

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Open tender for Implementing Partner for Malaria Assessment in Papua New Guinea

Summary

Description	Open tender for Implementing Partner for Malaria Assessment in Papua New Guinea
Release date	30 November 2020
Deadline for submission of questions	5 Feb 2021 (*)
Closing date for submission tender	10 Feb 2021 (*)
Offer period	Offers to remain open for acceptance by APLMA for three months after submission
Lodgment of Tender	Email to admin@aplma.org Please send documents as a PDF file

(*) *Extended dates*

Background

The Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) is an alliance of Asian and Pacific heads of government formed to accelerate progress against malaria and to eliminate it in the region by 2030 or sooner. The Alliance was formed at the 2013 East Asia Summit (EAS) in Brunei in response to leaders' concerns about the rising risk of malaria resurgence, in particular due to increasing drug resistant malaria in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.

APLMA is a distinctive platform for collective regional leadership for malaria elimination and health security. Following endorsement of the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Elimination Roadmap by 18 Heads of Government at the 2015 EAS in Malaysia, APLMA will work to increase resources available for elimination, support leaders and senior officials in creating an enabling policy environment for elimination, and track progress against an agreed Dashboard.

APLMA works with and through national and international authorities to progress elimination. Specifically, to ensure leaders and their senior officials are informed of progress, of key enablers for success, and of risks to progress. APLMA works to assist in translating the collective will of the region's leaders into coordinated action by relevant authorities. These are structured around the 6 Roadmap Priorities and articulated in the APLMA Secretariat Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

In implementing these priorities, APLMA:

- Collaborates with partner organizations to progress the elimination agenda and to prioritize issues for leaders' attention;

- Conducts and commissions research to build the evidence base for effective interventions and to develop policy options;
- Convenes multi-agency Task Forces to scrutinize, interpret and determine the implications of evidence;
- Tracks progress against an agreed Dashboard; and
- Advocates for the policy priorities established by EAS leaders, the World Health Organisation and Task Forces.

APLMA recognizes and complements country efforts led by national governments, as supported by the World Health Organization. It also acknowledges the large number of existing organizations working to reduce and eliminate malaria. APLMA facilitates high-level engagement on the building blocks for malaria elimination, including research, policy and program coordination, regulatory collaboration, finance and governance.

Purpose and Objective

APLMA wishes to engage an organization to undertake an assessment of the malaria situation in Papua New Guinea. In partnership with and in service of the National Department of Health, Papua New Guinea, APLMA/APMEN seeks to catalyze a large scale demonstration project to enable progress on malaria elimination an intensive focus on District Level Control efforts (with a view to informing Elimination strategies) in 1-2 high burden Provinces and by robust sharing of evidence at the National level across Ministries (Finance, Health, Foreign Affairs) that will accelerate progress in PNG in the long term.

Milne Bay Province has been identified as a potential site and authorities including the CEO of Provincial Health in Milne Bay has agreed to collaborate with APLMA/APMEN. The organisation will work with the National Department of Health to ensure that the assessment and longer term vision of informing a large scale demonstration project can be realized. It is also hoped that this assessment can inform the GFATM, ADB (MEMTI), DFAT and others to mobilize resources for malaria elimination in high burden geographies.

The contract period is for 6 months from February 2021 to June/July 2021.

Scope of Work: Malaria assessment in Papua New Guinea

1. **Project Goals:** Implementation of an assessment of surveillance, case management, vector control, management/organizational, and financing gaps in Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea to identify priority gaps to effective malaria control and elimination, inform donor proposals for systems strengthening, and build partnerships for enhanced future programs.

