



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Call for Consultant - Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Expert

Period: October 2022 to March 2023 (Six Months)

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, monitoring and reporting on progress and bottlenecks and facilitating cross-border collaboration, APLMA, in collaboration with APMEN, empowers tangible elimination progress across the region with a heavy focus on high malaria burden countries. The Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) and Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network (APMEN) are partners working towards the elimination of malaria in Asia Pacific by 2030.

Progress against malaria is one of this century’s greatest public health successes. Over the past ten years, the countries of the Asia Pacific region have reduced cases of malaria by more than half, putting them on a positive course towards the 2030 goal. But over two billion people in the region remain at risk. In some areas, malaria is staging a comeback aided now by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is diverting attention and resources. It is imperative that these threats get urgent attention and that the region’s gains are not wasted.

APLMA and APMEN are working together to generate evidence, build capacity and raise the awareness and commitment of our stakeholders to ensure the region’s progress towards eliminating malaria by 2030 remains on track. For more information go to: <https://www.aplma.org/> and <https://www.apmen.org/>.

ROLE

Gender-related social and cultural norms continue to impact exposure to malaria and access to malaria prevention and treatment services. Gender and disability barriers to career development have also led to the underrepresentation of at-risk population in decision-making within organizations in the malaria network, which in turn impacts the policy agenda. APLMA-APMEN occupies a unique role among organizations based in the region as an advocate for inclusive malaria policies, being able to engage at the highest levels of the political, diplomatic, and private spheres, working with leaders and decision-makers. APLMA-APMEN is committed to becoming a trusted resource for countries in the region to inform gender and disability sensitive and socially inclusive strategies.

APLMA-APMEN is developing a Gender Equality, Disability & Social Inclusion (GEDSI) strategy that provides a framework to support the development of more inclusive strategies towards malaria elimination. APLMA-APMEN aims to bring greater integration of GEDSI principles into all aspects of malaria elimination efforts across the Asia Pacific region. APLMA-APMEN plans to conduct baseline research and develop capacity strengthening materials for malaria partners and provide technical assistance to governments seeking to incorporate GEDSI principles into updated national strategic plans or operational guidelines.

RESPONSIBILITIES

APLMA-APMEN is seeking an expert to support and strengthen the implementation of the APLMA-APMEN GEDSI strategy, flexible over a six-month period, with the possibility of extension.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Provide strategic guidance and technical assistance to support the development of APLMA-APMEN GEDSI strategy.



- Support APLMA-APMEN to facilitate policy dialogues at high level meetings
- Produce policy outputs (guide/checklist) to inform evidence-based policy and decision-making processes and practices for malaria programs.
- Support capacity development and institutional strengthening of APLMA-APMEN Secretariat and national partners and government counterparts; including facilitating the delivery of various capacity development activities and events (i.e., advocacy events and workshop).
- Support the development of GEDSI-responsive communications and knowledge products, and public outreach and campaigns through online and offline platforms.

DELIVERABLES

- Review and finalise APLMA-APMEN GEDSI strategy
- Facilitate policy dialogue at a December 2022 regional malaria meeting to identify priority at-risk communities in the Asia Pacific region and their needs.
- Draft a GEDSI checklist for national malaria programs and civil society partners
- Co-create a GEDSI media output (op-ed/blog) to be published alongside the World Malaria Report launch at the end of 2022.

REQUIREMENTS

- A university degree in public health, public policy, health economics, health management or a related field
- At least 8 years working on GEDSI issues in health with various organisations including civil society organisations, government, international organisations/donors at international, national, and sub-national levels
- Demonstrated strong interpersonal, communications and advocacy skills with ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with government and CSOs partners, and other key stakeholders
- Significant experience in capacity development, institutional strengthening, and multi-stakeholder consultation and engagement, with excellent facilitation and training skills
- Excellent written and presentation skills in English
- Preference for candidates based in the Asia Pacific region
- Work will largely be remote, however some international travel may be required

To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, two professional references, and the expected daily rates to admin@aplma.org by **27th September 2022**. Please include “GEDSI expert” in the subject of the email. We thank you for your application 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, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, genetics, disability or age.