

8 October 2019

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

for individual consultants and individual consultants assigned by consulting firms/institutions

Country:	Viet Nam
Description of the assignment:	Technical consultant to conduct research on desk review assessment of legal environment on health procurement and existing models of green procurement
Period of assignment/services (if applicable):	(October 2019 – December 2019)
Duty Station	Homebased
Tender reference:	A-190901

1. Submissions should be sent by email to: quach.thuy.ha@undp.org no later than:

Monday 14 October 2019

With subject line:

A-190901-National Consultant for desk review assessment of Health Procurement

Submission received after that date or submission not in conformity with the requirements specified this document will not be considered.

Note:

- Any individual employed by a company or institution who would like to submit an offer in response to this Procurement Notice must do so in their individual capacity, even if they expect their employers to sign a contract with UNDP.
- Maximum size per email is 30 MB.
- Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the address or e-mail indicated above. Procurement Unit UNDP Viet Nam will respond in writing or by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants.
- After submitting proposal, bidder should send notification by email (without attachment) to: procurement.vn@undp.org informing that the bidder has submitted proposal. UNDP will not

be responsible for the missing of proposal if the bidder does not send notification email to above address.

- Female consultants are encouraged to bid for this required service. Preference will be given to equally technically qualified female consultants.

2. Please find attached the relevant documents:

•	Terms of Reference (TOR)	(Annex I)
•	Individual Contract & General Conditions.	(Annex II)
•	Reimbursable Loan Agreement (for a consultant assigned by a firm)	(Annex III)
•	Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability	(Annex IV)
•	Financial Proposal	(Annex V)

3. Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information (in English, PDF Format) to demonstrate their qualifications:

a. Technical component:

- Signed Curriculum vitae
- Signed Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability
- Copy of 1-3 publications/writing samples on relevant subject.
- Reference contacts of past 4 clients for whom you have rendered preferably the similar service (including name, title, email, telephone number, address...)

b. Financial proposal (with your signature):

- The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount in <u>VND for national</u> <u>consultant</u> including consultancy fees and all associated costs i.e. airfares, travel cost, meal, accommodation, tax, insurance etc. see format of financial offer in Annex V.
- Please note that the cost of preparing a proposal and of negotiating a contract, including any related travel, is not reimbursable as a direct cost of the assignment.
- If quoted in other currency, prices shall be converted to the above currency at UN Exchange Rate at the submission deadline.

4. Evaluation

The technical component will be evaluated using the following criteria:

National Consultant

No.	Consultant's experiences/qualification related to the services			
1.	Postgraduate degree in health management or health procurement or relevant fields	200		
2.	At least ten (10) years of relevant work experience; especially in health management or health procurement policies or policies relating to medicine procurement in Viet Nam;	250		
3.	Very good experience and skills in facilitation or multi-stakeholder workshops and consultative processes;	300		
4.	Understanding of and experience in preparation of health procurement plan and policies will be an advantage;	150		
5.	5. Good knowledge and understanding of key stakeholders involving in health procurement in Viet Nam; with ability and experience to work with government officials.			
	Total	1,000		

A two-stage procedure is utilized in evaluating the submissions, with evaluation of the technical components being completed prior to any price proposals being opened and compared.

The price proposal will be opened only for submissions that passed the minimum technical score of 70% of the obtainable score of 1000 points in the evaluation of the technical component. The technical component is evaluated on the basis of its responsiveness to the Term of Reference (TOR). Maximum 1000 points will be given to the lowest offer and the other financial proposals will receive the points inversely proportional to their financial offers. i.e. $Sf = 1000 \times Fm / F$, in which Sf is the financial score, Fm is the lowest price and F the price of the submission under consideration.

The weight of technical points is 70% and financial points is 30%.

<u>Submission obtaining the highest weighted points (technical points + financial points) will be selected</u> subject to positive reference checks on the consultant's past performance.

Interview with the candidates may be held if deemed necessary.

5. Contract

"Lump-sum" Individual Contract will be applied for freelance consultant (Annex II)

"Lump-sum" RLA will be applied for consultant assigned by firm/institution/organization (Annex III)

Documents required before contract signing:

- Full medical examination and Statement of Fitness to work for consultants from and above 65 years of age and involve travel. (This is not a requirement for RLA contracts).
- Release letter in case the selected consultant is government official.

