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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

CISP SOMALIA PROGRAM

Position: Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Consultant

Organization: International Committee for the Development of People (CISP)

Closing date: 20 November 2011

Location: Nairobi/Somalia

Background:

Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli – CISP (International Committee for the Development of the People) is a Non-governmental organization established in Rome in 1983, to engage against the impact of poverty and denied rights worldwide. CISP has been active in over 30 countries worldwide: in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, the Middle East and Europe. The Head Office is located in Rome, with regional offices throughout Italy and in its countries of operation.

CISP for Somali is committed to ensure a sustained support to urban, rural, nomadic and displaced communities in need. Currently CISP focuses on five main sectors: health, education, livelihood, protection and water and sanitation. Within the health and nutrition sectors, CISP has been implementing 3 projects with CHF funds, namely:

a) “Strengthening the health services in Dhusamareeb Hospital”;

The project intends to increase access to quality safe motherhood services in Galgaduud region of central Somalia improving the quality of comprehensive Obstetric care in Dhusamareeb Hospital through (a) provision of regular supply of essential drugs and medical consumables (b) the rehabilitation and equipment of the main operating theatre (c) training for health workers to improve diagnostic and curative services (d) Improving hospital water supply systems and waste disposal system

b) “Emergency Nutrition Response in South Mudug and Galgaduud region”

The project intends to reduce malnutrition and improve nutrition levels of children < 5 and pregnant/lactating women through OTP and targeted supplementary feeding activities (a) improving the nutritional status of children < 5 yrs and pregnant / lactating women and (b) reducing cases of moderate acute malnutrition in children aged 6-59 months This will be obtained through the provision OTP services in 7 existing MCH', the set up of 7 new OTP sites in Dhusamareeb, Guriceel, Hannaburo, Elgula, Hobyo, Bitaaale and Budbud, the set up 7 targeted SFP in MCH's; conducting refresher training for health workers on the management of moderate acute malnutrition

c) "Support of Primary Health Care Services at MCH-level in the Emergency-Affected Areas of Galgaduud and South Mudug Region of Central Somalia"

The project intends to support the provision of PHC and drought health emergency services in 9 MCHs in particular for women children and drought affected population through the provision of essential drugs, basic medical equipment and supplies, basic rehabilitations and provision of incentives; to increase and improve prevention and treatment of outbreaks of communicable diseases and management of drought related health emergencies through training activities for the staff and community awareness.

CISP has identified the need to engage an external M&E consultant for:

- 1) Final evaluation of the completed projects (a and b);
- 2) Mid term evaluation of the ongoing projects (c).

Duration: 22 working days

Objectives

The purpose of the consultancy is to conduct an M&E of the above mentioned projects in the targeted areas in order to produce a document that could give details on how the resources were utilized, which results have been achieved, how the services are currently managed, and to provide recommendations for improvements.

Consultancy's outcomes

The consultant is expected to:

1. Evaluate the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the completed and ongoing projects with specific reference to the support of health services.
In particular: relevance of the projects in terms of improved access to essential health assistance in the area through the supported services; their consistency with the local situation and coherence with other interventions, the perceived relevance of the intervention to the local stakeholders; effectiveness of the projects in supporting health services in particular whether the planned purposes/outcomes have been achieved and whether the planned benefits have been reaped by the intended beneficiaries; efficiency and appropriateness in the way in which foreseen activities in support of the services were carried out considering the available resources, time and existing constraints. The consultancy should identify and discuss at least preliminary aspects related to the impact of the interventions on the health situation of the area and their sustainability in particular in terms of commitment of the local communities/ authorities towards the supported services.
2. Develop recommendations to strengthen existing M&E systems in the project areas;
3. Assure a comprehensive de-briefing with CISP staff and other relevant interlocutors

Key deliverables

1. The inception meeting where evaluation questions and judgment criteria will be presented;
2. The draft final report (including the PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of the evaluation);
3. The final report.

Proposed time schedule

- Desk phase in Nairobi (collection of relevant documents, interviews, inception meeting): 5 days;
 - Field work in Somalia (visits of project areas and relevant stakeholders): 10 days;
 - Debriefing of the field work: 1 day;
 - Draft of final report and presentation of summarizing results: 3 days;
 - Final report: 3 days
- Total: **22 working days**

Qualifications:

- Postgraduate degree in public health or other related field or equivalent experience;
- At least seven years of proven experience in monitoring and evaluating humanitarian / development projects;
- Proven experience in M&E, preferably in the context of health and nutrition programming;
- Experience in developing and implementing M&E frameworks, tools and systems, including familiarity with results-based management concepts and the logical framework approach;
- Strong background in monitoring and evaluation research in relevant area, including some of the following: indicator selection, needs assessment, quantitative and qualitative data collection methods and tools, statistical analysis in social science;
- Sound knowledge of information management tools and procedures;
- Prior experience in working with culturally diverse communities.

Skills and language:

- Excellent computer skills, including Windows, MS Office programs. Knowledge of statistical analysis software will be a plus
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and able to write quality reports
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Analytical skills
- Facilitation skills for participatory assessment methods
- Somali language and capacity / availability to travel in Central Somalia

Candidates who meet the requirements should send the followings:

Technical proposal

Financial proposal

CV of the consultant or consultancy firm

Cover letter

To: ruberto@cisp-nairobi.org, cc to: Bevilacqua@cisp-nairobi.org, deluca@cisp-ngo.org by the 20th November 2011 COB

Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for an interview.