



**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**Expression of Interest to Hire Individual Consultant Services: LOCAL
CONSULTANT TO MANAGE THE NATIONAL ACT COMPLIANCE STUDY**

Reference #: “Ref: MOH/IC/NMCP/REOI/007/16/17

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Ministry of Health through the National Malaria Control Program is seeking the services of a local individual consultant to manage the conduct an ACT Compliance The study is in fulfilment of its National Strategy Plan and is a planned activity captured in its work plan. The study will be entirely financed by the Ministry of Health through the Global Fund SAP Grant.

1.1 BACKGROUND

Malaria remains a major public health concern world wide with children under five and pregnant women at high risk. 212 million new cases of malaria were reported worldwide in 2015 (range 148–304 million). The WHO African Region accounted for most global cases of malaria (90%), followed by the South-East Asia Region (7%) and the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2%) (WHO, 2016)

In 2015, there were an estimated 429 000 malaria deaths (range 235 000–639 000) worldwide. Most of these deaths occurred in the African Region (92%). Between 2010 and 2015, malaria incidence rates (new cases) fell by 21% globally and in the African Region. During this same period, malaria mortality rates fell by an estimated 29% globally and by 31% in the African Region (WHO, 2016).

In Liberia, malaria is among the top three diseases for out-patient attendance (42%) and the ding cause of inpatient deaths. Hospital records suggest that at least 39 percent of in-patient deaths are attributable to malaria (NMCP HFS- 2013). Several efforts aimed at reducing the malaria burden on the population through the development and implementation of policies and strategic plans have being made have begun yielding fruits. The National Malaria Control Program Strategic Plan is in line with the Global Malaria Strategy which calls for universal access of all Malaria

Control services aimed at reducing Malaria morbidity and mortality by 50% by the year 2020 and the Sustainable Development Goal 3 which calls for ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all

While efficacy studies have proven the effectiveness of ACTs (AS+AQ and AL) in the treatment of uncomplicated malaria, It is worth noting that the effectiveness of any drug does not only depend on its efficacy, but also on factors such as adherence, drug quality, coverage and access (Singal A.G. et al, 2014).

Coverage and access to ACTs is very high in Liberia and the use of these antimalaria drugs are in all health facilities both public and private and at community level. In Liberia, malaria commodities are highly subsidised by our International partners the Global Fund to fight AIDS/HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the President Malaria Initiative USAID/PMI and is based on quantifications and request from the National Malaria Control Program thus removing cost to the patients and barriers to access. Distribution of the drugs is being implemented by the National Drugs Services (NDS) periodically to all counties, districts and facilities upon the submission of requisitions from the health facilities. Also, a Private Sector ACT (PSACT) initiative is being implemented by the National Malaria Control program that puts ACTs and mRDTs in all private Pharmacies and Medicine Stores in the Country. This initiative is presently ongoing in Montserrado County and it is expected to be expanded to Nimba, Margibi and Bong Counties soon.

Notwithstanding, adherence to the treatment protocol in the management of uncomplicated malaria (use of ACTs) is major case concern

II. Objective and Scope of the Consultancy

To determine the degree of adherence or non-adherence to ASAQ and AL for uncomplicated malaria management.

The specific tasks of the Consultants are to:

1. Finalized the Draft Protocol for the study
2. Present along with the NMCP team the Finalized Protocol to the Internal Review Board and defend protocol at said Board and ensures its approval

3. Conduct training of data collectors on survey methodology and the data collection process
4. Work with the data analyst to carry out data analysis of entered data and provide complete analysis of the data
5. Provide periodic briefings to the National Malaria Control Management Team on progress of study as the study progresses
6. Work closely with the Research Officer and M and E Manager of the NMCP in the managing of the study
7. Present draft report of the study to the National Malaria Control Steering Committee and other key partners for inputs
8. Finalized draft report and submit same to the Program Manager for approval.

III. Timeframe & Reporting

The duration of the consultancy is up to four (4) months. The consultant should report directly to the MoH through the National Malaria Control Program.

IV. Qualification of the Consultants

- MD Degree or Master Degree in Public Health, Social Sciences or its equivalent,
- Have at least three years in research management
- Demonstrated experience in managing a research of this nature
- Proven efficiency in data management and analysis
- Proven ability to work effectively in limited structure settings
- Strong project planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation skills
- Proficiency in MS Office Suite applications
- Fluent English speaker with excellent written and oral communications skills

Interested individual may obtain further information from the address below and deliver their Expression of Interest (EOI) written in English, enclosed in an envelope clearly marked: **“Expression of Interest: Individual Consulting Services: : LOCAL CONSULTANT TO MANAGE THE NATIONAL ACT COMPLIANCE STUDY “Ref: MOH/IC/NMCP/REOI/007/16/17** and drop in the tender box situated on the ground floor or electronically transmitted by the deadline specified below to: proumohsw@gmail.com no later than **Thursday, 23rd November 2017 @ 2:00 PM/ 14: 00 GMT.**

Expression of Interest must be clearly marked “Consulting Services: **“LOCAL CONSULTANT TO MANAGE THE NATIONAL ACT COMPLIANCE STUDY “Ref: MOH/IC/NMCP/REOI/007/16/17**

Only Shortlisted Consultants will be interviewed.

The address is stated below:

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This Expression of Interest can also be found on:

- i. www.emansion.gov.lr
- ii. www.moh.gov.lr.

Signed by: _____
**Director of Procurement
Admin.**

Approved by: _____
Deputy Minister for