EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA HEALTH COMMUNITY (ECSA-HC)

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Date: 03/10/2017

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL STUDY ON COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND HEALTH IMPACT OF INVESTING IN TB CONTROL PROGRAMMES IN LESOTHO, MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA: THE CBAHIT STUDY

1. The East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) is a diplomatic regional intergovernmental organization set in 1974 to foster cooperation that will lead to the strengthening of health programs in the region and promote attainment of the highest possible standards of health among member states. The member states of the ECSAHC are Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The ECSA-HC Secretariat is based in Arusha, Tanzania.

2. The ECSA-HC and NEPAD agency are coordinating a World Bank funded Southern Africa TB and Health Systems Support (SATBHSS) Project covering four Southern Africa countries of Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia.

3. The ECSA-HC has received financing from the World Bank towards the costs of the Southern Africa TB and Health Systems Support (SATBHSS) Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Consultancy Services to Conduct a Regional Study on Cost Benefit Analysis and Health Impact of Investing in TB Control Programmes in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia: The CBAHIT Study.

4. General Objectives of the assignment:

   The main purpose of this study is two-fold:
   (i) To conduct a cost-benefit analysis by analyzing the financial effects of investing in TB control, care and treatment in each of the four project countries and;
   ii) To conduct an assessment of health impacts of targeted interventions to strengthen TB management in the four project countries.
The specific objectives for each of the general objectives are as follows:

i) To conduct a cost-benefit analysis by analysing the financial effects of investing in TB Control, care and treatment in each of the four project countries:
   a) To document TB strategies being implemented in the four SATBHSS countries.
   b) To estimate the total and unit costs (medical, non-medical, and productivity losses) incurred by persons treated and untreated for all forms of TB (including MDR and XDR-TB), and occupational lung diseases;
   c) To estimate the magnitude and distribution of the economic burden of TB and occupational lung diseases in the four SATBHSS countries;
   d) To estimate the health benefits of the TB program interventions based on results from health facility and/or household surveys for each country under the SATBHSS;
   e) To estimate the economic benefits of TB control measured in terms of the value of statistical life (VSL) to reflect the gain in economic utility from the TB program interventions;
   f) To assess the fiscal sustainability by comparing forecasted expenditure on TB with projected funding for TB and occupational lung diseases in the four SATBHSS countries; and
   g) To document the costs and benefits of enforcing mine health regulations, and improved regional capacity to manage TB and occupational lung diseases in the four SATBHSS countries.

ii) To conduct an assessment of health impacts of targeted interventions to strengthen TB management in the four project countries.
   a) To determine the productivity losses associated with TB in the mines and non-mine industry.
   b) To assess the client satisfaction with TB services at facility level
   c) To evaluate the health impacts of targeted interventions to strengthen TB management in the four countries
   d) To document the number of legislative and policy reviews as a result of the SATBHSS interventions

5. The ECSA-HC invites Expression of Interests (EOI) from eligible, qualified and experienced consulting firms to be shortlisted for provision of consultancy Services to Conduct a Regional Study on Cost Benefit Analysis and Health Impact of Investing in TB Control Programmes in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia: The CBAHIT Study.

6. Selection will be conducted through the Consultant’s Qualification Selection (Firms) as per ECSA-HC procurement procedures and World Bank “Procurement Guidelines and Consultant Guidelines”.
7. Please note that this is NOT a request for Technical or Financial proposals. After review of expression of interest, the highest scored Firm among the shortlisted will be served the Request for Proposal (RFP) and provided with the specific Terms of Reference (ToR).

8. The following criteria will be used to assess the EOI:

(a) Consultant’s profile (Brief historical background, physical registered office and technical competence)

(b) At least 5-10 years proven experience in conducting multi-country studies of similar scope or a demonstrated practical experience of implementation of similar initiatives

(c) Availability of appropriate managerial and technical skills among staff

(d) Details of Assignments Performed
   1. Name and address of the client
   2. Value of the Assignment(s)
   3. Date of execution.
   4. Name of the lead and associate firms

(e) Experience in working with SADC region health systems and with international organizations to execute research studies

(f) Experience in preparing technical and policy reports, technical briefs and publications from analytical studies (please share a sample of these).

(g) Valid Legal status (Tax Clearance Certificate, Business License, Certificate of Incorporation, Registration Certificates from relevant professional boards, TIN and VAT certificates).

9. All applications should be in English and be sent to the following e-mails bidsandquotes@ecsa.or.tz addressed to the Director General.

10. The deadline for submission will be on 17th October 2017. Applications will be opened promptly thereafter at East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community Secretariat (ECSA-HC) Plot No. 157 Oloirien, Njiro Road, P.O Box 1009, Arusha-Tanzania.

11. You may seek for more information and clarifications directly from (ECSA-HC) Arusha. Director General, ECSA Health Community, Plot No. 157 Oloirien, Njiro Road, P.O Box 1009, Arusha-Tanzania; Or by E-mail to: The Project Coordinator: mmatu@ecsa.or.tz and copy procurement@ecsa.or.tz and pascalinack@ecsa.or.tz.