6. Payment

UNDP shall effect payments to the consultant (by bank transfer to the consultant's bank account provided in the vendor form upon acceptance by UNDP of the deliverables specified the TOR.

The payment milestones consist of:

Payments are based upon outputs, i.e. upon delivery of the products specified in the TOR.

If two currencies exist, UNDP exchange rate will be applied at the day UNDP instructs the bank to effect the payment.

7. Your proposals are received on the basis that you fully understand and accept these terms and conditions.

ANNEX I







TERMS OF REFERENCE

Position Title Technical consultant to conduct research on desk review

assessment of legal environment on health procurement and

existing models of green procurement.

Project Title: "Sustainable Health in Procurement Project (SHiPP)"

Implementation: Part-time National Consultant for 30 working days from October

to December 2019

Post Level: National Consultant

Location of Assignment Homebased

Languages Required: English and Vietnamese

Sustainable Health in Procurement Project (SHiPP): Reducing harm to people and the environment caused by the manufacture and disposal of medical products and by the implementation of health programmes.

1. General Background:

To promote compliance with environmental and social standards, the Sustainable Procurement in the Health sector initiative (SPHS) was officially established in May 2012 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The aim of the initiative is to promote sustainable procurement of health commodities and to contribute to greener health systems and inclusive green economies. This initiative is implemented by an Informal Interagency Task Team led by UNDP (which coordinates the secretariat) and has ten members—seven are UN Agencies (UNDP, UNEP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNOPS, WHO) and three are Multilateral Health Financing Institutions (GAVI, GFATM and UNITAID). Together, these ten SPHS members command a cumulative purchasing power in the global health sector of around USD \$5 billion annually, representing a sizeable portion of the global market in pharmaceuticals and other health products.¹

There are three main ways in which the health sector can negatively affect the health of people and the environment.

Patients, health care workers and the public around the world are exposed to environmental
and health risks during the implementation of health programs – for example through direct
exposure to biological or chemical agents, or health risks from improper health care waste
management and the burning of waste.

¹ SPHS website. https://savinglivesustainably.org/who-we-are.html accessed on 17 Jan. 2019.

- The production of medical products can impact on health and well-being—for example there is increasing concern about pharmaceuticals which accumulate in the environment.
- The health sector as a whole, is having an impact on global climate change and planetary health for example through emission of greenhouse gases.

Since 2018, UNDP with the financial support from the Swedish Government is implementing the SHiPP. In implementing this global project, UNDP partners with the Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), a US based international nongovernmental organisation (NGO) whose mission is to "transform health care worldwide so that it reduces its environmental footprint, becomes a community anchor for sustainability and a leader in the global movement for environmental health and justice". HCWH has over 20 years of experience in the sector supporting health systems to implement sustainability measures in policies, practices and procurement of products and services. HCWH's network of Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH) is made up of over 36,000 hospitals and health centres in 55 countries who have adopted a ten-goal sustainability framework.³

The SHiPP project is being implemented in 10 countries of Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Moldova, South Africa, Tanzania, Ukraine, Vietnam and Zambia. UNDP is responsible for programming in Argentina, Moldova, Tanzania, Ukraine, Vietnam and Zambia, while HCWH is responsible for programming in Brazil, China, India and South Africa: the emerging economies with extensive engagement in the HCWH GGHH community. HCWH is also working to scale-up the results in Southeast Asia and Latin America. Two of the countries, China and India supply 70% of the health products procured by UN Agencies. Vietnam also represents an important player in the health procurement capacity to the UN-system, with 19 different UN organizations procuring goods and services from the country in 2017. With 181 Vietnamese companies registered on UN Global Marketplace as potential suppliers for the UN, total 2017 procurement volumes from Vietnam amounted to 22.99 million USD. Health products and services were the second largest procurement category (14.4% of total procurement), amounting to 3.31 million USD. The highest health procurement volumes were in the following categories:

- Healthcare Services: 1.74 million USD
- Laboratory and Measuring and Observing and Testing Equipment: 1.04 million USD
- Pharmaceuticals incl. Contraceptives and Vaccines: 0.5 million USD
- Medical Equipment and Accessories and Supplies: 0.03 million USD

2017 procurement volumes confirm that UNDP remains a strategic development and procurement partner to Viet Nam, with the second highest UN procurement volumes of 5.24 million USD, followed by other SPHS Member Agencies: WHO 2.49 million USD, UNFPA 0.78 million USD, UNICEF 0.22 million USD, UNOPS 0.03 million USD.

