mvolo, Twic, Awerial, Kapoeta South, Mayom and Pariang), selected through the WHO recommended sampling method.

Payment modalities: The proposed terms of payment are as follows: 40% after signing of the contract, 40% after presentation of the final draft and 20% on receipt and approval of the final Coverage Evaluation survey report.

4. Consumers of the deliverables

The survey report will be delivered to CBM and the Directorate of PC-NTD (MoH) and thereafter to other stakeholders, such as ARISE, ENDFUND, WHO and other relevant partners.

5. Required Expert Profile

- Health Background, with a minimum of 10 years of relevant professional experience in data collection, monitoring and evaluation
- Knowledge of South Sudan health sector data systems, incl. NTD data
- Competency on capacity development for data collection and management
- Competency on applying statistical software, such as SPSS, STAT, MS Access and QGIS
- Ability to adequately analyse data and write a concise and informative report.
- Committed to work and meet the deadlines as agreed with CBM.
- Previous experience in conducting ICSs of NTD-related MDAs in South Sudan would be considered a key advantage.
- **The consultant must be eligible/authorized to work in South Sudan**

6. Expression of Interest

Applicants should submit an Expression of Interest, including organizational profile, technical and financial proposal, resume, professional references, evidence of similar assignment conducted in the past and detailed work plan.

The Expression of Interest should be sent by **August 16th, 2024** to info.southsudan@cbm.org citing the subject, “Independent Coverage Survey of Mass Drug Administration in South Sudan”.

All EOI should be sent electronically using the above email. Hard copies of the EOI will not be accepted/considered.

Academic institutions are particularly encouraged to express their interest.

Please note that CBM applies a zero-tolerance approach to sexual exploitation, abuse, mistreatment or harassment, and other types of unethical behaviour including fraud. CBM will

contact previous employers of applicants to determine if they have any history of violating international standards and codes of conduct relating to such matters.