In partnership with the National Department of Health, the Provincial Health Authority of Milne Bay, and APLMA-APMEN, AWARDDEE will be responsible for applying its methods for malaria system evaluations to Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea to:

- Describe the historical and current epidemiological situation
- Map data availability (including availability of sex disaggregated data for malaria), use, and flows

for malaria case management, intervention coverage, supply chain, and related information systems

- Evaluate the comprehensiveness and quality of the surveillance system and identify priority gaps for improvement
- Describe the organization and management structures of the governmental malaria program, and identify priority gaps for improvement
- Describe and provide examples of targeted strategies to improve malaria control among vulnerable populations (e.g., women, pregnant women, children, migrant workers) and the role of civil society organisations in malaria control and elimination among these groups.
- Assess the effective coverage of malaria case management (i.e., the fraction of people sick with malaria who will be cured) as a function of health care accessibility, affordability, and quality, including mapping populations with insufficient access to high quality care and identifying priority gaps for intervention
- Evaluate current vector control tool selection, distribution, and effective coverage, making prioritized recommendations for areas of improvement based on available data on tool effectiveness, insecticide resistance, and community behaviors and use
- As part of the assessment include a health systems level diagnosis to explore where they may be opportunities to leverage broader health systems improvements through malaria interventions
- Apply understanding of sub-National/Provincial/District Health Systems in PNG to link malaria recommendations to other health priorities in the Province
- Devise a costed plan and set of recommendations for near term enhancements of malaria programming and health systems improvements in Milne Bay

These activities will be completed based on (1) desk review of relevant prior reports, publications, and budgets, (2) AWARDDEE interviews of stakeholders related to various aspects of the malaria program, (3) analysis of malaria information system data, and (4) AWARDDEE novel data collection (as needed), collation, and analysis. The work will be conducted from January to June 2021 with the intent of informing design of a program of support to the Milne Bay government in Q3 2021.

2. Key deliverables:

Under this Agreement and with the support of APLMA/APMEN, AWARDDEE will complete the following deliverables:

- Protocol to be employed for the assessment and any needed interview or data collection tools
- Assessment of (1) the malaria surveillance system, (2) malaria case management, (3) vector control, and (4) organization and management in Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea
- Prioritized recommendations and an associated costed plan for program strengthening activities
- Draft publication co-authored by the Milne Bay government describing key findings from the assessment and priority steps for program improvement

Note that the implementation & delivery timeline are subject to change based on discussion and preliminary assessment.

Tender format

The Tender must be written in English and be not more than 20 pages long. The following must be included:

- A. Tenderer details
 - 1. Legal entity and business name
 - 2. Registered office address and principal place of business
 - 3. Tenderer's contact who is authorised to represent and legally bind the Tenderer (name, address, email, phone)
- B. Service Proposal
 - 1. Description of the organization
 - 2. Narrative on capability to deliver on the scope of work
 - 3. Information on relevant previous experience
 - 4. Information on other unique selling points or additional services that would be valuable to the project.
- C. Price proposal
 - 1. Total price and breakdown of expenses

Evaluation criteria

Item	Criteria	Weightage
Service Proposal	Implementing capability	70%
Price Proposal	Value for money	30%

Awarding of tender

Awarding of tender: 12 February 2021 or as advised

Where no qualified submission is received, APLMA reserves the right to reopen or revise the tender.

Contact

You may send questions and other queries to admin@aplma.org

Appendix

See below for additional guidance on the Tender in response to queries received to date

Responses to ‘Frequently Asked Queries’

1. Disclosure of current work

Applicants should disclose any current paid contracted work they have with the National Department of Health or other Government Branches in PNG.

2. Continuation of project

Engagements in additional Provinces will not be considered at this time but may be at later juncture considered based on availability of funding and support from Provincial and National Authorities.

3. Official endorsement will be necessary

APLMA has an ongoing dialogue with the National Malaria Program, Provincial Authorities, and other senior officials at the National Department of Health in PNG. No initiative will be undertaken without the express endorsement for collaboration from NDOH, Provincial Partners and other key Government Stakeholders.

4. Criteria for evaluation

All proposals will be reviewed in terms of in country experience of organizations, commitment to building local capacity, technical ability of conducting the assessment based on prior work in infectious diseases and health systems, and financial feasibility.

5. About APLMA

As a Leaders Alliance of 21 Heads of Government across Asia-Pacific, APLMA works to support the governments including Papua New Guinea in achieving key progress towards the goal of malaria elimination.