

# REQUEST FOR TENDER: GMS SUSTAINABILITY SUPPORT

#### **COMPANY PROFILE**

The Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance ("APLMA") unites 22 governments in Asia Pacific who have committed to eliminating malaria in the region by 2030. APLMA translates evidence to advocate for policy change at the highest levels of government and supports leadership collaboration across the region. By convening senior officials beyond health, evidence monitoring and reporting on progress and bottlenecks and facilitating cross-border collaboration, APLMA supports and provides governments and political leaders access to regional and national insights, as well as visibility on the game-changing approaches and tools they need to end malaria.

For more information, please go to: https://www.aplma.org/

### **BACKGROUND**

APLMA has worked over the past decade to build commitment for a malaria-free Asia Pacific among the highest levels of leaders in the region. APLMA occupies a unique role among organizations based in the region as an advocate for malaria as well as a broker and convener, able to engage at the highest levels of the political, diplomatic, and private spheres, working with leaders and decision-makers beyond traditional health actors.

Since 2010, the Asia Pacific region has made significant progress towards malaria elimination. The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), in particular, has made substantial progress with case numbers having reached historical lows in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam in 2022. With an anticipated decline in external donor funding for malaria, however, malaria programmes in the region will need to take proactive steps towards ensuring that necessary fundings levels can be maintained to see the country to elimination and beyond.

Building on Sustainability and Transitions Assessments completed in 2021 in Cambodia and Vietnam with support from the University of California, San Francisco, Malaria Elimination Initiative (UCSF MEI), APLMA has been working with the national malaria programmes since 2022 in both countries to support further sustainability planning and implementation efforts.

## **CALL FOR PROPOSAL**

In 2024, APLMA is seeking an implementing partner with a presence in both Cambodia and Vietnam to build on the momentum towards sustainability planning and implementation in the respective countries.

# **SCOPE OF WORK**

- 1) Support country planning and action to transition to fully country-financed and managed programmes
  - Support the development of a sustainability roadmap in Cambodia and Vietnam in coordination with relevant national and subnational stakeholders, including planning and facilitating workshops to discuss proposed actions among stakeholders, as well as producing outcome documents from the meetings.



- Support outreach to Senior Officials in Cambodia and Vietnam, including in the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance and other relevant ministries.
- Coordinate communication between APLMA and the national malaria programmes in Cambodia and Vietnam, as well as key malaria partners in both countries.
- 2) Strengthen domestic financing for malaria through subnational leadership and advocacy
  - Assess needs and support the design/refinement of a capacity building curriculum tailored to specific subnational conditions in Cambodia and Vietnam to strengthen domestic financing for malaria.
  - Support the delivery of the capacity building curriculum in selected provinces in close collaboration with the respective national malaria programmes.
- 3) Financial and administrative management
  - Ensure documentation and reporting requirements for deliverables, including regular reports to APLMA.
  - Provide administrative support, such as arrangements for field work in selected provinces/districts, including facilitating flight and travel arrangements as needed.
  - Financial control of expenditures versus budget, ensuring transparency and good forward planning.
  - Preparation of financial reports and acquittal of funds certified by external auditor.

The grantee will report to APLMA's Associate Director, Health Financing & Sustainability. The scope of work and list of activities are subject to revision over time as the programme needs develop. Changes will be effective only on mutual agreement between the Grantee and APLMA.

# **REQUIREMENTS**

- Demonstrated experience in supporting health financing, health system strengthening and/or malaria elimination and sustainability efforts in Cambodia and Vietnam.
- Existing senior-level relationships with the national malaria programmes, relevant government ministries as well as key malaria stakeholders in Cambodia and Vietnam.
- Preference for firms/organizations with a presence in both Cambodia and Vietnam.

# TENDER FORMAT

The Tender must be in English and the following must be included:

- Tenderer details
  - Legal entity and business name
  - Registered office address and principal place of business
  - Ability to receive foreign funds
  - Tenderer's contact who is authorised to represent and legally bind the Tenderer (name, address, email, phone)
- Service Proposal
  - Description of the organization
  - Details of team members who will work on this project
  - Narrative on capability and plan to deliver on the Scope of Work



- Description of any previous or current engagement with the Cambodian and Vietnamese government
- Description of previous or current work related to sustainable programming, health financing or budget advocacy work in Cambodia and Vietnam
- Evidence of knowledge, familiarity and engagement in malaria elimination efforts
  Cambodia and Vietnam
- Information on other unique selling points or additional services that would be valuable to the project
- Price proposal
  - Total price and detailed breakdown of expenses, in USD
    - Personnel (salaries and fringe benefits)
    - Travel and meetings (airfare, accommodation, meals, local transportation/fuel, meetings)
    - Consulting and professional fees, if any
    - Other direct costs (operation costs, laptop/equipment, others)

To apply, please send your proposal to <a href="mailto:admin@aplma.org">admin@aplma.org</a> by 26 February 2024 with "GMS SUSTAINABILITY SUPPORT" in the subject of the email. If applying as an organisation, please send a credentials document highlighting relevant past projects, cover letter, and an itemized quotation. We thank you for your interest and regret to inform that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

APLMA is an equal-opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment regardless of race, colour, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, genetics, disability or age.