

**IntraHealth /USAID Advancing HIV & Aids Epidemic Control (AHEC)
Project
South Sudan-Juba**

**Vacancy Announcement for National Consultancy Services to conduct
assessment of HIV commodities supply Chain and last mile delivery capacity
in South Sudan.**

Job Title: International Consultant
Location: Juba Office & Travel within South Sudan
Contract Type: Consultancy
Reporting to: Sr Technical Manager, Prevention, Care and Treatment
No. Posts: 1 Position
Duration: Three Months
Application Deadline: July 31, 2021
Start Date: ASAP

Background

The USAID/South Sudan Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control (AHEC) Activity is implemented by IntraHealth International and its consortium partners to provide technical assistance and services to decrease morbidity and mortality among South Sudanese by increasing prevention, care, treatment, and retention services for at-risk men, women, children, and key populations; and to improve South Sudan's journey to self-reliance by strengthening the capacity of local partners to prepare them for the receipt of future prime funding. IntraHealth International was contracted to lead AHEC on November 23, 2020.

In June 2021, USAID South Sudan requested IntraHealth to revise its Year 1 workplan and budget to achieve two additional objectives in quarter four (Q4) of Year 1:

- 1) Support last mile delivery of commodities to hard-to-reach AHEC supported sites; and
- 2) Assess supply chain and last mile delivery (LMD) capacity in 17 selected PEPFAR supported facilities and key population sites in South Sudan.

The project will engage two consultants (One International consultant - and one national). The International consultant will lead the process and will be supported by the local consultant whose responsibility will be to collect relevant local information based on the country context.

Purpose of this consultancy

This consultancy is aimed to conduct a National Supply Chain Assessment in 17 PEPFAR supported sites to inform PEPFAR South Sudan investments to strengthen the national supply chain and last mile deliveries.

Objectives and Specific Tasks to be undertaken by the Consultants.

The primary objectives of this assessment are as follows:

- 1) Analyze overall operational capacity and performance in quantification and forecasting of HIV commodities and supplies.



- 2) Identify areas of opportunity for MOH planning and stakeholder coordination to inform the development of supply chain management plan to strengthen national supply chain management system and last mile delivery
- 3) Assess Health facilities inventory and stock card use for reporting HIV commodities and supplies.
- 4) Review current pharmaceutical management (supply chain) tools and how they are used in collection of consumption data and monthly data generation and reporting.
- 5) Assess the capacity of health facilities to collect and use data to drive improvements in supply chain management and prevent stock outs.
- 6) Assess the requirements and cost of customizing the District Health Information System (DHIS2) module for supply chain reporting.

Key Tasks:

The successful consultants will be responsible to.

- Conduct desk review of existing supply chain situation and capacity in South Sudan
- Adapt and develop (as need) assessment tools; pilot and validate the tools through a consultative process.
- Conduct consultative and planning meetings to discuss assessment tools developed including suggested methodology and field visit plan, support required such as administrative approvals, access to various policy documents, work plan, timelines, and deliverables.
- Adapt and develop (as needed) the methodology for the assessment and data collection tools using NSA 2.0 and other available SCM assessment tools.
- Develop interview schedule/questionnaire and field visit plan in consultation with IntraHealth country office.
- Work closely with the National Supply Chain Technical Working Group (headed by UNDP) to assess the national capacity for forecasting and supply planning, procurement, transportation, storage, and last mile delivery including documentation and record keeping practices.
- Assess the existing health supply chain systems for HIV commodities - document data flows at the national and facility level and assess systems for stock levels.
- Work closely with the National MOH Directorate of Research, Monitoring and Evaluation to assess the cost of integration of a supply chain module into the DHIS2.
- Suggest recommendations and develop a strategic roadmap for strengthening the supply chain and last mile delivery system in South Sudan.
- Write assessment report based on the interviews, desk reviews and other data collected.
- Conduct final dissemination meeting to share recommendations with key stakeholders.

Methodology

The National Supply Chain Assessment (NSCA 2.0) tool shall be used to assess the overall capability maturity and performance of national supply chain of HIV commodities. The consultants will use a combination of interviews, observation, and document review to collect data. The assessment will be undertaken at four levels including:

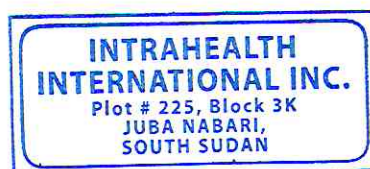
Government and Development partners: Respondents will be officials of Ministry of Health HIV and AIDS Department, USAID, CDC, DOD, and UNDP.

Warehouse Level: Respondents will be warehouse facility heads.

Health Facility Level: Respondents will be health facility in charges.

