

CALL FOR CVS

HEALTH TRACKING CAPACITIES STRENGTHENING TECHNICAL EXPERT LONG-TERM

Project title : Georgia Water and Health

Sector: Health / Public Health policy / Sustainable development

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Country : Georgia (Tbilissi) and home-based work ; regional mission(s) may occur

Duration : 95 working days spread over 30 months

A. Expertise France

Expertise France is the public agency responsible for designing and implementing international technical cooperation projects. The agency works in four priority areas:

- Democratic, economic and financial governance
- Peace, stability and security
- Climate, agriculture and sustainable development
- Health and human development.

In these areas, Expertise France engineers and implements capacity-building projects, mobilises technical expertise and acts as a project coordinator, bringing together public expertise and private know-how.

B. Context :

1. Project general presentation

The present Project "Georgia Water and Health" aims at improving the water quality in Georgia while addressing relevant environmental health issues. Improved monitoring data will be achieved by extending the monitoring network, monitoring capacities and improved data management as well as by strengthening the health and environment sector capacities to approximate EU legislation. Activities regarding the EU Water Framework Directive, the Drinking Water Directive, Bathing Water Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and others will help increase the extent and improve the quality of monitoring data and the accessibility to information to support water policy. At the same time, the actions in gender equality and social inclusion will provide better access to better quality water and public health. Development of environmental public health tracking capacities on the example of lead contamination will address vulnerable groups and national programmes for lead containing substances will ensure safety for human health and environment.

The action will be focussing on reinforcing the overall capacity to monitor, analyse and regulate water quality and quantity in Georgia. The action should also include a component aimed at reinforcing the capacity of the healthcare system to tackle environmental health issues, in particular lead pollution. The overall objective is to improve Georgia's water quality and protect its water re-sources in order to better protect the health of citizens. Consequently, this breaks down into to specific objectives:

- **SO1 – Better capacity to monitor, analyse and regulate water quality and quantity**

Output 1.7. - Development of environmental public health tracking capacities, which could include surveillance of lead poisoning/lead biomonitoring, waterborne diseases and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) in child care, education and medical facilities

- **SO2 – Efficiency of the healthcare system reinforced in tackling environmental health issues:**

The present consultation takes place in order to support the realisation of the sub-objective 1 – Output 1.7 and its related activities.

2. Project organisation and team

UBA (Umweltbundesamt) and Expertise France (EF) are partnering up to implement the project Georgia Water and Health, while the International Office for Water (OiEau) will participate in the project as grant beneficiary. UBA acts as the lead organisation, in partnership with Expertise France which is delivering the grant to the International Office for water.

The project team is composed of a Project Team Leader located in UBA headquarters, projects officers located in Expertise France and OiEau headquarters and a project coordinator and a project assistant located in Tbilisi.

UBA and OiEau will conduct activities related to water with their in-house experts and external expertise, while Expertise France will be responsible mainly for health related activities.

The present Terms of Reference are published in this context.

C. Mission description :

We are seeking a dedicated individual to serve as a Consultant to support the develop the environmental public health tracking capacities of Georgia. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing expertise and guidance in coordinating actors involved in health tracking, specifically surveillance of lead poisoning/lead biomonitoring, waterborne diseases and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) in child care, education and medical facilities.

This position seeks to identify a qualified environmental public health expert to support the process of developing national programs for the management of lead-containing substances in Georgia. The successful candidate will be responsible for coordinating the activities described in the terms of reference, ensuring that the expected deliverables are produced on time and in accordance with established quality standards.

The expert will work in coordination with Expertise France Project officer based in Paris, France and the local project coordinator based in Tbilissi, Georgia.

He/she will identify (i) the relevant stakeholders involved in health tracking in Georgia at their level (local, regional, national) and their current organisation (in coordination with the National Center for Diseases Control and the National Food Agency), (ii) their needs and support them in developing a plan setting up/formalising a comprehensive health tracking system.

He/she will undertake the following tasks:

- **Conduct an analysis of the situation & collect of the interventions already implemented, support the leaders (MoH/NCDC – National Center for Disease Control; MEPA/NFA – National Food Agency), mobilise the community of work and, collect and validate the expressions of needs**
 - Conduct the initial Situation Assessment: conduct a comprehensive analysis of the current environmental public health tracking system in the country including the prevalence of lead poisoning, waterborne diseases, and the state of WASH facilities in childcare, education, and medical facilities. Collect baseline data to understand the existing challenges and establish a mapping of the existing data collection and monitoring circuits: Mapping of the laboratories for lead biomonitoring, of existing waterborne diseases surveillance network, and existing a checklist and rating system regarding the inspections of WASH facilities
 - Support stakeholder in Engagement Workshops: support the organisation of a workshop and roundtable discussions led by the MoH/NCDC and MEPA/NFA, in coordination with EF project officer, involving the stakeholders to gather insights and feedback regarding the current actions implemented and the other actions needed.
 - Produce a draft “Expression of needs” to be validated by the leaders (MoH/NCDC and MEPA/NFA)
- ⇒ **Deliverable: Expression of needs report validated by NCDC and NFA including a mapping of the actors involved and a diagnosis of the initial situation**

- **Support the co-production of response to the needs/ action plan** co-produced by the actors with governance led by NCDC and NFA: based on the expression of needs, support the design of a set of actions by the actors, under the steering of MoH/NCDC and MEPA/NFA, facilitate the commitment of all stakeholders and other ministries (Education - Environmental Health Department, Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Economy...)
- Support the organisation of Stakeholder Workshops to co-produce action-plan setting up an efficient health tracking system: support the project team in organising workshops and roundtable discussions led by the NCDC and NFA, involving the stakeholders to share the local practices and drafting an action plan that could include awareness and communication activities to reach out to the general public on WASH and health topics. These workshops should take place in Tbilisi and decentralised in a region concentrating stakeholders identified in the mapping.
- Support the stakeholders in identifying clear objectives, defining roles and responsibilities, indicators , timelines and identifying budget when relevant, as well as establishing a governance structure that involves all relevant stakeholders, ensure proper connection between Environmental health and WASH issues.
- Define a matrix to monitor the Plan implementation
- Coordinate with the Gender and social inclusion experts involved in the project to ensure gender and social inclusion sensitivity of the plan, including gender sensitive indicators and gender budgeting

- Support the leaders into final approval of the National Action Plan by the steering committee of the project and commitment of all stakeholders and other ministries (Education, Environment, Regional Development and Infrastructure...)

