
**Africa Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development
(AUDA-NEPAD)**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS

**CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DESIGN, PILOTING
AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF REGIONAL HEALTH FINANCING HUBS IN FIVE AU-
REGIONS (Senior Health Systems expert)**

PROCUREMENT NUMBER: 102/AUDA/OCEO/DEVFUND/ICS/2021

1. INTRODUCTION

The Consultancy Work aims at supporting AUDA-NEPAD to continue with the design and operationalization of the Regional Health Financing Hubs (RHFH) in all five AU regions. This is in response to The Africa Leadership Meeting (ALM) on Investing in Health in February 2019 which adopted a declaration after reviewing the progress, challenges and next steps needed for increased domestic financing in Africa, and in February 2021 gave the mandate of working with partners to create RHFH to support Member States to increase domestic health financing to AUDA-NEPAD.

The ALM-Investing in Health Declaration among others calls for the following:

i) It affirms to increase domestic health financing as a critical milestone for sustainable health resourcing in Africa. This is to be achieved through the development of innovative health investment strategies, enhanced public financial management, and the leveraging of public-private partnerships; (ii) It underscores the importance of partnership building with multilateral, bilateral and the private sector to create RHFH. The RHFH are proposed to support relevant ministries, including finance and health, to catalyze, capture and scale innovations best practices and identify gaps; (iii) It pronounced the need for strong monitoring and evaluation systems to track progress in health financing in Member States and review the work of the RHFH. Fourth, it calls for the enhancement of existing efforts to increase domestic resource mobilization and promote national health insurance systems, and improved taxation; and (iv) The declaration requests Member States to actively support the upcoming replenishments of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Global Financing Facility (GFF) as an opportunity for transitioning to the domestic health financing mechanisms.

To this end, since February 2021, AUDA-NEPAD has made tremendous progress in the process of the design and conceptualization of the RHFH by working with AUC, Regional Economic Communities, Member States and Partners and this work continues, hence this consultancy.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The main objective of this assignment is to support the design and operationalization of the Regional Health Financing Hubs in all five AU regions.

3. DELIVERABLES

All deliverables, such as reports, plans and other information, should be submitted to the project manager for acceptance and/or approval, to reach the milestone planned and continue to the next project phase. The consultancy is expected to deliver the following deliverables and work products and share with the project manager, which will be submitted in suitable electronic format such as but not limited to html, pdf, and excel, word, etc.

- Final RHFH design and operational manual
- RHFH and Health Financing Tracker pilot concept note and operational plan
- Strategic Framework of potential traditional and innovative financing mechanisms to support health financing
- Report of final Health Financing Tracker indicators and protocol for piloting
- Report of health financing strategies/policies and tools at REC and Member States levels
- Progress report on the RHFH and diagnostic tools piloting
- Report of technical support provided for establishment and launch of RHFH in the two pilot RECs (SADC and EAC)

AUDA-NEPAD now invites eligible individual consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

4. QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

Qualifications and Skills

- a. A minimum of a Doctoral degree in Medicine, Masters degree in public health or epidemiology or any related field. A PhD would be an added advantage.
- b. Skills and expertise in Health systems strengthening; Health program/project planning, management, financing and institutional development; Policy analysis; Research (quantitative and qualitative); Private sector engagement in health; Health and development program/project monitoring and evaluation.

Experience

- a. At least 15 years of experience in health program planning, management, monitoring and evaluation, and research at local and international levels.
- b. Experience in health systems strengthening, private sector engagement, public-private partnership, health policy analysis, strategic planning, monitoring, evaluation and research
- c. Prior experience working with government and development partners, including local and international NGOs, bilateral and multilateral agencies
- d. Prior experience working with AUDA-NEPAD, AUC and related AUC organ is an advantage
- e. Work experience in different countries across Africa with multi-disciplinary teams on designing, conceptualization and operationalization of health financing platforms
- f. The Consultant will report to the Senior Advisor, AUDA-NEPAD Development Fund
- g. An initial meeting to debrief the consultant on the assignment will be conducted between AUDA-NEPAD and the Consultants
- h. Regular communication via virtual platforms, email and phone calls will be made where need arises for AUDA-NEPAD to follow up and provide guidance for the assignment

5. SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

For evaluation of the expressions of interest, the following criteria will be applied:

- i) Qualifications, Relevant Training and General Education (30 points);
- ii) Experience in the Specific Assignment as Described in the TORs (60 points); and
- iii) Knowledge of the Region & Local Conditions (10 points).

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method set out in the AU Procurement Manual.

6. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents for AUDA-NEPAD consideration:

- i. Cover letter confirming compliance to eligibility;
- ii. Signed declaration of undertaking (annex 1);and

iii. Curriculum Vitae (CV).

7. REPORTING AND TIME SCHEDULES:

- I. In undertaking this exercise, the consultant will be expected to frequently exchange and interact with the Senior Advisor, AUDA-NEPAD Development Fund

8. Only Individual Consultants are eligible for this assignment if they fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Have no conflict of interest in relationship to performance of this assignment;
- b) Are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by the World Bank or any other multilateral development bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr> or respectively on the relevant list of any other multilateral development bank. Further, are not ineligible pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council;
- c) Have not been convicted by a final judgement or a final administrative decision or subject to financial sanctions by the United Nations or Country for involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorist-related offences, child labour or trafficking in human beings; this criterion of exclusion is also applicable to legal Persons, whose majority of shares are held or factually controlled by natural or legal Persons which themselves are subject to such convictions or sanctions;
- d) Are not being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by courts, having entered receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation;
- e) they have not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to the AUDA-NEPAD financial interests;
- f) they have not been declared guilty of gross professional misconduct proven by any means which AUDA-NEPAD can justify;

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address listed below. All Expression of Interests should be sent electronically to email listed below.

9. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by email on or before **November 25, 2021 14:00 hours (South African Time)**. All EOI's must be marked **"102/AUDA/OCEO/DEVFUND/ICS/2021– CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DESIGN, PILOTING AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF REGIONAL HEALTH FINANCING HUBS IN FIVE AU-REGIONS (Senior Health Systems expert)"** in the subject line of the email.

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