Implementing partners (IntraHealth, ICAP, RTI): Respondents will be supply chain focal persons.

Assessment sites and sample size The consultants will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the South Sudan supply chain system at the following levels: Central warehouse and service delivery which



includes 17 health facilities supported by PEPFAR implementing partners -USAID, DOD, and CDC. The facilities to be assessed are Tambura, Source Yubu, Kator, Munuki, Gurie, Nyakuron, Gumbo, POC supported by AHEC. Yambio PHCC, Yambio State hospital, Rumbek State Hospital, Torit State hospital, Nimule hospital, Juba Teaching hospital, Alshaba Children's hospital supported by ICAP. Juba Military hospital and Wau Military hospital supported by RTI. The key population sites that are linked to some of these facilities will be assessed as well.

Essential and Desirable Experience/Qualifications

Senior Consultant

- Advanced degree (PhD, MPH), in a health -related field or advanced academic or professional qualification in supply chain with specialized training or experience relating to pharmaceutical management required.
- At least 10 years demonstrated relevant experience in pharmaceutical management or health care systems development and strengthening in developing country context required.
- Relevant experience in public health and pharmaceutical management and systems strengthening strongly preferred, particularly those related to the implementation of USAID Global Health Supply Chain program or Global Fund related programs for HIV/AIDS, Malaria, TB prevention, care, and treatment programs in developing countries.
- Experience in using National Supply Chain Assessment (NSCA Toolkit 2.0)
- Experience in developing pharmaceutical management assessment tools and conducting pharmaceutical systems assessment in developing countries.
- Experience in undertaking drug supply and management assessment, with proven ability to produce standard level reports.
- Good knowledge and experience in identifying and analyzing sources of risk within the supply chain and ability to develop response to manage risks.
- Demonstrated managerial and organizational skills in a development country setting with flexibility to adapt to changing priorities and deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal skills; demonstrated ability to interact professionally with culturally diverse staff, clients, and consultants.
- Demonstrated strategic agility, diplomacy, conflict management, team building, written and oral communication, and negotiation skills.
- Willingness to travel to Juba, South Sudan.

National Consultant Qualifications

- Advanced degree in a health-related field or advanced academic or professional qualification in supply chain, with specialized training or experience relating to pharmaceutical management preferred.
- A Master's degree in supply chain or Pharmacy (or health related field) plus Eight years of additional relevant experience is accepted in lieu of an advance university degree.
- At least 6years demonstrated relevant experience in pharmaceutical management or health care systems development and strengthening in developing country context required
- Experience in using National Supply Chain Assessment (NSCA Toolkit 2.0)
- Relevant experience in a developing country procurement and supply management system.
- Excellent interpersonal skills: demonstrated ability to interact professionally with culturally diverse staff, clients, and consultants.



- Experience in developing pharmaceutical management assessment tools and conducting pharmaceutical systems assessment in developing countries.
- Demonstrated competence to assess priorities and manage a variety of activities in a time sensitive environment and meet deadlines with attention to detail and quality.
- Track record of strong commitment to sharing knowledge, documenting experiences, supporting creative initiatives.
- Excellent writing and presentation skills are essential.

Location and duration of Consultancy services

The consultants will be based at AHEC office in Juba and will travel to assess the service delivery health facilities in the States. It is expected that the consultancy will have duration of 60 days from the date of commencement and the exercise will have to be accomplished before September 30, 2021.

Deliverables and expected output.

Inception Report: to be submitted on the commencement of the assessment. It will highlight the Consultants workplan and budgets for the period of the assignment; highlight expected challenges and propose possible remedies. The Consultants may also propose any changes that would be required in the TOR.

Draft Final Assessment Report: To be submitted at least two weeks before the end of the assignment.

Adaptation of tools: Adapt or develop data collection tools using NSA 2.0 and other available SCM assessment tools according to country context.

Payment:

Payment will be made upon completion and delivery of the above deliverables.

Supporting documentation to be submitted

- Proposal outlining profile of the consultant, including:
 1. Proposed high level work plan for two weeks, outlining how the work will be completed.
 2. CV of the consultants detailing experience relevant to this assignment.
 3. Proposed methodology, including justification for procedures to be followed.
 4. Financial proposal, in USD, including all costs which will be associated with this consultancy.
 5. At least three references, where similar work was carried out.

Evaluation of Application

All applications will be evaluated based on the administrative, technical, and financial information provided in the submission.

Submission of Applications

Only qualified individuals or registered firms are invited to submit their applications.

Applications must be submitted online to AHECjobs@intrahealth.org latest by the July 31, 2021, before 17:00pm. However, due the urgency of this activity, applications will be reviewed as they are received the positions will be filled before the closing date.

Qualified South Sudanese Nationals are encouraged to APPLY.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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