UNDP and Health Care without Harm (HCWH) have identified procurement in the public health sector as well as private health systems as a key entry point for promoting more sustainable production and consumption patterns (SDG12). The role of procurement in influencing the environmental impact of health sector operations is well acknowledged and sustainable procurement practices have the capacity to reduce a significant proportion of the health sector's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

² HCWH website. https://noharm.org/ accessed on 17 Jan. 2019.

³ Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Agenda. https://www.greenhospitals.net/what-we-do/

Project Aim: To strengthen sustainability in the health sector in selected countries to ultimately reduce harm to people and the environment caused by the manufacture and disposal of medical products.

2. Objective of the assignment:

UNDP is seeking services of an experienced national consultant to conduct a desk review study on current legal environment on health procurement and existing models of health commodity green procurement. Findings of this research will be used to advocate for possible integration of sustainable/green procurement into the health sector procurement process.

3. Scope of works and task assignments

The scope of work assignment under this TOR include:

- 1. Desk review of existing policies and regulations of the Government on public procurement in general and relevant regulations of the health sector on medicine and health commodity procurement to find out challenges and opportunities for development of new legal framework and guidance on integrated sustainable procurement.
- Identification and documentation lessons learnt and best practices from existing practices of some health facilities in green procurement to inform possible policy development and for scaling up
- 3. Support UNDP and Ministry of Health in advocacy for improvement in health commodity sustainable/green procurement through sharing the research findings and recommendations and facilitating discussion in advocacy workshops/events.

Specific task assignments:

- 1. Desk review of current Policies and regulations: Under supervision of UNDP Viet Nam and in close collaboration with the Department of Planning and Finance of the Ministry of Health
 - Identify and collect current policies and regulations on public procurement that are being applied for health commodity and medicine procurement within the health sector.
 - Conduct desk analysis of collected policies and regulations to provide intellectual findings on how procurement activities within the health sectors are governed by available criteria of those regulations in the way of green and environment and health friendly.
 - Conduct necessary consultation with concerned stakeholders of the health sector on challenges and opportunities of making the procurement activities green/sustainable under current policies and regulations
 - Comparison of current practice in health procurement with requirement of green/sustainable procurement to analyze the gaps for improvement
 - Provide recommendations for policy revision/development for implementation of green procurement with criteria aiming at mitigation of medical plastic, POP, and Mercury waste.
- Identification and documentation lessons learnt and best practices from existing practices of some health facilities in green procurement to inform possible policy development and for scaling up:
 - Identify some champion health facilities that have been implementing practices in commodity procurement in the way of mitigating medical plastic and hazardous waste

- Conduct necessary consultation with managers and officials of the hospitals who are in charge of health commodity procurement on practices of green procurement that help reduce possible medical plastic waste, hazardous wastes.
- Collect relevant documents relating to green procurement practices including internal regulations, procurement plans, bid advertisement, bid evaluation criteria, etc
- Conduct desk analysis of consultation results and collected procurement documents to draw lessons learnt from these hospitals to provide recommendations for scale up.
- 3. Support UNDP and Ministry of Health in advocacy for improvement in health commodity sustainable/green procurement through sharing the research findings and recommendations and facilitating discussion in advocacy workshops/events
 - Develop policy brief paper of above-mentioned studies for advocacy purpose
 - When required, prepare presentation on findings and recommendations of the policy review study and lessons learnt of the green procurement model review to share in relevant workshops and events conducted by the SHiPP project.
 - Attend the SHiPP workshop/events to deliver presentations on findings and recommendations of the studies and facilitate discussions on possible solutions for improvement and scale up.
 - Provide advice to UNDP and DPF/MOH on relevant policy revision/development for promotion of green procurement within the health sector.

4. DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT, DUTY STATION AND EXPECTED PLACES OF TRAVEL

Duration and Timing: 30 working days during the period from 10th October 2019 to 31 December 2019

Duty Station: Homebased

5. FINAL PRODUCTS

- A combined final report on desk review of current policies and regulations on procurement of medicines and health commodities with findings and recommendations as described in the task assignments under the scope of work 1 and lessons learnt and best practices from existing practices of some health facilities in green procurement to inform possible policy development and for scaling up as described under scope of work
- Two policy briefs on "current policies and regulations on health procurement, challenges and opportunities for green procurement in mitigation of medical plastic and hazardous waste" and "Existing practices on medical plastic and hazardous waste mitigation in some health facilities, lessons learnt for scaling up"
- Power Point presentations of the two studies for sharing in relevant workshops

Deliverable	Content	Timing	Responsibilities
An Inception report	Consultant provides clarifications	25 October 2019	Consultant submits to
	on timing and method, including related annexes		UNDP CO

Draft reports	Draft reports shared with concerned partners for comments/clarification	25 November 2019	Consultant sends to CO, reviewed by UNDP CO, DPF, HEMA, and concerned partners
Finalized report	The reports finalized and confirmed by concerned partners who provided data, information, and research reports (max 35 pages not including annexes)	25 December 2019	Submits to UNDP CO
PPT, Policy brief and recommendations	Power point presentations and policy brief and recommendations prepared and submitted to UNDP together with final reports	25 December 2019	Submits to UNDP CO

6. PROVISION OF MONITORING AND PROGRESS CONTROL

- The consultant will work closely with and taking the guidance of the UNDP CO, including overall reporting to the Programme Officer in charge of the SHiPP project.
- The consultant will respond timely (within 24 hours, preferably) to technical requirements and other communications from the UNDP and DPF/MOH.
- The deliverables shall be submitted to the UNDP CO for review and approval. All deliverables are subject to technical clearance and approval from the UNDP Programme Officer and DPF/MOH.

7. DEGREE OF EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidates for the National Consultant shall have the following minimum qualifications and experience:

- Postgraduate degree in public health or health management, economics/finance and public procurement or relevant fields;
- At least ten (10) years of relevant work experience; especially in health management or health procurement policies or policies relating to medicine procurement in Viet Nam;
- Very good experience and skills in facilitation or multi-stakeholder workshops and consultative processes;
- Understanding of and experience in preparation of health procurement plan and policies will be an advantage;
- Good knowledge and understanding of key stakeholders involving in health procurement in Viet Nam; with ability and experience to work with government officials.

8. PROJECT SUPPORT AND REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Arrangement of meetings, interview and the workshop

- UNDP and DPF will provide all logistical and administrative support to the selected national consultant;

- The DPF/MOH will arrange all consultative meetings as needed and the workshop.

Documents: Copies of the following documents will be made accessible to the national consultant upon commencement of the assignments:

- The SHiPP project document.
- The SHiPP Annual Worplan 2019 for Viet Nam.
- Documents relating to sustainable procurement produced by the SHiPP project
- The Ministerial Directive for Medical Plastic Waste mitigation within the health sector
- The SHiPP project baseline report

9. REVIEW TIME REQUIRED AND PAYMENT TERM

Payment will be made as follows:

%	Milestone
20%	At submission and approval of inception report
40%	Following submission and approval of the 1ST draft of research reports and policy briefs
40%	Following submission and approval (UNDP-CO) of the final report and policy brief/recommendations, and power point presentations.

UNDP will provide feedback on submitted deliverables within 5 working days.

10. CONSULTANT PRESENCE REQUIRED ON DUTY STATION/UNDP PREMISES					
□ NONE	⊠ PARTIAL	□ INTERMITTENT	□ FULL-TIME		

EVALUATION CRITERIA WITH ASSIGNED SCORES

Consultant(s)' experiences/qualification related to the services			
1	Postgraduate degree in health management or health procurement or relevant fields	200	
2	At least ten (10) years of relevant work experience; especially in health management or health procurement policies or policies relating to medicine procurement in Viet Nam;		
3	Very good experience and skills in facilitation or multi-stakeholder workshops and consultative processes;	300	
4	150		
5	100		
Total		1000	

OFFEROR'S LETTER TO UNDP

CONFIRMING INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR (IC) ASSIGNMENT

