TERMS OF REFERENCE

Call for Consultant – Malaria Budget Advocacy in Indonesia

Period: Six months, with possibility of extension

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 in Asia Pacific 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

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 sustained financing, 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. This mandate places APLMA in a critical position to support countries in their efforts to strengthen domestic financing for malaria.

In partnership with the Malaria Elimination Initiative (MEI) at the University of California, San Francisco, APLMA is working with national malaria programs, country stakeholders, and external financing agencies in Cambodia and Vietnam to strengthen domestic financing for malaria through subnational leadership and advocacy and will be commencing similar efforts in Indonesia. This work builds on the MEI’s Sustainability Model with complementary approaches to malaria donor transitions and malaria budget advocacy (MBA).

RESPONSIBILITIES

APLMA is seeking an Indonesia-based consultant or organisation to support the development of a situational analysis and malaria budget advocacy strategy in Indonesia over a six-month period, with the possibility of extension. Key responsibilities will include:

1. Facilitate communication between the Malaria Sub Directorate, Indonesia and APLMA
2. Conduct desk review of key budgetary, administrative, regulatory, and legislative documents and reports from the Government of Indonesia and implementing/technical partners, to generate a landscape of needed vs. available domestic financing for malaria, domestic financing channels and financing flows for health, budgeting trends, relevant domestic financing policies (especially related to decentralization and UHC), and malaria program expenditure tracking
3. Conduct key informant interviews of relevant stakeholders from the Ministries of Health and Finance, donors, and implementing/technical partners, at national and sub-national levels, to understand perspectives and priorities related to the sustainability of domestic financing for malaria and opportunities for advocacy, as well as to document budgeting systems and practices.

4. In accordance with the findings generated from activities 2 and 3, identify key opportunities for intervention to strengthen domestic financing and build capacity in managing, requesting, and defending robust budgets, particularly at sub-national (provincial, district) levels, as well as partners best positioned to support implementation.

5. Develop and validate a Theory of Change and malaria budget advocacy strategy reflecting country stakeholders’ priorities.

6. Engage with key stakeholders in Indonesia including representatives of the Malaria Sub Directorate; ministries of health, finance and foreign affairs; the Global Fund; and the World Health Organization (WHO) to socialize and build support for the need for MBA approaches/interventions for Indonesia to sustain its elimination program in the future.

7. Convene, co-facilitate, and provide logistical and administrative support to plan and execute a multi-stakeholder workshop to secure consensus on the MBA objectives and strategy.

8. Provide strategic guidance to APLMA on recommendations to advance MBA work in Indonesia, including advice on securing buy-in from the Malaria Sub Directorate for continuation of this approach beyond mid-2023.

DELIVERABLES

1. Developing a situational analysis of the malaria funding landscape in Indonesia.
2. Developing and validating a Theory of Change and MBA strategy.
3. Convening and co-facilitating a multi-stakeholder workshop to develop or validate the MBA strategy with the Malaria Sub Directorate, Indonesia.

REQUIREMENTS

- A university degree in public health, health economics, health management or a related field.
- At least 10 years of professional experience in a government or development institution.
- Existing senior-level relationships with key government stakeholders in Indonesia.
- Demonstrated strong interpersonal, communications and advocacy skills with ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with government, CSOs, 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 and Indonesian.
- Preference for candidates already based in Indonesia.

To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, two professional references, and expected daily rate to admin@aplma.org by 25 January 2022 with “Indonesia MBA Consultant” in the subject of the email. If applying as an organisation, please send a credentials document highlighting relevant past projects, cover letter, and expected daily rate. 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.