⇒ **Deliverables: Draft action plan on setting up/formalising a comprehensive health tracking system**

- **Support implementation of Action Plan with governance oversight; Provide follow-up & monitoring during the implementation**

- Action Implementation: Provide remote support throughout the implementation phase of the Poisoning Action Plan led by MoH/NCDC and MEPA/NFA
- Ongoing Monitoring: Regularly assess progress using key indicators, identify bottlenecks in budget, technical performance, or administrative performance, and support the stakeholders in addressing these issues collaboratively. A dashboard will be designed to track progress, facilitate real-time monitoring, and support decision-making.
- Sharing best Practices in Georgia: conduct a mission in Georgia to reinforcement and routine implementation of advanced Public Health Lead Poisoning Actions.
 - Capacity Building Training of the lead institutions (MoH/NCDC and MEPA/NFA): in advanced public health tracking systems. These training sessions should focus on data collection, analysis, reporting, and best practices in WaSH and lead poisoning prevention and local dissemination of good practices.
 - Capacity Building Training in the community of work: Provide with NCDC and NFA trained staff training programs for local actors (local dissemination of good practices): child care, education, and medical facilities staff (health promotion and education in health, site manager...), local health care, laboratories... to enhance their under-standing of environmental public health tracking and risks management.
- Coordination of the stakeholders throughout the activities implementation to build a community of practice: Conduct a series of meetings led by NCDC and NFA, supported by experts and the project team, with the identified stakeholders to create a common habitus of work around the tracking system.

⇒ **Deliverables: Capacity building trainings programmes, Plan's progress report**

- **Evaluation, reinforcement, routine implementation and valorisation of the tracking system.**

- Evaluation: Conduct an evaluation of the tracking system, measuring its actions, outputs, outcomes, and anticipated impacts on environmental public health tracking capacities. Propose adjustments 15 months after the implementation of the action plan.
- Knowledge Sharing: Produce a leaflet presenting the results and lessons learned with the stakeholders through the Steering Committee, EU partners, and relevant international organizations to contribute to the global knowledge base on public health tracking

⇒ **Deliverables: Evaluation report, Capitalisation document and dissemination strategy**

Tentative Expected Deliverables Timeline:

List of deliverables	Timeline
Mission report including an Expression of needs report validated by NCDC and NFA including a mapping of the actors involved and a diagnosis of the initial situation	After 4 months
Mission report including Draft action plan on setting up/formalising a comprehensive health tracking system	After 8 months
Capacity building trainings programmes	After 10 months
Mission report including report on capacity building sessions and questionnaire following knowledge improvement before/after training	After 12 months

Plan's progress report following on-line support sessions	After 18 months
Mission report including Evaluation report of the first year of plan implementation	After 28 months
Capitalisation document and dissemination strategy	After 28 months

1. Profile required

1. Skills and abilities

- University degree in the field of public health or environmental health.
- Proven expertise in monitoring lead poisoning, waterborne diseases and hygiene in childcare, education and medical care settings and sensitivity to related gender and social inclusion issues.
- In-depth knowledge of national and international public health and hygiene standards.
- Ability to work effectively with diverse stakeholders, including local governments, international organizations and civil society.
- Data analysis and report writing skills.
- Capacity to manage its own tasks, including planning, coordinating and monitoring activities.
- Ability to work independently while being an effective member of a multidisciplinary team.
- Proficiency in English, with good writing skills. Proficiency in Georgian is an asset.
- Demonstrated ability to mobilize and effectively engage stakeholders, including ministries, healthcare facilities, laboratories, and local actors.
- Excellent communication and workshop facilitation skills, with the ability to facilitate discussions among diverse stakeholders.
- Ability to develop national action plans and define monitoring matrices to track their implementation.
- Ability to travel nationally and internationally as required by the project.

2. Professional experiences

- Significant experience (at least 5 years) in the design and implementation of environmental public health programs/diagnosis.
- Participation in situation analysis processes and collection of interventions already implemented.
- Implementation of capacity building programs in the field of public health.
- Practical experience in stakeholder engagement and coordination of public health programs.
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2. Conditions and application

1. Conditions

- Start : 4th quarter of 2024
- Type of contract : individual expertise contract
- Expected level of effort : 95 working-days spread over 30 months

2. Application

- Resume highlighting the skills and experiences related to the above required profile, with relevant references
- The filled-out application form

Deadline for submission : 25/08/2024 23:59 (Paris time)

3. Selection

Expertise France will draw up a **shortlist** of among the received candidatures, according to the criteria set out in the section "profile required".

The shortlisted experts will be consulted through an online meeting.

At this occasion their rate-per day might be asked.

After the online meeting, the foreseen candidate(s) may be requested to produce a note displaying your understanding of the mission (5 pages max):

- A roadmap detailing how the above described activities could be implemented : added value- from the expert is expected through adaptation of the activities/deliverables/timeline by what the expert deems to be relevant.
- a basic tentative schedule for the implementation of the above described tasks, with the related deliverables and appropriate milestone completing the one displayed above including on-site missions