Date ____

Un	ame of Resident Representative/Bureau Director) ited Nations Development Programme pecify complete office address)
De	ar Sir/Madam:
I he	ereby declare that:
A)	I have read, understood and hereby accept the Terms of Reference describing the duties and responsibilities of [indicate title of assignment] under the [state project title];
B)	I have also read, understood and hereby accept UNDP's General Conditions of Contract for the Services of the Individual Contractors;
C)	I hereby propose my services and I confirm my interest in performing the assignment through the submission of my CV which I have duly signed and attached hereto as Annex 1;
D)	In compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Reference, I hereby confirm that I am available for the entire duration of the assignment, and I shall perform the services in the manner described in my proposed approach/methodology which I have attached hereto as Annex 3 [delete this item if the TOR does not require submission of this document];
E)	I hereby propose to complete the services based on the following payment rate: [please check the box corresponding to the preferred option]:
	An all-inclusive daily fee of [state amount in words and in numbers indicating currency] A total lump sum of [state amount in words and in numbers, indicating exact currency], payable in the manner described in the Terms of Reference.
F)	For your evaluation, the breakdown of the abovementioned all-inclusive amount is attached hereto as Annex V ;
G)	I recognize that the payment of the abovementioned amounts due to me shall be based on my delivery of outputs within the timeframe specified in the TOR, which shall be subject to UNDP's review, acceptance and payment certification procedures;
H)	This offer shall remain valid for a total period of days [minimum of 90 days] after the submission deadline;

	Name Relationship Name of International Organization					
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,	P) Do you have any objections to our making enquiries of your present employer? YES NO					
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NB. You will be requested to supply documentary evidence which support the statements you have made above. Do not, however, send any documentary evidence until you have been asked to do so and, in any event, do not submit the original texts of references or testimonials unless they have been obtained for the sole use of UNDP.						
Annexes [please check all that applies]: CV shall include Education/Qualification, Processional Certification, Employment Records						
/Experience						
∐ Bre	Breakdown of Costs Supporting the Final All-Inclusive Price as per Template					

GUIDELINES FOR CV PREPARATION

WE REQUEST THAT YOU USE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST WHEN PREPARING Your CV:

Limit the CV to 3 or 4 pages

NAME (First, Middle Initial, Family Name)

Address:

City, Region/State, Province, Postal Code

Country:

Telephone, Facsimile and other numbers

Internet Address:

Sex, Date of Birth, Nationality, Other Citizenship, Marital Status

Company associated with (if applicable, include company name, contact person and phone number)

SUMMARY OF EXPERTISE

Field(s) of expertise (be as specific as possible)

Particular development competencies-thematic (e.g. Women in Development, NGOs, Privatization, Sustainable Development) or technical (e.g. project design/evaluation) Credentials/education/training, relevant to the expertise

LANGUAGES

Mother Tongue:

Indicate written and verbal proficiency of your English:

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Provide an overview of work history in reverse chronological order. Provide dates, your function/title, the area of work and the major accomplishments include honorarium/salary. References (name and contact email address) must be provided for each assignment undertaken by the consultant that UNDP may contact.

UN SYSTEM EXPERIENCE

If applicable, provide details of work done for the UN System including WB. Provide names and email address of UN staff who were your main contacts. Include honorarium/salary.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

List the degree(s) and major area of study. Indicate the date (in reverse chronological order) and the name of the institution where the degree was obtained.

PUBLICATIONS

Provide total number of Publications and list the titles of 5 major publications (if any)

MISCELLANEOUS

Indicate the minimum and maximum time you would be available for consultancies and any other factors, including impediments or restrictions that should be taken into account in connection with your work with this assignment.

Annex V

FINANCIAL OFFER

Having examined the Solicitation Documents, I, the undersigned, offer to provide all the services in the TOR for the sum of(VND for National Consultant)

This is a lump sum offer covering all associated costs for the required service (fee, meal, accommodation, travel, taxes etc).

Cost breakdown:

No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Rate	Total
1	Consultancy fee			
2	Out of pocket expenses			
2.1	Travel			
2.2	Per diem			
2.3	Full medical examination			
	and Statement of Fitness to			
	work for consultants from			
	and above 65 years of age			
	and involve travel –			
	(required before issuing			
	contract).			
2.5	Others (pls. specify)			
	TOTAL			

^{*} Individual Consultants/Contractors who are over 65 years of age with assignments that require travel and are required, <u>at their own cost</u>, to undergo a full medical examination including x-rays and obtaining medical clearance from <u>an UN-approved doctor</u> prior to taking up their assignment.

I undertake, if my proposal is accepted, to commence and complete delivery of all services specified in the contract within the time frame stipulated.

I agree to abide by this proposal for a period of 120 days from the submission deadline of the proposals.

Dated this day /month of year

Signature

(The costs should only cover the requirements identified in the Terms of Reference (TOR) Travel expenses are not required if the consultant will be working from home).